



**Minutes
Town of Westville
Regular Council Meeting
Zoom
April 26, 2021- 6:00 pm**

1. Call To Order

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

2. Territory and African Nova Scotian Acknowledgement

Mayor White read the Territory and African Nova Scotian Acknowledgement.

3. Roll Call

Mayor Lennie White, Deputy Mayor Meghan Bragg, Councillor Mitchell MacGregor, Councillor Clarrie MacKinnon, Councillor Betty Jean Sutherland, Chief Administrative Officer Linda Brown, Recording Secretary Kristen Reed

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

5. Approval of the Tentative Agenda

2021.04.26.281 Moved by Councillor MacKinnon, **seconded** by Councillor MacGregor to approve the agenda with the deletion of items 10a and 10b.

Motion Unanimously Carried

6. Approval of the Minutes

a. Regular Council Meeting March 29, 2021

2021.04.26.282 Moved by Councillor Sutherland, **seconded** by Deputy Mayor Bragg to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting as circulated.

Motion Unanimously Carried

b. Committee of the Whole meeting April 19, 2021

2021.04.26.283 Moved by Councillor MacKinnon, **seconded** by Councillor MacGregor to approve the minutes for the Committee of the Whole meeting as circulated.

Motion Unanimously Carried

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

Geothermal- Looking to book May's Committee of the Whole meeting. Deputy Mayor Bragg followed up with Ray and put him in contact with CAO Brown.

8. Committee Reports

a. General Government

i. Mayor Lennie White

Report was attached.

Women's World Hockey team Hungary were disappointed by the last minute cancellation. Mayor White spoke with Lisa Haley and assured her Westville will continue to cheer for the team when the tournament is rescheduled. The past weekend we had a very successful Go Clean Get Green event. The Rainbow bridge in Acadia park needs to be repainted and the Rainbow group have volunteered to do that and the Town will supply the paint.

ii. Councillors

Deputy Mayor Meghan Bragg

Deputy Mayor Bragg sent her regrets to PAC meeting. She had correspondence with residents and a potential business. She applied for and received a seat on the NSFMs assets management committee. Attended the spring clean up.

Councillor Mitchell MacGregor

Councillor MacGregor has had ongoing general correspondence with residents.

Air Flight 144 still has not met with no meeting planned, however our application to rebuild the wall by the cenotaph has been approved to go forward for final approval.

He was unable to attend the Municipal Alcohol Project meeting

He attended Planning Advisory Committee, Board of Police Commissioners and Committee of the Whole meetings. Police Board shared letter from Sharron Flanagan regarding great job acting Sgt Cole Baker is doing.

Councillor MacGregor forwarded crosswalk safety and info to Public Works.

Councillor Clarrie MacKinnon

Report was circulated.

Talks on tackling improvements for downtown is having an impact with many citizens making suggestions. Small framed murals around Truro is something to consider, the mural on the back of REIMs Windows and Doors needs to be touched up. Councillor MacKinnon also commended Acting Sgt Cole Baker on the amazing letter received.

Councillor Betty Jean Sutherland

Councillor Sutherland attended multiple meetings regarding Glen Haven. She also attended Neighbourhood Watch, which received signs to put up around town. The Town will be divided into four quadrants and then they will ask for volunteers from each quadrant. She spoke to Chief Dunbar about a nuisance bear on South Main St. Chief Dunbar and Ministry were able to trap the bear and relocate it. Also attended Committee of the Whole, Board of Police Commissioners and the Spring Craft Sale.

iii. CAO Linda Brown

The report was as presented.

CAO Brown has been looking into a Vacant Building bylaw. She has reviewed Truro's which is a fee for businesses and residences that go empty. It is only from the date of the bylaw forward and did not cover historically vacant buildings. The owner needs to register the building annually and receive a rebate if the building becomes occupied during the year. It is monitored by bylaw enforcement. Since some of our bylaw enforcement is contracted out it could have a financial impact, and we would need to speak to legal to see if could include buildings that are currently empty. It would cover the grey area between buildings being looked after and those that are bad enough to qualify for Dangerous and Unightly.

b. Protective Services

i. Chief of Police Report

2021.04.26.284 Moved by Councillor Sutherland, **seconded** by Councillor MacKinnon to approve the Chief of Police Report as presented.

Motion Unanimously Carried

ii. Chief of Fire Department Report

2021.04.26.285 Moved by Councillor MacKinnon, **seconded** by Councillor MacGregor to approve the Chief of Police Report as presented.

Motion Unanimously Carried

iii. Animal Control Report

2021.04.26.286 Moved by Councillor Sutherland, **seconded** by Deputy Mayor Bragg to accept the Animal Control Report as presented.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Mayor White asked about a report he had received about two dogs that just moved here from New Glasgow. Could they be the same dogs? It was unsure, however the information the Mayor received is currently being investigated.

c. Recreation, Culture & Leisure Services

i. RCLS Coordinator Report

2021.04.26.287 Moved by Councillor MacKinnon, **seconded** by Councillor Sutherland to accept the Recreation, Culture & Leisure Services Report as circulated.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Michael has secured a grant for summer employment and is looking at options in case Covid keeps gathering limits down.

d. Transportation & Environmental Health Services

i. Water Report

2021.04.26.288 Moved by Councillor MacGregor, **seconded** by Deputy Mayor Bragg to accept the Report as presented.

Motion Unanimously Carried

ii. Public Works Report

2021.04.26.289 Moved by Councillor MacKinnon, **seconded** by Councillor Sutherland to accept the Public Works Report as presented.

Motion Unanimously Carried

iii. Solid Waste Report

2021.04.26.290 Moved by Councillor Sutherland, **seconded** by Councillor MacKinnon to accept the Solid Waste Report as presented.

Motion Unanimously Carried

e. Environmental Development

i. Fire Inspection

2021.04.26.291 Moved by Deputy Mayor Bragg, **seconded** by Councillor MacGregor to accept the Fire Inspection Report as presented.

Motion Unanimously Carried

ii. Building Inspection/Unsightly Premises

2021.04.26.292 Moved by Councillor Sutherland, **seconded** by Councillor MacKinnon to accept the Building Inspection/Unsightly Premises report as presented.

Motion Unanimously Carried

iii. Planning & Development

No report this month.

9. Correspondence

Minister of Health and Wellness

Mayor White received a response to his letter dated February 24, 2021 confirming that Medical First Responders in Westville were receiving their training the week of April 12 to 18.

10. New/Unfinished Business

a. Surplus Properties

As per the Disposal of Surplus Properties Policy, the following properties have been reviewed by Department Heads and the Planning Advisory Committee and no use has been identified. Council can review and determine if the properties are surplus to the Town. Once deemed surplus they will be appraised, migrated (if necessary) and listed by means identified below:

- Munro Street – Accept Expressions of Interest for Residential Development
- 2157 South Main Street – Subdivide Lot 1 – Institutional (Accept EOI's) Lot 2 – Rezone to Residential and Amalgamate with Munro Street for Residential Development
- 2126 Church Street – Tender for Sale
- Park Street & 1805 Park Street – Amalgamate with 1805 Park Street, sell for Multiple Unit Residential Development
- Picken Street – Tender for Sale

- Main Street – Accept Expressions of Interest for Commercial Business Development.
- 2211 Church Street – Tender for Sale
- Temperance Street Lot 1 & 2 – Amalgamate – Accept Expressions of Interest for Residential Development
- 1921 Rundles Lane – Tender for Sale
- Dufferin Street – Tender for Sale
- 1979 Munro Street – Tender for Sale

2021.04.26.293 Moved by Councillor MacKinnon, **seconded** by Councillor Sutherland to accept the recommendation of PAC to deem the properties surplus and move forward with process.

Motion Unanimously Carried

b. 2021 Census

2021.04.26.294 Moved by Councillor MacKinnon, **seconded** by Councillor MacGregor that the Council of the Town of Westville supports the 2021 Census, and encourages all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at www.census.gc.ca. Accurate and complete census data support programs and services that benefit our community and country.

Motion Unanimously Carried

11. Public Engagement

Until May 20th our rentals are postponed. We have restricted access to Public Works, Police department and the Fire Department. At the office we are asking everyone the Covid Questionnaire and taking information for Covid tracking. Outside areas remain open and we encourage people to use them, while following protocols. We are being proactive and hyper vigilant with the increased numbers, but it is in line with what other communities are doing in our area.

Mayor White reminded everyone to please practice Covid protocols and to be safe. Everyone is encouraged to get vaccinated when you can and to get tested. Congratulations on the efforts to date.

12. Next Meetings

a. Committee of the Whole Meeting

Westville Council Chambers
May 17, 2021 – 6:00 pm

b. Board of Police Commissioners

Westville Council Chambers
May 18, 2021 – 6:00pm

c. Regular Council Meeting

Westville Council Chambers
May 31, 2021 – 6:00 pm

12. Adjournment

2021.03.29.280 Moved by Councillor MacGregor, **seconded** by Councillor MacKinnon to adjourn at 7:13 pm.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Mayor: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Date Approved: _____

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