



**Minutes  
Town of Westville  
Regular Council Meeting  
Council Chambers**

**October 3, 2022 – 6:00 pm, postponed from September 26, 2022**

**1. Call To Order**

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**2. Territorial and African Nova Scotian Acknowledgement**

Acknowledged National Indigenous history month. We raised the Mi'kmaq flag last month for Truth and Reconciliation day and it will remain up for the month.

**3. Roll Call**

Mayor Lennie White, Deputy Mayor Clarrie MacKinnon, Councillor Mitchell MacGregor, Councillor Meghan Bragg, Councillor Bernie Murphy, Chief Administrative Officer Scot Weeres, Recording Secretary Kristen Reed, and 1 member of the public.

**4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None

**5. Additions, Deletions and/or Approval of the Tentative Agenda**

**2022.10.03.587 Moved** by Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, **seconded by** Councillor Bragg to approve the amended agenda.

**Motion Unanimously Carried**

**6. Approval of the Minutes**

**a. Regular Council Meeting August 29, 2022**

**2022.10.03.588 Moved** by Councillor Murphy, **seconded by** Councillor Bragg to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting as presented.

**Motion Unanimously Carried**

**7. Fiona Review**

Council thanked staff and CAO Weeres, Public Works Superintendent Sam Graham, Fire Chief Ken Dunn, and Police Chief Howie Dunbar to do what they could in advance of the storm.

CAO Weeres acknowledged it was a painful week and everyone was without power at some point and some remain without power. The Gym was used as a comfort center. It had a lot of use in the first few days. It was greatly appreciated. There was coffee, charging, heat and some light food at the beginning. The last day was Saturday as there was essentially no use. Many centers are closing down but some rural centers are opening up. Westville has lots of trees and some damage. There were no injuries or deaths and no residents to our knowledge put out of their home. CAO Weeres was impressed with the work done by Public Works to clean up and remove the trees, brush and debris. Public Works will be picking up debris stacked neatly near the road in the fullness of time

but not instantaneous. Looking into military assistance for help getting trees, etc dealt with.

Mayor White extended his appreciation to Salvation Army for their assistance for the comfort centre. They looked after people especially well for four days. There were a lot of lessons learned from this experience. Ministers have reached out for input as to the needs of the Town regarding the possibility of military assistance. It's a lengthy list but currently unsure if or how many will be coming. The Mayor, Superintendent of Public Works and the CAO drove around Town on Saturday morning. Amazed at the number of large trees that fell in the right direction and missed houses and cars. There are approximately 64 customers still without power. Thanks to the citizens for their cooperation. We put out info as we had it and asked you to shelter in place and for the most part you did that.

Deputy Mayor MacKinnon shared that one of the last hookups is Groupe Savoie. Their staff are unemployed due to the lack of power. They are very concerned that they have not seen anyone yet.

Councillor Bragg reminded everyone that the library can be used for charging and for internet. Mayor White commented that this council has dealt with COVID and now Fiona. It will be great for this council to get to some semblance of normal.

Councillor Murphy extended his compliments to the staff and the sense of community in Town. Everyone is helping each other out and it's wonderful to see.

## **8. Committee Reports**

### **a. General Government**

#### **i. Mayor Lennie White -**

There was no report circulated this month. It was a busy before Fiona hit. The transit trial finished, maybe a misnomer, and don't have final numbers but there wasn't a lot of usage. There were a number of pickups at the post office and then added a stop at Porters Lane. It didn't add many numbers. Maybe there wasn't enough advertising. The flag raising last Friday for the Mi'kmaq flag. Everyday should be Truth and Reconciliation day. The Pride flag raising was at the start of the month and we encourage all people to be open. Also had the usual work as Mayor with open door sessions, and a meeting with Property Valuation Services.

#### **ii. Councillors Reports -**

##### **1. Deputy Mayor Clarrie MacKinnon**

The most important item was attending a conference and workshop on Asset management. The info gained was very useful and there are some options to help with applications. There was a session on climate change and what can happen to our assets. Not just near water but also storm sewers, and water mains.

The other item was Riverview home meetings. They have been on the edge of de-institutionalizing the facility. There have been some numbers lost due to age and they had been there for many years but the home is looking at a surplus this year due to assistance from the Provincial government.

##### **2. Councillor Meghan Bragg**

Councillor Bragg was away and then Fiona so missed a number of meetings. Attended both flag raisings and Downtown revitalization meeting. DEANS have a number of Halloween events in the area and accessible seating for Towns and Holiday events. The mental health group are looking at more meetings.

**3. Councillor Mitchell MacGregor**

Thanks to all the Town Staff, first responders and citizens for all they have done. Many hands make light work. The past week has overshadowed the number of calls and emails for council. Attended the flag raising, asset management meeting and was double booked so missed the 144 flight engineers and Sports Hall of Fame.

**4. Councillor Bernie Murphy**

It was nice to see the paving happening. Glen Haven manor had licenses audit on September 7<sup>th</sup>. It went smoothly. Re-accreditation will take place. Will divest of purchase of the Washington property. Will possibly get their investment back. The Social committee Concert in the Park was a success thanks to the Town and volunteers. The Christmas concert is tentatively set for December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**CAO Scot Weeres**

Had a consultation regarding housing needs. Additional information will be coming due to that. Learned some lessons. Grateful Fiona happened in the fall instead of Winter. The Garden club meeting was fun. Lost one of our staff to another town so will look into the decisions for that spot shortly. Public Works will be picking up brush, tree limbs, etc but not construction debris. If people are able to take it directly to the facility that would help. Can also take compost spoilage to facility without tipping fee. They are working on paving but a large amount of patching still to cover.

Mayor White acknowledged that the housing consultation was very informative and he had requested notes to be forwarded to Council for their input.

**b. Protective Services**

**i. Chief of Police Report**

**2022.10.03.589 Moved by** Councillor MacGregor, **seconded by** Deputy Mayor MacKinnon to approve the Chief of Police Report as presented.

**Motion Unanimously Carried**

**ii. Fire Department Report**

**2022.10.03.590 Moved by** Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, **seconded by** Councillor MacGregor to accept the Fire Department Report as presented.

**Motion Unanimously Carried**

Deputy Mayor MacKinnon commented that the Fire Department have two new members bringing them up to 30 members. They are always making expenditures from money raised from fundraising. \$57,000 have been spent on a new Jaws of Life system. They make these expenditures for the Town. Talk about how much the Public Work and Staff do but Fire Department need just as much recognition. They are still waiting for a new pumper that was approved. Watch for a road toll on Saturday from 9-12 or so. It will cover the three main arteries.

Mayor White responded that yes Chief Dun was integral part of the planning for Fiona. He had plans in place for evacuation and housing if needed and had been contacted to assist.

- iii. **Animal Control Report**  
**2022.10.03.591 Moved by** Councillor Bragg, **seconded by** Councillor Murphy to accept the Animal Control Report as presented.  
**Motion Unanimously Carried**

Mayor White shared that there have been a number of bear sightings in town and if anyone sees a bear to contact Natural Resources.

**c. Recreation, Culture & Leisure Services**

- i. **RCLS Coordinator Report**  
**2022.10.03.592 Moved by** Councillor Murphy, **seconded by** Deputy Mayor MacKinnon to accept the Recreation, Culture & Leisure Services Report as presented.  
**Motion Unanimously Carried**

Recreation Michael Thompson left for a new job. We will be looking to replace him and reviewing the job description. Thanks to Michael for his service and his innovative ideas, some of which have been duplicated in other areas. The craft fair that is usually well attended will be November 26<sup>th</sup>. You can book a table at the Town office.

**d. Transportation & Environmental Health Services**

- i. **Water Report**  
**2022.10.03.593 Moved by** Councillor Bragg, **seconded by** Deputy Mayor MacKinnon to accept the Water Report as presented.  
**Motion Unanimously Carried**

Councillor MacGregor asked about the presence of Total Coliform and E. Coli in one test in August. We don't receive amounts or other details and have requested getting more details.

- ii. **Public Works Report**  
**2022.10.03.594 Moved by** Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, **seconded by** Councillor MacGregor to accept the Public Works Report as presented.  
**Motion Unanimously Carried**

The Salt Truck tenders were received and will be getting something between October and December 31<sup>st</sup>. Received a quote within our range and with excellent delivery.

**iii. Solid Waste Report**

**2022.10.03.595 Moved by** Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, **seconded by** Councillor Bragg to accept the Solid Waste Report as circulated.

**Motion Unanimously Carried**

**e. Environmental Development**

**i. Fire Inspection**

**2022.10.03.596 Moved by** Councillor MacGregor, **seconded by** Councillor Murphy to accept the Fire Inspection Report as circulated.

**Motion Unanimously Carried**

**ii. Planning Advisory Committee**

**2022.10.03.597 Moved by** Deputy Mayor MacKinnon **seconded by** Councillor Bragg to accept the Planning Advisory Committee Report as circulated.

**Motion Unanimously Carried**

**9. New/Unfinished Business**

**a. Street Closures: Fraser Street and Middle River Road**

Attached is information regarding the Street Closure Policy which is what will stand. The other information is background for why we need the policy.

**2022.10.03.598 Moved by** Councillor Murphy, **seconded by** Deputy Mayor MacKinnon to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Street closure policy.

**Motion Unanimously Carried**

**b. Vendors & Buskers Bylaw**

The Vendors & Buskers Bylaw has previously been discussed and passed first reading.

**2022.10.03.599 Moved by** Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, **seconded by** Councillor Bragg to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Vendors and Buskers Bylaw.

**Motion Unanimously Carried**

**c. Halloween**

Typically Council encourages a curfew for Halloween night from 5pm – 8pm. If Council wishes to continue with this practice a motion will need to be made.

**2022.10.03.600 Moved by** Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, **seconded by** Councillor Murphy to have a trick or treating curfew with hours of 5pm to 8pm on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Motion Unanimously Carried**

Trick or Treat Sccessibly signs are available fro the Town office. There are a limited number for a first come, first served basis, and they can be reused. They let people know that there are no loud noises, no stairs, dogs or flashing lights. Can also print a sign and find more information at [www.treataccessibly.com](http://www.treataccessibly.com).

October's Council meeting falls on Monday October 31<sup>st</sup> so the next meeting will be on Tuesday November 1<sup>st</sup>. Will have the Public Consultation for the Electoral Boundary review that night as well.

## **10. Public Engagement/ Delegations**

## **11. Next Meetings**

### **a. Committee of the Whole Meeting**

Westville Council Chambers  
October 17, 2022 – 6:00 pm

### **b. Board of Police Commissioners**

Westville Council Chambers  
October 18, 2022 – 6:00 pm

### **c. Regular Council Meeting**

Westville Council Chambers  
November 1, 2022 – 6:00 pm

## **12. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_ Chief Administrative Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_