



**Town of Westville
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, March 26, 2018**

Commencing at 6:00 pm

Council Members Present:

Mayor Roger MacKay
Deputy Mayor Bernie Murphy
Councillor Lynn MacDonald
Councillor Charlie Sutherland

Staff Present:

CAO Kelly D. Rice
Recording Secretary Bev Heighton
Planning & Development Officer Rachel
McLean
Building Official/Fire Inspector Emily Jones

Regrets:

Councillor Lennie White

Public in Attendance:

Yes

Media Organizations Present:

The Advocate; The NEWS

1. CALLING OF MEETING TO ORDER

- 1.1** Mayor MacKay called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Westville Council Chambers welcoming everyone in attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 2.1** *It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to approve the tentative agenda as amended. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.*

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3.1** *It was moved by Deputy Mayor Murphy to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2018 Council Meeting. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion carried.*

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 4.1 Epilepsy Association of Nova Scotia**
Councillor MacDonald reminded everyone that during last Council Meeting Mayor MacKay declared March 26, 2018 as "Purple Day" in recognition of Epilepsy Day in Nova Scotia.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Murphy to approve the Financial Report as circulated. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.

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6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 6.1 **Police** - *It was moved by Councillor Sutherland to accept the Police Reports as circulated. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.*

Councillor MacDonald thanked the Town of Westville Police Department on their quick capture of the people responsible for the fire that was set at the former Highland Consolidate School. She also commended the Westville Fire Department on their response time and keeping the fire contained.

- 6.2 **Fire Report** – *It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to accept the Fire Report as circulated. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion carried.*

Councillor Sutherland commended the Fire Department on their quick response to a house fire in Westville and thanked them for the job they do. Councillor Sutherland gave condolences to Deputy Mayor Murphy and his family on the passing of his Mother. Deputy Mayor Murphy thanked Council and the Westville Fire Department for their condolences.

- 6.3 **Recreation Report** – *It was moved by Deputy Mayor Murphy to accept the Recreation Report as circulated. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.*

- 6.4 **Compost, Garbage & Recycling Report** - *It was moved Councillor Sutherland to accept the Compost, Garbage & Recycling Report as circulated. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.*

- 6.5 **Environmental Health Report (Water Treatment)** - *It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to accept the Environmental Health Report as circulated. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion carried.*

- 6.6 **Transportation Report** - *It was moved by Deputy Mayor Murphy to accept the Transportation Report as circulated. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion Carried.*

Councillor MacDonald thanked Superintendent of Public Works Sam Graham for the informative report he provides.

- 6.7 **Animal Control Report** – *It was moved by Councillor Sutherland to accept the Animal Control Report as circulated. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion Carried.*

- 6.8 **Development/Building/Planning Report** – *It was moved by Deputy Mayor Murphy to accept the Building Report as circulated. Councillor Sutherland seconded. Motion Carried.*

- 6.9 **Unightly/Dangerous** - None

- 6.10 **Glen Haven Manor Report** – None

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 **Thank You – Joyce Eaton**

CAO Rice read a thank you card from Joyce Eaton for the floral basket from the Town of Westville on her retirement as Town Clerk for the Town of Stellarton in recognition of her 48 years of service.

7.2 **Thank You – Jackie Fanning**

CAO Rice read a thank you card from Jackie Fanning for the flowers from the Town of Westville on her retirement after 40 years of owning her own business in the Town of Westville.

7.3 **Municipality of the District of Guysborough**

CAO Rice read a letter from the Municipality of the District of Guysborough regarding a copy of correspondence sent to Premier Stephen McNeil and all Nova Scotia Municipalities regarding Bill 85.

7.4 **Town of Stellarton**

CAO Rice read a copy of a letter from the Town of Stellarton to Premier Stephen McNeil regarding vehicle and pedestrian safety around the Pictou County Wellness Center and requested that sidewalks be considered.

7.5 **Autism Nova Scotia – Pictou Area Chapter**

CAO Rice read a letter from the Autism Nova Scotia - Pictou Area Chapter asking that the Town of Westville proclaim April as Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month. CAO Rice read the proclamation on behalf of Mayor MacKay and he and Council approved the proclamation. Council was invited to the open house to celebrate the opening of the Pictou County's New Autism Resource Centre on April 2, 2018 at 115 MacLean Street, New Glasgow.

7.6 **Town of Truro**

CAO Rice read a letter from the Town of Truro regarding the urban deer population. They are asking all Nova Scotia Council for suggestions with regards to this issue.

7.7 **Town of New Glasgow**

CAO Rice read a copy of a letter from the Town of New Glasgow to Premier McNeil, The Minister of Municipal Affairs, and The Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding the sidewalk and pedestrian safety at the Pictou County Wellness Centre.

7.8 **Annual Donald Keddy Memorial Hockey Tournament**

CAO Rice read a letter from the Annual Donald Keddy Memorial Hockey Tournament requesting support.

It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to donate a \$100.00 to the 35th Annual Donald Keddy Memorial Hockey Tournament. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.

7.9 **Health Canada**

CAO Rice read a letter from the Department of Health regarding the updated information on the purposed Cannabis Act.

- 7.10 MP Sean Fraser**
CAO Rice read a letter from Central Nova MP Sean Fraser regarding National Health and Fitness Day on June 1. Council decided to table this item until the April 30, 2018 Council Meeting.
- 7.11 Highland District Soccer Association**
CAO Rice read a letter from Highland District Soccer Association requesting support of \$500.00 towards the operational costs for 2018-2019.
It was moved by Deputy Mayor Murphy to support the Highland District Soccer Association request for \$500.00 towards the operational costs for 2018-2019. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.
- 7.12 Pictou County Historical Society**
CAO Rice read a letter from the Pictou County Historical Society requesting financial support in 2018.
It was moved by Deputy Mayor Murphy to send this request to Finance. Councillor MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.
- 7.13 Horatio Alger Association of Canada**
CAO Rice read a letter from the Horatio Alger Association informing Council that Sarah Khan who lives in Westville and attends Northumberland Regional High School has won the \$5,000.00 Horatio Alger Canadian Scholarship. There are only 85 scholarship recipients given out across Canada each year.
- 7.14 Riverview Volunteer Association**
CAO Rice read a letter from the Riverview Volunteer Association requesting a donation. The donation would be used to cover extra recreational activities for residents.
It was moved by Councillor MacDonald to send this request to Finance. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.

8. NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

9. ADDITIONS

- 9.1 Provincial Budget Highlights**
Council discussed some of the highlights of the budget that was tabled in Province House. One of the items that Council agreed was disappointing was there was no allowance for additional long term care beds.
- 9.2 Sidewalk**
Councillor Sutherland would like to see a sidewalk between Westville and Stellarton on Drummond Rd. that would join the two Towns together. He would like to see this be identified as part of the Trans Canada Trail.
CAO Rice informed Council that this is being looked at and is in the research stages. She will keep Council posted on any developments.
- 9.3** The next Council Meeting will be on April 30, 2018.
- 9.4** Mayor MacKay welcomed students from NSCC to the Council meeting and encouraged them to attend future Council meetings.

10. QUESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

10.1 Mike MacNaughton – 2184 North Street

Mr. MacNaughton presented Council with pictures and information regarding his windshield that he feels was damaged on Drummond Road from a rock hitting it from a passing vehicle. Mr. MacNaughton would like to know if the Town of Westville would cover the cost of the windshield through their liability insurance. Council will look at the information provided and let Mr. MacNaughton know their decision.

10.2 Kathy Dunn – 1791 Grant Street

Ms. Dunn asked Council when the vacant lot on Fowley St. would be turned into a parking lot. She requested that this be a priority because it is unlevel and is unsafe for seniors and residence. It is used during the Curling Season and many seniors use the area now. Ms. Dunn would like to see it be maintained during the winter months so that it is safe. She thanked Council for installing a street light but felt this took seven months to have completed.

10.3 Kegan Hughes – Poplar Street-NSCC Student

Mr. Hughes asked Council if they are donating to Viola's Place. Mayor MacKay stated that this is on the agenda for Council to discuss.

10.4 Sara Flemming – Abercrombie-NSCC Student

Ms. Flemming asked Council what support groups were out there for families with Austic Children. She would like to see more support for personal learning for parents.
Mayor MacKay asked if she had inquired at the newly opened facility in New Glasgow that assists families with autism.

11. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

- 11.1 *Councillor MacDonald moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded. Motion carried.***

Certified to be a true copy of the minutes of the March 26, 2018 Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Westville.


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MAYOR


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RECORDING SECRETARY