



**Agenda
Town of Westville
Committee of The Whole
Council Chambers
September 20, 2021 – 6:00 pm**

1. Call To Order

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

2. 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, Bryan Cameron of NSERS, and 1 member of the public

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

4. Presentations

a. NSERS- Rehab Squad

All of the Fire Departments with the exception of New Glasgow are made up of volunteers. Firefighting is 24/7. A group of volunteers got together and realized there was a gap in the services to themselves. That realization created the Northumberland Shore Emergency Rehab Squad. It is made up of half male and half female members. It is broken up in East and West areas with people responding to the other area.

Fire Chiefs are busy and not always able to ensure people rest the entire period that they are supposed to. Also when EHS are on site they monitor everyone or someone would have to monitor the group and not be able to help with the fire. and with this system there are people able to monitor everyone and only have EHS deal with the ones that need additional assistance.

NSERS- Rehab Squad have cooling tents, water, and snacks for the firefighters. When they come out of the fire they will be monitored, cooled down, have water and snacks available. If their pressure is not going down the way it should or there are any concerns they will be flagged to be checked, and if they are ok than they will be good to return to duty when their time is up.

They have received donations from Kinsmen, MacGregors and others for a Trailer, lights, tents, a generator, and other equipment. Paperwork is being drafted for working with each unit and they are currently talking with the different

departments and towns and municipalities in the area so that they can work together.

Council discussed their support for the project and expect to hear back when paperwork is ready to sign and they are ready to ask for donations, as well as the importance of keeping NSERS separate from the fire departments budget.

5. Business

a. Vacant Building By-law

CAO Brown circulated a copy of the draft Bylaw.

Councillor MacKinnon stated that it was too long, and complicated and was expecting it to only deal with the downtown core. He does not believe it covers the intent that council was trying to achieve and so it should be changed or shelved.

The other Councillors discussed that it is heading in the right direction and with some fine tuning it would be what the Town is looking for. It was suggested to reach out to other communities that currently use the bylaw to confirm it had the intended results.

Mayor White recommended everyone forward CAO Brown their comments and recommendations so she can work on the next draft. It takes time to get it right but it would be an extra layer of protection for the Town.

b. Highland Consolidated School Proposals

The Tender for the School property closed and we received a couple of proposals. There had been a scoring system included in the tender which will be used to grade the proposals. It will be a closed session item to begin with.

6. Closed Session

a. Property/Partnership Review (MGA-Section 22 (2) (a), (f), (h))

b. Personnel Review (MGA – Section 22 (2) (c) & (d))

7. Next Meetings

a. Regular Council Meeting

Westville Council Chambers
September 27, 2021 – 6 pm.

b. Committee of the Whole

Westville Council Chambers
October 18, 2021 – 6 pm.

8. Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:42.

Mayor: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Date Approved: _____