



**Minutes
Town of Westville
Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers
December 20, 2021 - 6:00 pm**

1. Call To Order

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

2. Territorial and African Nova Scotian Acknowledgement

3. Roll Call

Mayor Lennie White, Deputy Mayor Clarrie MacKinnon, Councillor Meghan Bragg (Zoom), Councillor Mitchell MacGregor, Councillor Betty Jean Sutherland, Interim Chief Administrative Officer Sam Graham, Recording Secretary Kristen Reed, and 3 members of the public.

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

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

2021.12.20.443 Moved by Councillor Sutherland, **seconded by** Deputy Mayor MacKinnon to approve the agenda with the addition of an Incamera session.

Motion Unanimously Carried

6. Approval of the Minutes

a. Regular Council Meeting November 29, 2021

2021.12.20.444 Moved by Councillor MacGregor, **seconded by** Councillor Sutherland to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting as circulated.

Motion Unanimously Carried

b. Special Council Meeting December 7, 2021

2021.12.20.445 Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, **seconded by** Councillor Sutherland to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting as circulated.

Motion Unanimously Carried

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

The rink had presented last month about the substantial amount needed to raise. Mayor White checked the Go Fund me page and they only have about \$3,500 so far. We need to move that along. Please share the page and donate if you are able.

A quote has been approved for a new system for broadcasting meetings. It will be moving forward in the new year.

8. Committee Reports

a. General Government

i. Mayor Lennie White -

Mayors report was circulated. Although December has been a short month, it has been a very busy period. Mayor White will also post his report on his Facebook page.

ii. Councillors Reports -

1. Deputy Mayor Clarrie MacKinnon

Report was circulated at the meeting. Deputy Mayor MacKinnon acknowledged that this was his briefest report since he was first elected as it was a short period and the expression of concerns by residents always lessens in the pre-Christmas period.

On December 8th he attended the Pictou County Military Museum Annual General Meeting of the Board of Directors, as the Council's representative. A very detailed report on attendance, activities, operational matters and financial status was given by Curator David Avery. The Museum is an extremely well-run entity, operating in the black, and David dedicates hundreds of volunteer hours to it. David should be recognized. The fact that we have it in our building is a great honour.

2. Councillor Meghan Bragg

Councillor Bragg attended accessibility and recreation meetings. Also attended the DEANS strategic planning meeting. Thanks to the staff and Council for the donations for the Tearman house basket.

3. Councillor Mitchell MacGregor

Councillor MacGregor acknowledged it was a short month. There were no MAP or 144 meetings. The Police Commission meeting will be held tomorrow. He did attend the Special Council and Recreation meetings as well as regular correspondence.

4. Councillor Betty Jean Sutherland

Councillor Sutherland acknowledge this month didn't feel short. The Social Committee held the Christmas Concert on Dec 1st. It was a huge success with spectacular performances. Thank you very much to the social committee and all the people that gave a hand

Interim CAO Samuel Graham - The hand over document prepared by CAO Brown has been helpful and staff have really stepped up.

Mayor White acknowledged that CAO Brown was with the Town for 27 months, of which 20 were under Covid. Remarkable what has been achieved during that time.

b. Protective Services

i. Animal Control Report

2021.12.20.446 Moved by Councillor MacGreggor, **seconded by** Deputy Mayor MacKinnon to approve the Animal Control Report as presented.

Motion Unanimously Carried

c. Recreation, Culture & Leisure Services

i. RCLS Coordinator Report

2021.12.20.447 Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, **seconded by** Councillor Sutherland to accept the Recreation, Culture & Leisure Services Report as presented.

Motion Unanimously Carried

d. Transportation & Environmental Health Services

i. Water Report

2021.12.20.448 Moved by Councillor Sutherland, **seconded by** Councillor Bragg to accept the Water Report as circulated.

Motion Unanimously Carried

ii. Public Works Report

2021.12.20.449 Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, **seconded by** Councillor MacGreggor to accept the Public Works Report as presented.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Public Works has installed the light wreaths and the historic panels around town which add a lot for the season. There are also a lot of Great house decorations in town.

iii. Solid Waste Report

2021.12.20.450 Moved by Councillor Sutherland, **seconded by** Deputy Mayor MacKinnon to accept the Solid Waste Report as circulated.

Motion Unanimously Carried

e. Environmental Development

i. Fire Inspection

2021.12.20.451 Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, **seconded by** Councillor Sutherland to accept the Fire Inspection Report as circulated.

Motion Unanimously Carried

ii. Building Inspection / Unsightly Premises

2021.12.20.452 Moved by Councillor MacGreggor, **seconded by** Deputy Mayor MacKinnon to accept the Unsightly Premises report as circulated.

Motion Unanimously Carried

9. Review of Accounts

October 31, 2021 Reports attached.

2021.12.20.453 Moved by Councillor Sutherland, **seconded by** Deputy Mayor MacKinnon to accept the October 31, 2021 reports as circulated.

Motion Unanimously Carried

It is difficult to read the format online so a hard copy will be provided in future.

10. Correspondence

Minister of Public Works

Response to the letter from the Town regarding Public Transit. Council will discuss in the New Year. Mayor White will contact the Towns early in the New Year.

Northern Pulp Update

A Letter to the Mayor updating about the Submission of the EARD.

Northern Pulp offered to do a presentation, but Council does not feel the need for a presentation at this time. Would like to be kept informed of any changes. Mayor White will respond to the letter.

Government House New Years Levee

A Public event at Government House on New Years Day 11 am to 12:30.

The Westville Levee has been cancelled again this year. Hope we can all meet together on January 1, 2023.

Mayor White encouraged everyone to keep abreast of the Covid protocols. Get vaccinated, get the booster, keep distance and wear your mask. We are all getting Covid fatigue but it is important.

11. New/Unfinished Business

12. Public Engagement

Tera Petipas part of the Action4Canada group, served Council with paperwork opposing the Covid protocols. They are the group that have been protesting in the area.

13. Closed Session

2021.12.20.454 Moved by Councillor MacGregor, **seconded** by Deputy Mayor MacKinnon to move into closed session.

Motion Unanimously Carried

The meeting adjourned into closed session at 7:05 pm.

The meeting returned to open session at 7:45pm.

2021.12.20.455 Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, **seconded** by Councillor Sutherland to move into open session.

Motion Unanimously Carried

14. Next Meetings

a. Committee of the Whole Meeting

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

a. Board of Police Commissioners
Westville Council Chambers
January 18, 2021 – 6:00 pm.

b. Regular Council Meeting
Westville Council Chambers
January 31, 2021 – 6:00 pm

15. Adjournment

2021.12.20.456 Moved by Councillor MacGregor, **seconded** by Councillor Bragg to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Mayor: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Date Approved: _____

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