



**Minutes
Town of Westville
Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers
February 28, 2022 – 6:00 pm**

1. Call To Order

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 5:59 pm.

2. Territorial and African Nova Scotian Acknowledgement

3. Roll Call

Mayor Lennie White, Deputy Mayor Clarrie MacKinnon, Councillor Meghan Bragg, Interim Chief Administrative Officer Sam Graham, Recording Secretary Kristen Reed, and 3 members of the public.

Regrets

Councillor Mitchell MacGregor

We acknowledge the passing of Francis Dorrington, the first African American Councillor and Deputy Mayor of New Glasgow.

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

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

2022.02.28.480 Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, **seconded by** Councillor Bragg to approve the agenda as circulated.

Motion Unanimously Carried

6. Approval of the Minutes

a. Regular Council Meeting January 31, 2022

2022.02.28.481 Moved by Councillor Bragg, **seconded by** Deputy Mayor MacKinnon to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting as circulated.

Motion Unanimously Carried

b. Committee of the Whole Meeting February 22, 2022

2022.02.28.482 Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, **seconded by** Councillor Bragg to approve the minutes for the Committee of the whole as circulated.

Motion Unanimously Carried

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

None

8. Committee Reports

a. General Government

i. Mayor Lennie White -

The Mayor's report was circulated. It was a busy month. The Winter Jamboree had a good turnout. Thanks to the Fire department and Recreation for putting it on.

ii. Councillors Reports -

1. Deputy Mayor Clarrie MacKinnon

Deputy Mayor MacKinnon circulated his report at the meeting. The poor plywood boarding job done on the outside of the abandoned RBC building to cover the area where the bank machine had been now warrants the work of a finish carpenter. On February 15th attended the Westville Police Commission. WPD should be commended for playing key roles in two recent major drug operations, one before the Commission meeting and the other more recently. On February 24th attended the Riverview Home Corporation as the Council's representative. Much discussion on the 23 percent pay increases for the Continuing Care Assistants working with long-term care and home care, but does not apply to CCAs working at the Adult residential Centre in Riverton. As a personal follow up, he had a discussion with Community Services Minister Karla MacFarlane on February 25 and Premier Tim Houston on February 26th. They will look into it. February 26th attended the Excellent Winter Jamboree. Special thanks to WFD and RC&LS's Michael Thompson.

2. Councillor Meghan Bragg

Councillor Bragg attended the Planning advisory Committee, Recreation committee and accessibility meeting as well as regular council meetings. The Coldest night walk exceeded their Target. Thanks to all who donated. Also had many calls about weather related issues.

Interim CAO Samuel Graham - as submitted, however would like to highlight the Human Resources section. Water & Tax Clerk Donna Chisolm's father passed away on February 8th. On February 16th Public Works Labourer Brandon Campbell's wife had a baby boy.

Mayor White extended his thanks to Interim CAO Graham for stepping into the chair.

b. Protective Services

i. Chief of Police Report

2022.02.28.483 Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, **seconded by** Councillor Bragg to approve both of the Chief of Police Reports as presented.
Motion Unanimously Carried

ii. Fire Department Report

Chief Dunn was in attendance to request a change of Dispatch. Currently the Fire Department is using Stellarton. Six years ago there was a committee formed from departments throughout the County but haven't met in three years. There have been a number of complaints. Some of the other departments have switched to Valley. The departments issues include a missed assistance call in January and a 3 to 4 minute delay for a call in February. This is not acceptable and needs to be fixed before something major happens. Valley handles more calls and has more people on staff at a time and are also a 911 over run center.

Mayor White acknowledged that the department has tried to keep it local but critical issues trump that desire. Chief Dunn shared that it's not the first time they have switched the dispatch center. It was out of Westville, then New Glasgow and now Stellarton. It is something that the department feels strongly about.

2022.02.28.484 Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, **seconded by** Councillor Bragg to approve the Departments recommendation to switch dispatch companies.

Motion Unanimously Carried

2022.02.28.485 Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, **seconded by** Councillor Bragg to accept the Fire Department Report as presented.

Motion Unanimously Carried

iii. Animal Control Report

2022.02.28.486 Moved by Councillor Bragg, **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

2022.02.28.487 Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, **seconded by** Councillor Bragg to accept the Recreation, Culture & Leisure Services Report as presented.

Motion Unanimously Carried

d. Transportation & Environmental Health Services

i. Water Report

2022.02.28.488 Moved by Councillor Bragg, **seconded by** Deputy Mayor MacKinnon to approve the 2 water reports as presented.

Motion Unanimously Carried

ii. Public Works Report

2022.02.28.489 Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, **seconded by** Councillor Bragg to accept the Public Works Report as presented.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Appreciate Allan's efforts while Sam has been in the CAO chair.

18 weather events in February made for long hours for the 6 men in the department. Please pass on our appreciation for the difficult job. The weather has been playing havoc with us, not just snow but also torrents and torrents of rain.

iii. Solid Waste Report

2022.02.28.490 Moved by Councillor Bragg, **seconded by** Deputy Mayor MacKinnon to accept the Solid Waste Report as circulated.

Motion Unanimously Carried

e. Environmental Development

i. Fire Inspection

2022.02.28.491 Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, **seconded by** Councillor Bragg to accept the Fire Inspection Report as circulated.

Motion Unanimously Carried

9. Review of Accounts

December 31, 2021 Reports attached.

2022.02.28.492 Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, **seconded by** Councillor Bragg to accept the December 31, 2021 reports as circulated.

Motion Unanimously Carried

10. Correspondence

i. Mariposa Skating Club

The letter would regularly go to Finance committee but due to the time limit will deal with it. The first Skating competition hosted by the club in over 2 years, due to COVID, will take place at the Pictou County Wellness Centre on April 10th. They are requesting sponsorship.

2022.02.28.493 Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, **seconded by** Councillor Bragg to support the event with a ¼ page ad for \$50.

Motion Unanimously Carried

11. New/Unfinished Business

a. Municipal Polling District (Boundary) Review

2022.02.28.494 Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, **seconded by** Councillor Bragg that the Town of Westville contract with PDI Engineering as Town Planner, to perform a review of Westville's current electoral boundaries. Upon Completion, and with Council's approval, the review will be submitted to the NSUARB for approval.

Motion Unanimously Carried

b. Public Engagement Policy

2022.02.28.495 Moved by Councillor Bragg, **seconded by** Deputy Mayor MacKinnon to change the wording of the Public Engagement policy point 9 from “will keep their comments/questions to a maximum of 5 minutes” to “will try to keep their comments/questions to 5 minutes”.

Motion Unanimously Carried

c. PCREN

Current contract expires on March 31, 2023 and need to give one year notice to withdrawl.

It was decided to wait until the March meeting for full compliment.

12. Public Engagement

Linda White- Duggan Ave

It's really hard to hear the councillors talking while in the room.

Mayor White thanked her for a good point and is hoping that the removal of masks and dividers next month will help.

Morris Campbell- North Main

Saw on Facebook that Deputy Mayor MacKinnon would bring to Council about putting up a Ukrainian flag. Don't say you will do something if you aren't going to do it.

Deputy Mayor MacKinnon thanked Morris for the reminder. He stated yes he forgot to mention it during his report but was going to mention it before closing tonight. He is willing to get a Ukrainian flag if Council agrees that it can be flown at Town Hall. Everyone was in agreement so He will attempt to get a flag.

Morris' other item was a letter that was sent to the Accessibility Committee and the Councillors last month but hasn't been brought up at Council. Councillor Bragg acknowledged that it is being looked at the committee and will be part of the report made to the Council.

Linda White acknowledged it was her letter and felt is should have been brought to Council prior to going to going to the committee. Mayor White apologized to her.

Gordie MacIntosh- Church St

There are 3 people applying for Council and not 1 showed up tonight. Makes one wonder how much they actually want the job.

Mayor White acknowledged that he is as concerned as everyone else about what is going on. We are fortunate to be living in Westville. We need to encourage other levels of government to do all we can to support the Ukraine and the people there.

2022.02.28.496 Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, **seconded by** Councillor Bragg to move that Westville Town Council stands united with the democratically elected government of Ukraine and President Zelensky.

Motion Unanimously Carried

Deputy Mayor MacKinnon had an exchange on Facebook and had looked at how fast could a flag arrive. He will purchase the flag. It looked like there were a lot available at the time he was looking.

Mayor White will send the motion to the embassy regarding out support.

Bi election is coming up on March 12th and encourage to get out and vote.

Tomorrow at 2 pm the Historical Committee will be meeting here in Chambers.

13. 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

14. Adjournment

2022.02.28.497 Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, **seconded by** Councillor Bragg to adjourn the meeting at 6:56pm.

Mayor: _____ Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Date Approved: _____