



**Minutes  
Town of Westville  
Regular Council Meeting  
Council Chambers  
June 27, 2022 – 6:00 pm**

**1. Call To Order**

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

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

We are flying the Mi'kmaw flag in recognition of National Indigenous Month.

**3. Roll Call**

Mayor Lennie White, Deputy Mayor Clarrie MacKinnon, Councillor Meghan Bragg, Councillor Mitchell MacGregor, Councillor Bernie Murphy, Finance Brenda MacKay, Chief Administrative Officer Scot Weeres, Recording Secretary Kristen Reed, 1 member of the Press and 3 members of the public.

**4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None

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

**2022.06.27.546 Moved by** Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, **seconded by** Councillor MacGregor to approve the agenda with the addition of the Fire Truck Tender after the Fire Department report.

**Motion Unanimously Carried**

**6. Presentation**

**Presentation of the 2022/2023 Audited Financial Statements**

Brenda MacKay, Finance officer presented the Audited Financial Statements. Pages two and three are the Auditors report. This is what most people are looking for. It has a clear auditor opinion.

Highlights include the increase in Municipal Financial Capacity Grant and capital grants.

The Statements were previously reviewed and discussed at the Audit Committee Meeting.

**2022.06.27.547 Moved by** Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, **seconded by** Councillor Murphy to accept the audited Financial Statements.

**Motion Unanimously Carried**

**7. Approval of the Minutes**

- a. Regular Council Meeting May 30, 2022**

**2022.06.27.548 Moved by** Councillor Murphy, **seconded by** Councillor MacGregor to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting as presented.

**Motion Unanimously Carried**

**b. Dangerous and Unsightly Hearing May 30, 2022**

**2022.06.27.549 Moved by** Councillor Bragg, **seconded by** Deputy Mayor MacKinnon to approve the minutes for the Dangerous and Unsightly Hearing as circulated.

**Motion Unanimously Carried**

**c. Committee of the Whole Meeting June 20, 2022**

**2022.06.27.550 Moved by** Councillor MacGregor, **seconded by** Councillor Murphy to approve the minutes for the Committee of the whole as presented.

**Motion Unanimously Carried**

**8. Committee Reports**

**a. General Government**

**i. Mayor Lennie White -**

The Mayor's report was circulated. Congratulations to Chief Andrea Paul who was going to Vegas after our flag raising and has announced she got married while there. He also highlighted the July 1<sup>st</sup> rededication of the Cenotaph.

**ii. Councillors Reports -**

**1. Deputy Mayor Clarrie MacKinnon**

Deputy Mayor MacKinnon circulated his report at the meeting. There were more meetings than usual. Highlights included concern from a ratepayer regarding the short life of pavement in Westville and throughout the Province and he wonders if the composition has been changed. Also CAO Weeres provided the Westville and Area Gardening club with information on \$3,500 of grants available through Trees Canada for planting of community fruit and/or nut trees. The grants are in the spring and there is the possibility of a joint project. The Club will mark it's 50<sup>th</sup> year of membership in 2024 and this could be it's celebration project.

**2. Councillor Meghan Bragg**

Councillor Bragg commented that part of the change for pavement is the climate change with more extreme weather and changing freeze/thaw patterns, as well as more vehicles on the roads are more large trucks. Her meetings included Accessibility committee which is looking for more members and Library committee. There was no school advisory committee as the date was the day of their graduation. Congratulations to all of Westville's grads.

**3. Councillor Mitchell MacGregor**

Councillor MacGregor attended the regular meetings. Thanks to the Fire Department for the July 1<sup>st</sup> celebrations, including Councillor Murphy for the hard work and dedication.

#### **4. Councillor Bernie Murphy**

Thanks Councillor MacGregor. It was a very busy month with Council meetings and the REN meeting. The Glen Haven meeting was postponed until July 6<sup>th</sup>. The tender process for paving has taken too long, causing a lack of paving.

Mayor White explained that there were a number of factors including the vast amount of sidewalks and roads which need to be done, as well as trying to select them objectively and waiting for the new CAO to start.

**CAO Scot Weeres** – Report was submitted. For the Paving and Patching they used the available data and traffic counts to help determine that North Main, Drummond and Court would be the ones being repaired this year and patching will be done around Town.

#### **b. Protective Services**

##### **i. Chief of Police Report**

**2022.06.27.551 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**

Deputy Mayor MacKinnon mentioned the cost of Fire trucks has risen significantly and will continue to do so. Should do a tender to get it done soon. It's a pressing issue. Also the money received from the previous trucks should be given to the department.

There was discussion about the appropriate use of money from the sale of assets as well as options for giving a grant to the Fire Department and if the money should be put against a new truck. CAO Weeres acknowledged that they have posted on Canoe Procurement site for a new truck. It must be there for at least two weeks. Other communities use Canoe to great benefit and saved a lot of money so using the site in hopes of getting something. Deputy Mayor MacKinnon asked about the Canoe process and it was explained that it is a Procurement site using tendering process to get best value for money. Municipalities go on and the Canoe staff reach out to suppliers to get bulk purchasing power. Similar to a co-op. Canoe reaches out to vendors and also solicits bids. Westville is currently using it for both a Fire Truck and a Plow Truck. Mayor White added that he and Councillor Bragg had attended a convention that Canoe presented at and it is endorsed by the NSFPM and a number of municipalities were also endorsing it.

In Budget discussions a new truck was agreed on but will need numbers before a resolution can be made.

**2022.06.27.552 Moved by** Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, **seconded by** Councillor Bragg to accept the Fire Department Report as presented with the discussion.

**Motion Unanimously Carried**

**iii. Animal Control Report**

**2022.06.27.553 Moved by** Councillor Murphy, **seconded by** Councillor MacGregor to accept the Animal Control report as presented.

**Motion Unanimously Carried**

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

**i. RCLS Coordinator Report**

**2022.06.27.554 Moved by** Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, **seconded by** Councillor Bragg to accept the Recreation, Culture & Leisure Services Report as presented.

**Motion Unanimously Carried**

Councillor Bragg announced a grant from Smoke Free NS for signs for the parks. Councillor MacGregor also commented on the baseball field and how busy it is this year. Public Works are doing a great job on it. There has been discussion on getting a grant to help with maintenance and repairs for it. There are a number of younger people in the Town again. The canteen will be donating profits to the rink commission as well as the coin toss for the July 1<sup>st</sup> parade.

**d. Transportation & Environmental Health Services**

**i. Water Report**

**2022.06.27.555 Moved by** Councillor Murphy, **seconded by** Councillor Bragg to accept the Public Works Report as presented.

**Motion Unanimously Carried**

**ii. Public Works Report**

**2022.06.27.556 Moved by** Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, **seconded by** Councillor Bragg to accept the Public Works Report as presented.

**Motion Unanimously Carried**

**iii. Solid Waste Report**

**2022.06.27.557 Moved by** Councillor MacGregor, **seconded by** Councillor Murphy to accept the Solid Waste Report as circulated.

**Motion Unanimously Carried**

**e. Environmental Development**

**i. Fire Inspection**

**2022.06.27.558 Moved by** Councillor Murphy, **seconded by** Deputy Mayor MacKinnon to accept the Fire Inspection Report as circulated.

**Motion Unanimously Carried**

**ii. Building Inspection/Unsightly Premises**

**2022.06.27.559 Moved by** Councillor MacGregor **seconded by** Councillor Bragg to accept the Building Inspection Report as circulated.

**Motion Unanimously Carried**

**iii. Planning & Development**

**2022.06.27.560 Moved by** Councillor Bragg, **seconded by** Deputy Mayor MacKinnon to accept the Planning & Development report as circulated.

**Motion Unanimously Carried**

There has been a lot of activity which is encouraging. The last meeting took 3 hours. There are 4 new homes being built in Town.

**9. New/Unfinished Business**

**a. Community Grants Release of Grants**

The Finance Committee met on June 7, 2022 and prepared the following recommendations for grants to other organizations be released in 2022/2023:

Pictou County Ground Search & Rescue \$1,025

CARMA \$200

Pictou County Sports Heritage Hall of Fame \$300 in kind(rental for the induction ceremony)

New Glasgow Music Festival \$100

Pictou County Fuel Fund \$1,000

Pictou County Historical Society- Carmichael House \$100

Roots for Youth – Coldest Night Walk \$200

Pictou County Big Brothers Big Sisters \$500

CHAD Transit \$7400

Westville Miners Sport Centre \$7500 plus \$15,000

Special Hazard Response Unit \$1886.56

Creative Pictou County \$300

Pictou United Church \$100

Betty Jean Sutherland Memorial Bursary \$100

Fireman’s Club \$19,514

**2022.06.27.561 Moved by** Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, **seconded by** Councillor Murphy to accept the recommendations put forward by the Finance Committee for Grants as outlined.

**Motion Unanimously Carried**

**b. Coalition for Healthy School Food**

**2022.06.27.562 Moved by** Councillor Bragg, **seconded by** Deputy Mayor MacKinnon to sign the Town of Westville on as an endorser of the Coalition for Healthy School Food.

**Motion Unanimously Carried**

**10. Public Engagement/ Delegations**

Mayor White commented about what a busy week in Westville. On July 1<sup>st</sup> all roads lead to Westville. Can’t say enough about all the work and organization that goes into it. Thursday night is the Ice cream social at 6:30 and on July 1<sup>st</sup> is the parade and the Cenotaph Rededication. There are also one of the best Firework displays in the evening.

**Geraldine Greswell**

Asked if there was any update on the Outdoor Fire bylaw and asked about a swimming pool bylaw.

The swimming pool bylaw is listed under the planning and development section of the website. There are currently Provincial regulations regarding fires and Council have had preliminary discussions regarding a fire bylaw.

Police are the largest expense of the Town so can it not get rid of the Staff sergeant and replace him with a constable to save money? Mayor White explained that there need to be a supervisor who is able to take charge if the Chief is not available.

**Linda White**

Why is Westville donating to a Church in Pictou? Because it's for Smiles for Ryan a charity that is specific to Children needing medical help.

There is no plan to join the Wellness center so can't we just give the money from that to the Rink? There was no money set aside to join the Wellness center so there is no money to reallocate.

Why wasn't Audit meeting advertised? Miss communication.

Mayor White suggested postponing the July Committee of the Whole meeting. Council agreed.

**11. Next Meetings**

**a. Committee of the Whole Meeting**

Westville Council Chambers  
June 20, 2022 - 6:00 pm

**b. Board of Police Commissioners**

Westville Council Chambers  
June 21, 2022 - 6:00 pm

**c. Regular Council Meeting**

Westville Council Chambers  
June 27, 2022 - 6:30 pm

**12. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

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

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