



**Minutes
Town of Westville
Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers
August 29, 2022 – 6:00 pm**

1. Call To Order

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Territorial and African Nova Scotian Acknowledgement

3. Roll Call

Mayor Lennie White, Deputy Mayor Clarrie MacKinnon, Councillor Meghan Bragg, Councillor Bernie Murphy, Recording Secretary Kristen Reed, 1 member of the Press and 4 members of the public.

Regrets

Councillor Mitchell MacGregor, Chief Administrative Officer Scot Weeres

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

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

2022.08.29.576 Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, **seconded by** Councillor Bragg to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Unanimously Carried

6. Approval of the Minutes

a. Regular Council Meeting July 25, 2022

2022.08.29.577 Moved by Councillor Murphy, **seconded by** Councillor Bragg to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting as presented.

Motion Unanimously Carried

7. Committee Reports

a. General Government

i. Mayor Lennie White –

The Mayor's report was circulated. After a very busy month of July things slowed down somewhat during the dog days of August. The Planning Advisory Committee shared a vision for downtown revitalization. It will be moving forward with community input and some phased in planning in the weeks ahead. Council also agreed to a trial run of the Chad bus service to connect to the Pictou County Transit. It will be a 5 week period on Friday's in September. The bus will pick up at the Post Office at 9:30am and take passengers to the Aberdeen Mall and return from the Aberdeen

Mall at 2pm. There will be no fee for the trip to and from Westville but the regular PCT fee of \$3 per stop or \$7.50 per day applies.

ii. Councillors Reports –

1. Deputy Mayor Clarrie MacKinnon

There is no written report this month. The three issues to raise are the Status of the Firetruck, follow up on the Royal Bank building still looking bad with the wood slapped on where the machine was and the REIMS building need a club to do management of the project.

2. Councillor Meghan Bragg

Councillor Bragg attended the Age Friendly Plan committee, Planning Advisory Committee, Police Commission, and Accessibility Committee which is in the final editing stages. The NRHS Karma Closet will be accepting donations of hygiene products to kick off the year.

3. Councillor Mitchell MacGregor

Is out of Town for work but attended Planning Advisory Committee, Police Commission and the meeting with Tim Houston.

4. Councillor Bernie Murphy

The Fire Department appreciates the help from Public Works. The parade went off without a hitch. Also attended the Ice cream social. Thanks to the Community and the many unsung helpers. Glen Haven budget deliberations and have received the audit report.

Mayor White explained it was his first opportunity as Mayor to ride in the parade and the Patriotism, sea of red and white was fantastic to see.

CAO Scot Weeres – Report was submitted. Mayor White commented that CAO Weeres has been busy since starting with and we have been blessed on how efficient he has been able to handle issues.

b. Protective Services

i. Chief of Police Report

2022.08.29.578 Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, **seconded by** Councillor Bragg to approve the Chief of Police Report as presented.

Motion Unanimously Carried

ii. Fire Department Report

2022.08.29.579 Moved by Councillor Bragg, **seconded by** Deputy Mayor MacKinnon to accept the Fire Department Report as presented.

Motion Unanimously Carried

c. Recreation, Culture & Leisure Services

i. RCLS Coordinator Report

2022.08.29.580 Moved by Councillor Murphy, **seconded by** Councillor Bragg to accept the Recreation, Culture & Leisure Services Report as presented.

The Summer programs have ended and we extend thanks to the Summer students and hope they benefited from it as well.

Motion Unanimously Carried

d. Transportation & Environmental Health Services

i. Water Report

2022.08.29.581 Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, **seconded by** Councillor Murphy to accept the Water Report as presented.

Motion Unanimously Carried

ii. Public Works Report

2022.08.29.582 Moved by Councillor Bragg, **seconded by** Deputy Mayor MacKinnon to accept the Public Works Report as presented.

Motion Unanimously Carried

They were kept busy with numerous water leaks again.

iii. Solid Waste Report

2022.08.29.583 Moved by Councillor Murphy, **seconded by** Deputy Mayor MacKinnon to accept the Solid Waste Report as circulated.

Motion Unanimously Carried

e. Environmental Development

i. Fire Inspection

2022.08.29.584 Moved by Councillor Bragg, **seconded by** Councillor Murphy to accept the Fire Inspection Report as circulated.

Motion Unanimously Carried

ii. Planning Advisory Committee

2022.08.29.585 Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKinnon **seconded by** Councillor Bragg to accept the Planning Advisory Committee Report as circulated.

Motion Unanimously Carried

8. Correspondence

Ryan's Case for Smiles- Thank you note for Community Grant.

Big Brothers Big Sisters- Thank you note for Community Grant.

9. New/Unfinished Business

a. Street Closures: Fraser Street and Middle River Road

Attached is information regarding the Street Closure Policy and information regarding these specific streets.

Deputy Mayor MacKinnon shared that there is some public concern. There will be time to voice those concerns and it is not a done deal. Town will just stop providing services to them.

2022.08.29.586 Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKinnon **seconded by** Councillor Murphy to declare Fraser Street, not to be confused with Fraser Dr., and Middle River Road surplus to municipal requirements, and to direct the CAO to set a date for public hearing to consider closing Fraser Street and Middle River Road and publish a notice in a newspaper at least fourteen days prior to the Council meeting, and; subject to the outcome of the public hearing, approve.

Motion Unanimously Carried

b. Wadden's Court water and sewer lines

Attached is a report regarding a request for the Town to assume ownership and maintenance of the water and sewer lines in Wadden's Court.

For Information purposes. CAO Weeres will contact owners and express that things will continue as they are.

Deputy Mayor MacKinnon stated that the system is not up to standard. Won't look at it without the lift station being brought up to set limits.

10. Public Engagement/ Delegations

Morris Campbell North Main- The other two streets are they not being considered or is that a separate issue? Mayor White explained they are separate issues as the other two are basically driveways.

E. Gratto Stewarts Lane- Is the Town doing anything about the deer herds. Have 10 acres of field, weeds and grass that is three to six feet tall behind my place. Part of the herd are bedding in the field and are free range to eat everything I plant. I know all Towns have an issue but I'm only concerned about Westville as that's where I live. If there isn't a bylaw against feeding wildlife there should be. Have a four foot fence around my garden and they jump the fence and eat everything.

Mayor White agreed we are all aware of the issue. There doesn't seem to be a good answer. Natural resources had no solution. The Truro hunt took two years to get to that stage. I have seven in the heard by me. New Glasgow is undertaking a count now. Will have the CAO connect with the New Glasgow CAO to get information. These are Urban deer and they are different the wild ones. Many have 2 does and live longer. We can re-examine the issue at a PAC meeting. But we don't want to create laws that we can't enforce. For every person that wants a cull there is someone that enjoys having them around.

Linda White Duggan- Filed Dangerous and Unsightly complaint several years in a row. Started complaining in May and dealt with in July. Finally gave up complaining. Last complaint was two years ago.

Mayor White explained if there is still an issue to report it. Once the complaint is dealt with that closes the file and can't continue to monitor the property. The Building Inspector and CAO are both new and have been doing a great job of acting on complaints. We hear your frustration and encourage you to file a complaint.

Gordie MacIntosh- Filed a complaint but haven't heard anything. Is there an update? Recording Secretary Reed received permission to answer. The Building Inspector has done his inspection and is working with staff to prepare paperwork to bring to Council.

11. Next Meetings

a. Committee of the Whole Meeting

Westville Council Chambers
September 19, 2022 – 6:00 pm - cancelled

b. Board of Police Commissioners

Westville Council Chambers
September 20, 2022 – 6:00 pm

c. Regular Council Meeting

Westville Council Chambers
September 26, 2022 – 6:00 pm

Mayor White expressed with Labour Day coming up it is a good opportunity to thank the Town staff and public works due to the tremendous work they do.

12. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7 pm.

Mayor: _____ Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Date Approved: _____