



Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting

Place: Zoom, stream-live to FaceBook
Date: Monday, December 6, 2021
Presiding Officer: Mayor Gregory Henley
Councillors present: Deputy Mayor Wade Adshade, Councillor Carla Black, Councillor Brenton Colborne, Councillor Paul Jones, Councillor Arnold MacDonald, and Councillor Chrystal McNutt
Regrets: nil

A quorum was present throughout the meeting.

Staff in attendance: Town Clerk – Linda Cloney (recording secretary)

Media in attendance: Six Rivers News – Mark Rushton

1. Call to order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved and seconded that the agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting for December 6, 2021, be approved, as presented.

Motion Carried

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting for November 1, 2021, be approved, as presented.

Motion Carried

4. Business

4.1 Update on James Street Water Line

Public Works Supervisor provided an update report on the Water Break on James Street.

A water break was first discovered on Monday, November 15 on James Street. Public Works attended to that break, discovered a 4-inch cast water line, repaired it and closed the site. The age of that water line is approximately 90 – 100 years old. Just twelve hours later, the leak developed again. Public works attended to that break, repaired it, and closed the site again. Public Works recommend tying Main Street to James Street to

the 8-inch line and to tie into the 6-inch going up James Street and then abandon the 4-inch cast water line.

A copy of this report has been filed with the Council Package.

4.2 Oxford Arena Association proposal – Councillor Jones / Councillor McNutt

A letter came in from the Arena Association. The Arena Association would like to have a discussion with Council regarding leasing the Arena for a full year and perhaps for a 5-year renewable lease.

The Agricultural Society will need to be involved as the Town of Oxford has an agreement with them.

There was discussion around contribution to the Arena Association if they go ahead with leasing the arena.

It was moved and seconded that the Council supports Councillor Jones and Councillor Colborne to explore options, on behalf of Council, with the Arena Association and work out an agreement to present to Council for future operations of the arena.

Motion Carried

4.3 Town of Oxford Accessibility Advisory Committee – Terms of Reference – Councillor MacDonald

It was moved and seconded that Committee of the Whole recommends Council to adopt the Town of Oxford Accessibility Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference as presented.

Motion Carried

4.4 2021/2022 Boards and Committees – for consideration at Council meeting

The Boards and Committees report was presented to Council for their consideration at the December 20, 2021, Council meeting.

4.5 Election of Deputy Mayor – for consideration at Council meeting

The process for the election of a Deputy Mayor was presented to Council for their consideration at the December 20, 2021, Council meeting.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Hayley Crichton, Executive Director – Nova Scotia Justice

The email is regarding the County of Cumberland request to return to the detachment-based model as opposed to the current district policing model. One of the issues being addressed is the number of vacancies across the Province.

5.2 Sophie Melanson – Municipal Alcohol Project of Cumberland County – Councillor Black

This letter is a thank you to the Town for hosting family friendly events and to encourage the Town to continue to host future family friendly events that are alcohol free over the holidays.

5.3 Jeff MacNeil, Manager of Development – YMCA of Cumberland – Coldest night of the Year

The event is taken place February 26, 2022. This is a family friendly walk to raise money for local charities that support people that struggle with hurt, homelessness and hunger. They were suggesting that the Town Council and staff along with the Town of Amherst and County of Cumberland have a friendly challenge.

5.4 Honourable John A. Lohr, Minister – Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Progress on Municipal and Village Code of Conduct Regulations.

This email is regarding the progress on the Code of Conduct Regulations for Municipalities and Villages. Work on this is beginning and Minister Lohr will follow up with an update as it develops.

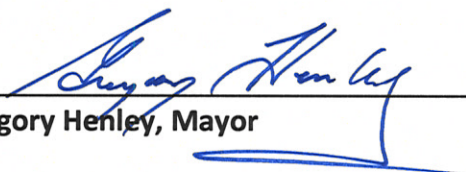
6. Adjournment

Before Council adjourned, Mayor Henley extended a thank you to all Council, staff and volunteers that assisted on the Annual Christmas Parade. Councillor McNutt reminded the public that there is a Best Decorated House contest for the Town of Oxford, Monday, December 13.

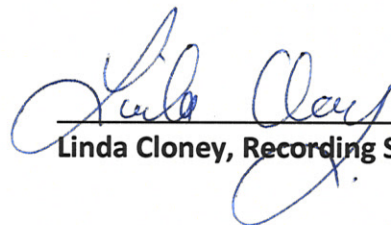
The next Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 10, rather than the first Monday of the month, due to the holidays.

At 6:23 pm, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried



Gregory Henley, Mayor



Linda Cloney, Recording Secretary