



Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting

Place: Conducted in Council Chambers through Zoom and live to Facebook
Date: Monday April 19, 2021
Presiding Officer: Mayor Gregory Henley
Councilors present: Deputy Mayor Wade Adshade, Carla Black, Brenton Colborne, Paul Jones, Arnold MacDonald, and Chrystal McNutt
Regrets: Nil

A quorum was present throughout the meeting.

Staff in attendance: Town Clerk – Linda Cloney (recording secretary)
Presenter in attendance: Robert Mannette – I.T. Solutions

1. Call to order

Mayor Henley called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved and seconded that the agenda of the Regular Town Council Meeting for April 19, 2021 be approved, as presented.

Motion Carried

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting for March 15, 2021, Special Town Council Minutes for April 6, 2021 and Special Town Council Minutes for April 12, 2021 be approved, as presented.

Motion Carried

4. Presentation: Robert Mannette, I.T Solutions

Mr. Mannette gave a detailed presentation of a few video conference options for the Council Chambers. Council thanked Mr. Mannette for his presentation and staff will follow up with him regarding Council's direction.

Following this presentation, Mr. Mannette exited the zoom meeting.

5. New Business

5.1 Joint CED Strategy - decision

Staff presented to Council the Cumberland Region Community Economic Development Strategy. Before Council adopts this strategy, they would like to know the costs that are involved for the Town of Oxford. Staff will research this and follow up with Council.

5.2 Committees & Boards - revisions

Revisions made to the 2020 / 2021 Boards and Committees, that was approved on April 12, 2021.

- **Physician Recruitment Committee** – Mayor Henley – *this committee meets on April 20 and they will discuss if a Councillor may join this committee as well.*
- **Town Buildings Committee** – Mayor Henley, Deputy Mayor Adshade, Councillor Colborne and Councillor Jones
- **Procurement Committee** – Mayor Henley, Councillor Jones and Councillor Black
- **Accessibility Committee** – Councillor MacDonald and public appointee Josephine MacDonald
- **Arena Fundraising Committee** – Chairperson Councillor Colborne, Councillor Jones, Councillor McNutt, Recreation Director (vacant) and Community Members: Bev Clark, Tracy Black, Greg Wood, Alfie King, Eleanor Crowley, Joe Reade, Tom Reid, Tracy Sweet, Dave Clark and Jennifer Kouwenberg.
- **Arena Committee** – Councillor Colborne, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Jones and Community Members: Jennifer Kouwenberg and 1 vacant position
- **Joint Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee** – Councillor Black

It was moved and seconded that the Council accepts the 2020 / 2021 Boards & Committees, as amended.

Motion Carried

5.3 Fall 2019 Debenture - discussion

Mayor Henley gave an update to Council regarding the 2019 Fall Debenture. There was a debenture issued for the installation of the Building Automation for the Oxford Arena before it was completed. Municipal Finance Corporation was notified of this early 2019. Municipal Finance Corporation advised Council that all projects that require debentures must be completed first.

5.4 Council's position on Bill 47 – discussion

Council expressed a financial concern regarding Bill 47. As the Town of Oxford is undergoing a financial overview, they have prioritized to build back up the town reserves. Council agreed that the Town of Oxford cannot afford to, at this time, provide financial assistance to Oxford businesses regarding accessibility upgrades. Bill 47 would be a financial burden to the town.

It was moved and seconded that the Oxford Town Council do not support Bill 47.

Motion Carried

The Mayor will send a letter to the Province regarding Council's decision.

6. Reports

The Public Works monthly report was not part of the original Council package. The report was verbally presented to Council and filed with the Council package.

Council directed Public Works to tidy up the garbage around the transfer site.

Councillor Colborne added to the Fire Report – Councillor MacDonald and Councillor Colborne met with the Fire Department to discuss desires and needs for the department. The Fire Department's current needs are air packs, fire uniforms, and bunker gear. The Fire Department recently had trouble with the new fire hydrants that were installed on Duke Street. The hoses would not fit properly, this had to do with the Nova Scotia adapters. This issue is being investigated.

Deputy Mayor Adshade gave a verbal report summarizing the last Police Advisory Board meeting. There was a discussion regarding the process to reduce the speed limits to the side streets in Oxford. The Police Advisory Board is working on this initiative. Also, the Police Advisory Board requested Council's input on performance priorities they would like to see from the local RCMP for Oxford. The information collected will be included on the Annual Performance Plan.

During the review of the Library Report, it was noted that there is currently an online auction to raise funds for the Oxford Library.

Councillor McNutt presented to Council the Recreation Commission Report. The Recreation Commission recently added another member (Haylen Bezubiak). Kody Wood will be the liaison for the ballfield. Haylen Bezubiak will be the liaison for the soccer field. Currently the Recreation Commission is looking for a volunteer (who is available through the day) to be the liaison for senior activities. The Recreation Commission is looking to create a Youth Recreation Committee, if anyone is interested, contact Councillor McNutt. All arena

bookings are to be done through the Town Office. The Commission is currently posting a social media blitz regarding Earth Day and it is well received.

There was a general discussion regarding the tape that needs to be applied to the ceiling of the arena. The service provider will be available to start this in June 2021. The materials have already been paid for.

It was moved and seconded to accept the reports as submitted.

Motion Carried

7. Correspondence

7.1 Exhibition Committee Letter – Out of Season Arena Usage - DEFERRED

The Exhibition Committee would like the opportunity to do this as a presentation, this item of discussion will be deferred to the May 3, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

8. Adjournment

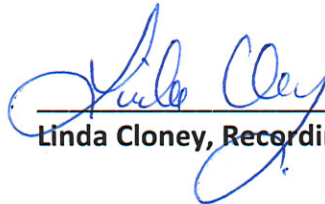
In closing remarks, Mayor Henley and Council would like to encourage everyone to celebrate Earth Day by grabbing a garbage bag to help clean up Oxford. Thank you to those individuals and organizations that have already started this initiative. It is greatly appreciated.

At 6:50 pm, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried



Gregory Henley, Mayor



Linda Cloney, Recording Secretary