



Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting

Place: Conducted through Zoom and streamed live to Facebook
Date: Monday, June 21, 2021
Presiding Officer: Mayor Gregory Henley
Councilors present: Deputy Mayor: Wade Adshade and Councillors: 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) and Senior Accountant – Ruthann Brookins

Guest in attendance: CEO/Treasurer of Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation – Paul Wills

Media in attendance: Six River News – Mark Rushton

1. Call to order

Mayor Henley called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Add to the agenda: 5.5 Summer Recess – Discussion; 9. In Camera – sale of municipal property.

It was moved and seconded that the agenda of the Regular Town Council Meeting for June 21, 2021, be approved, as amended.

Motion Carried

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting for May 17, 2021, and the Special Town Council Minutes for June 7, 2021, be approved, as presented.

Motion Carried

4. Presentation

4.1 Debt Affordability Model – Paul Wills, CEO/Treasurer of Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation

Mr. Wills gave a detailed presentation regarding the Debt Affordability Model.

This model was designed to help municipalities look at their debt when they are looking to borrow and see how it would affect the bottom line of future years. Now, the Debt

Affordability Model, acts more like a sustainability model where municipalities can use to look at different scenarios for planning. The Debt Affordability Model has been sent to staff as a resource.

Following this presentation, Mr. Wills exited the Zoom meeting – 6:20 pm

5. New Business

5.1 Speed Reduction and Signage on Side Streets – discussion

There was a discussion regarding the quote on the signage and the process for speed reduction on side streets.

Council is interested to hear from other municipalities to learn if reducing the speed limits really works to slow down the traffic.

It was moved and seconded that the Town of Oxford investigate the possibility of lowering the speed limits on all the side streets. Also, to research with other municipalities that have gone through this process. Following this process, for Council to decide on whether to proceed, next year during the budget process.

Motion Carried

5.2 June 21 – celebration of National Indigenous Peoples Day – recommendation from Committee of the Whole

As a follow up from the Committee of the Whole meeting on June 7, 2021, there was a recommendation to raise a Mi'kmaq flag on June 21.

It was moved and seconded that the Town of Oxford raise a Mi'kmaq flag on June 21 to celebrate National Indigenous People Day as it is action, such as these, that may help foster reconciliation and healing.

Motion Carried

5.3 Agreement with the Oxford Community Centre Association – Councillor Jones

There was a discussion with Council to amend the June 7 - Special Town Council Meeting motion regarding the agreement with the Oxford Community Centre Association and the Town of Oxford.

June 7, 2021

It was moved and seconded that Town Council enters into an agreement with the Oxford Community Centre Association for a grant in lieu of taxes and for this agreement to be sent to legal to be drafted.

Motion Carried

Amended Motion – June 21, 2021

It was moved and seconded that Town Council enters into a 25-year agreement with the Oxford Community Centre Association for a grant in lieu of taxes and for this agreement to be sent to legal to be drafted.

Motion Carried

5.4 Street Light Installation Quote – Discussion

Some citizens are requesting a streetlight to be installed close to the Meadow Vista Home. A petition was delivered to the Town Office. Staff have reached out to Nova Scotia Power to get a quote to install a streetlight and will send that to Council when received for further consideration.

5.5 Summer Recess – Discussion

Council had a general discussion regarding taking a summer recess from regular meeting during the months of July and August for 2021.

It was moved and seconded that the Town Council will take a summer recess from regular meetings during the months of July and August for 2021.

Motion Carried

6. Reports

6.1 Public Works Report

Council asked if patching will be done soon and if there will be any patching on Waverly Street. Staff will check in with the Public Works Supervisor and report back to Council. *This report has been filed.*

6.2 Finance Report – mentioned under New Business.

There were no questions. This report has been filed.

6.3 Fire Department Report

Staff presented the report, there were no questions, this report has been filed.

6.4 Library Update

There were no questions. This report has been filed.

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

Motion Carried.

7. Committee Updates

7.8 Recreation Commission Committee – CP Councillor McNutt

The Recreation Commission received a grant from the County, when the cheque comes in, Councillor McNutt will report the amount received to Council. Two other grants are

pending. Online Bike Week was organized. June is Pride Month and Indigenous Peoples Month – both the Pride and Mi'kmaq Flag were raised at Town Hall. Baseball and soccer are both in progress. Many improvements have been done to the baseball field. In soccer, with some of the funding received, they have plans to replace the broken nets. There are seven Summer Camps are planned, more to follow on this posted on the Town of Oxford Facebook page. The Recreation Commission has created the ORYC – Oxford Recreation Youth Commission, they anticipate about 20 volunteers ranging from 15 – 20 years of age. Zumba has started back up at the Tennis Courts on Saturday mornings at 9:30 am. The Recreation Commission were unable to organize the pickleball, due to needing more volunteers. Councillor McNutt reached out and asked the public that if there is anyone will to organize pickle ball to get in contact with her. The Recreation Commission is also looking for a Seniors Activity Leader, this needs to be a volunteer that is available during the day.

Thank you to those volunteering!

It was moved and seconded to accept the reports as verbally presented.

Motion Carried

8. Correspondence

8.1 Oxford Library – new location, opening date.

The Oxford Library is planning to open on July 2, 2021, at 111 Rideau Street. Due to COVID-19 they postponed the Grand Opening to a later time in the year.

9. In-Camera – acquisition, sale, lease, and security of municipal property.

At 6:45 pm, it was moved and seconded to go in-camera to discuss sale of municipal property.

Motion Carried.

At 7:12 pm, it was moved and seconded to come out of in-camera and resume the Town Council Meeting.

Motion Carried.

10. Adjournment

At 7:13 pm, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried



Gregory Henley, Mayor



Linda Cloney, Recording Secretary