



Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting

Place: Zoom, was not able to stream live the meeting, as FaceBook was down.
Date: Monday, October 4, 2021
Presiding Officer: Mayor Gregory Henley
Councillors present: Deputy Mayor Wade Adshade, Councillor Carla Black, Councillor Brenton Colborne, Councillor Arnold MacDonald and Councillor Chrystal McNutt
Regrets: Councillor Paul Jones

A quorum was present throughout the meeting.

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

Media in attendance: Six Rivers News – Mark Rushton and The Cumberland Wire/Saltwire Network – Darrell Cole

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 October 4, 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 September 7, 2021, be approved, as presented.

Motion Carried

4. Reports

4.1 RCMP Report

A copy of the RCMP report is in the Council Package. There was discussion regarding a municipal issue brought forward about the RCMP needing to be more visible in the community. It was noted in the RCMP report that the RCMP have staff concerns due to the number of staff that are out on sick leave or gradually returning to work. The RCMP will be making more of an effort to be more visible in Oxford.

4.2 Black River Update

Recently, the Black River had a foul smell and discoloration in the river that caused concern to the residents of Oxford.

The Department of Environment staff reached out to the Town today to report that tests taken at Black River are still under investigation. The Department of Environment will update the Town once they get the results.

It was determined that whatever was in the Black River was not hazardous or toxic.

It was moved and seconded that Town Council accepts the reports as presented.

Motion Carried

5. Correspondence

The Mayors of the County of Cumberland and the Town of Amherst wrote a letter to the Minister of Health and Wellness addressing the issue of six nurses moving from the Springhill ER to Amherst ER. The concern is that many Cumberland residents rely on the Springhill ER for medical services. Due to this reduction of nurses in Springhill, they will be reducing the hours at the Springhill ER. It was noted that the staff in Amherst ER is greatly overworked.


People rely on ER for medical treatment. It is felt by all three mayors of the county that this is not going to be a good benefit for anybody that is concerned. This is going to create an even bigger backlog in Springhill and a large vacancy in Health Services for the rest of the county.

Currently there is a meeting in session discussing this issue and hopefully we can come to some sort of resolution.

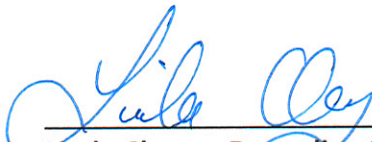
6. Adjournment

At 6:08 pm, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried



Gregory Henley, Mayor



Linda Cloney, Recording Secretary