



## **Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting**

**Place:** Council Chambers, Zoom, streamed live to Facebook  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 8, 2025  
**Presiding Officer:** Deputy Mayor Carla Black  
**Councillors Present:** Mayor Greg Henley, Chrystal McNutt, Brenton Colborne, Padraic Moore, Olivia Canning-Sweet, and Paul Jones  
**Councillor Regrets:** *Nil*

***A quorum was present throughout the meeting.***

**Staff in attendance:** Linda Cloney - CAO, Stan McDougall – Admin Assistant / Recording Secretary, and Bruce Rushton – Fire Chief

**Staff Regrets:** Nick Purdy – Public Works Supervisor

**Presenters in attendance:** PVSC (Property Valuation Services Corporation) - Paul Beazley, Municipal Account Manager and Ken McKinnon, Assistant Director

**Media and Gallery in attendance:** Marion Abbott and Giancarlo Piccin

### **1. Call to Order – Welcome**

At 6:00 PM, Deputy Mayor Black called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance in the Gallery.

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Mayor Henley and seconded by Councillor Jones that the agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting for Wednesday, January 9, 2025, be approved, as presented.

**Motion Carried**

### **3. Presentation**

**3.1 Property Valuation Services Corporation – Paul Beazley, Municipal Account Manager and Ken McKinnon, Assistant Director presenting.**  
*a copy of the presentation is available in the Council Package*

Deputy Mayor Black thanked Paul Beazley and Ken McKinnon for their presentation.

### **4. Approval of the Minutes – December 11, 2024, Pages 3 – 6**

  
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**Deputy Mayor Black, Chair**, on December 11, 2024

### **5. Town Departments Reports**

**5.1 Public Works Department – presented by Linda Cloney, CAO**  
*a copy of the report is filed in the Council Package*

**5.2 Fire Department – presented by Bruce Rushton, Fire Chief and Kyle Purdy, Deputy Fire Chief**  
*a copy of the report is filed in the Council Package*

**5.3 Administration Reports – presented by Linda Cloney**  
Admin Assistant Report  
Manager of Finance Report  
Revenue Officer/Reception Clerk  
*a copy of the reports is filed in the Council Package*

It was presented that the position of Crossing Guard has been filled, however, the position for MPAL (Municipal Physical Activity Leader) is still vacant.

Linda also presented that three citizen volunteers are being sought for the Planning and Development Committee and encouraged all interested in joining this committee to reach out to the office.

Deputy Mayor Carla Black thanked the Town Departments for their respective reports.

## **6. Council Committees and Boards Reports**

### **6.1 Recreation Commission Report – presented by Councillor McNutt**

*Verbal report*

Councillor McNutt discussed the vacant MPAL position which was posted online and encouraged all who were interested to contact her for more information.

The Recreation Commission did host a Kids Dance in December, which was well attended, and Councillor McNutt thanked all volunteers who assisted in the dance.

A babysitting course is scheduled for February 15, 2025, at the Oxford Fire Hall through the YMCA of Cumberland County. Registration was available online for this program and the advertisement for this program was posted on the Town of Oxford Website and Facebook page.

A planned meeting for the Recreation Commission will be held soon and will be posted on the Town of Oxford - Recreation Commission Facebook page. This meeting will be held to discuss and plan for activities in 2025.

Deputy Mayor Carla Black thanked all Council Committees and Boards for their respective reports.

## **7. Items of discussion and correspondence – presented by Linda Cloney**

### **7.1 Email from Jo Franklin – ban the use of Non-Disclosure Agreements**

*a copy of the email is available in the Council Package*

Linda reviewed the email from Joe Franklin with the Committee of the Whole. The email was sent to all Nova Scotia municipalities and is advocating for victims of sexual violence in Nova Scotia and is trying to convince the Provincial Government and Premier to ban the use of Non-Disclosure Agreements in cases related to sexual violence. The email further

requested that Council would consider and implement something at the municipal level.

Staff had reached out to a colleague and mentioned that if the Mayor and Council wished to express their opinions on this matter to write a letter to Justice of Nova Scotia.

Consensus was given from the Committee of the Whole to direct staff to send an email to the Correspondence of Justice of Nova Scotia requesting more information. Also, a reply to Jo Franklin to let her know that staff and the Council has sought further information.

#### **7.2 Email from Ronald Furlong – Cumberland Forestry Advisory Committee request to make a presentation to Council, Page 12**

Linda reviewed the email from Ronald Furlong requesting to make a presentation to the Council regarding the Forestry Industry in Cumberland County and how it contributes to the economy.

Consensus was given from the Committee of the Whole to reach out to Ronald Furlong to schedule a presentation to the Council at a future meeting.

#### **8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.

  
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**Deputy Mayor, Carla Black, Chair**

  
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**Stan McDougall, Admin Assistant**

02-12-2025  
**Date Approved**