



Minutes of the Special Council Meeting

Place: Council Chambers, Zoom, streamed live to Facebook
Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2025
Presiding Officer: Deputy Mayor Carla Black
Councillors Present: Olivia Canning-Sweet, Chrystal McNutt, Brenton Colborne, Mayor Greg Henley, and Paul Jones
Councillor Regrets: Padraic Moore

A quorum was present throughout the meeting.

Staff in attendance: Linda Cloney – CAO (via Zoom), Stan McDougall – Admin Assistant / Recording Secretary, Nick Purdy – Public Works Supervisor (via Zoom), and Marion Abbott (MPAL).

Media in attendance: Mark Rushton - Hello Oxford/Radio for Hope Centre.

Gallery in attendance: Nil

1. **Call to Order – Deputy Mayor Black**

At 6:19 PM, Deputy Mayor Carla Black called the meeting to order and welcomed Mark Rushton – Hello Oxford/Radio for Hope Centre in attendance in the Gallery.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor McNutt that the agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting for Wednesday, March 12, 2025, be approved, as presented.

Motion Carried

3. **Business**

3.1 **Fracking in Nova Scotia – Mayor Henley**

Mayor Henley presented to Council that the Province of Nova Scotia has issued a Bill that is concerning lifting the ban on fracking in Nova Scotia and in specific, the County of Cumberland.

Mayor Henley expressed concern that the Town of Oxford is a community that lives from its water well sources and without that, Oxford would not function if these sources became contaminated by the process of fracking. There are no alternative water sources for the Town of Oxford.

The risk of contamination is high, and Mayor Henley does not wish to have this risk for the Town of Oxford. Mayor Henley recommended that a letter be sent on behalf of the Town of Oxford and Oxford Council to Minister Lohr, copying the Minister of the Environment expressing the Town of Oxford's concern on the lifting of fracking and the vulnerability of our water sources in Cumberland County.

Moved by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Colborne to send the letter, as recommended by Mayor Henley, to Minister Lohr and copy the Minister of the Environment expressing the Town of Oxford's concern on the lifting of fracking and the vulnerability of our water sources in Cumberland County.

Motion Carried

Prior to adjournment, Mayor Henley acknowledged that Jeremy Dobson, Oxford resident and current president of the Oxford Legion has received the King Charles III Coronation medal Sunday March 9, 2025.

4. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Carla Black

Deputy Mayor, Carla Black, Chair

Stan McDougall

Stan McDougall, Admin Assistant

03-26-2025

Date Approved

