



## Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting

Place: Council Chambers, Zoom, streamed live to Facebook  
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025  
Presiding Officer: Mayor Greg Henley  
Councillor Present: Deputy Mayor Carla Black and Councillors Brenton Colborne, Olivia Canning-Sweet, Padraic Moore, Paul Jones, and Chrystal McNutt.  
Councillors Regrets: Nil

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

**Staff in attendance:** Linda Cloney – CAO, Ruthann Brookins – Manager of Finance, and Stan McDougall - Admin Assistant (recording secretary).

**Gallery (media and public) in attendance:** Mark Rushton - Hello Oxford/Radio for Hope Centre. Students Emily Mcculloch and Ryker Brown and accompanying parents.

### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Henley called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

### 2. Presentation

#### 2.1 Presentation of Certificate of Recognition – Emily Mcculloch and Ryker Brown

Mayor Henley recognized both Emily Mcculloch and Ryker Brown, students and residents of the Town of Oxford, for their kindness and great deed in retrieving and returning the Town of Oxford Pride Flag, which had been stolen and thrown in the River. Mayor Henley presented both Emily and Ryker a Certificate of Recognition and a Town of Oxford Pin.

**3. Approval of Agenda, Page 1**

Moved and seconded to approve the agenda of the Regular Council Meeting for Wednesday June 25, 2025, be approved, as presented.

**Motion Carried**

**4. Approval of Minutes**

*Pages 4 - 10 – Regular Council Meeting - May 28, 2025*

*Pages 11 - 12 – Special Council Meeting - June 11, 2025*

Approved by  \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mayor Greg Henley, on June 25, 2025**

**5. Business**

**5.1 RFD – Appointment of Fire Inspectors**

*Page 13 – Letter from the Nova Scotia Office of the Fire Marshal*

A letter was presented to the Council regarding a call for a current list of appointments for all Fire Inspectors for the Town of Oxford. David Buell confirmed that, also, a list of building inspector appointments could also be verified and approved by council at this regular Council meeting.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Black and seconded by Councillor Jones, that the Council of the Town of Oxford appoint David Buell, Melissa Siddall, and Brian Wood, employees of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland, as Fire Inspectors for the Town of Oxford.

**Motion Carried**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Black and seconded by Councillor Canning-Sweet, that the Council of the Town of Oxford appoint David Buell, Melissa Siddall, Brian Wood, Corey DeWitt, and Samantha Stewart, employees of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland, as Building Inspectors for the Town of Oxford.

**Motion Carried**

## **6. Correspondence**

### **6.1 Help keep kids and youth aware of 'stranger danger' this summer and beyond – Councillor Moore, Pages 14 – 15**

Councillor Moore presented the article on 'stranger danger', which was included in the Council Package to present children the message to be:

- aware of their surroundings
- trust instincts and feelings
- be assertive when approached by a stranger
- avoid taking shortcuts when moving about
- walk in pairs or groups
- share plans with parents or caregivers
- communicate changes in plans
- listen to your parents or caregivers – some family members or acquaintances may no longer be trustworthy
- if in danger, yell out no, leave and find a trustworthy adult and call 9-1-1

### **6.2 Correspondence from the Attorney General and Minister of Justice – Mayor Henley, Pages 16 – 18**

Mayor Henley discussed a letter received today from the Attorney General and Minister of Justice regarding policing services in Nova Scotia. Deloitte had been hired to conduct a study titled Shaping the Future: Policing in Nova Scotia.

Foundational changes include:

1. Unified Records Management System
2. Enhanced Policing Resource
3. Layered Policing Model
4. Establishment of Community Safety Boards
5. Provincial Policing Standards
6. A New Billing Framework

The Minister will meet with Mayor Henley and Linda Cloney this summer about this and more will be reported in the fall.

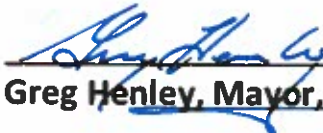
Linda shared that the current framework through which policing is paid for in Nova Scotia requires modernization so all communities can afford to have access to effective policing services.

Prior to adjourning the meeting, Mayor Henley extended congratulations to the graduates of the Oxford Regional Education Centre (OREC) for the year 2025.

Council will be going into summer recess, unless a Special Council Meeting is required. The next scheduled Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2025. The next Council meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2025.

## 7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM

  
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**Greg Henley, Mayor, Chair**

  
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**Stan McDougall, Admin Assistant**

2025-09-17  
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**Date Approved**