

Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, November 7th, 2024
Council Chambers
3:00 pm

MINUTES

Council: Warden Bonny MacIsaac
Deputy Warden Lynn Chisholm
Councillor Claude Poirier
Councillor Blair Phillips
Councillor John MacLennan
Councillor Catherine Gillis

Staff: Keith MacDonald, CAO
Melanie Beaton, Deputy CAO
Brian Luciano, CFO
Erin Gillis, COO
Morgan Murray, Director of Culture and Community Development
Debbie Nicholson, Administrative Assistant to Council/CAO

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Warden MacIsaac called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm and welcomed all in attendance. Roll call was taken. Warden MacIsaac acknowledged that the land on which we gather is located in the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: *That the agenda be approved as presented.*
MOVED BY: Councillor Gillis
SECONDED BY: Deputy Warden Chisholm
MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: *That the Regular Council meeting minutes of October 3rd 2024 be approved as presented.*
MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier
SECONDED BY: Councillor Gillis
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of October 17th 2024 be approved as presented.*
MOVED BY: Councillor Phillips
SECONDED BY: Deputy Warden Chisholm
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That the Special meeting minutes of November 5th 2024 be approved as presented.*
MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier
SECONDED BY: Councillor Phillips
MOTION CARRIED

4. RECREATIONAL VEHICLE DUMPING STATION

Several members of Council have reported instances where recreational vehicles have been dumping waste water and sewage on private property or other locations not approved as dumping stations.

Direction to staff to examine this issue and determine if there are any solutions.

5. 2025 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The schedule of Regular and Committee of the Whole meetings of Council from November 2024 to December 2025 was included in the Council package with meetings continuing on the first and third Thursdays of the month.

MOTION: *That Regular and Committee of the Whole meetings begin at 9:30 am.*
MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier
SECONDED BY: Councillor MacLennan
MOTION CARRIED

6. SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

The Municipality will invite bids on the sale of surplus vehicles and equipment. A list of 19 pieces of equipment was included in the Council package. These items will be advertised and will be on display at Municipal facilities in Strathlorne and Kenloch.

MOTION: *That the equipment list provided in today's Council package be declared as surplus.*
MOVED BY: Councillor MacLennan
SECONDED BY: Councillor Poirier
MOTION CARRIED

7. HUMAN RESOURCE POLICIES

MOTION: *That Council approve the Return to Work policy as provided in today's Council package.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier

SECONDED BY: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That Council approve the amendments to the Respectful Workplace policy as provided in today's Council package.*

MOVED BY: Councillor MacLennan

SECONDED BY: Councillor Poirier

MOTION CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

The following pieces of correspondence were included in today's Council package:

- Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM)
 - 2024 NSFM Fall Conference
 - Municipal Code of Conduct Training
- Committee for the Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Nova Scotia; Community Information Sessions

9. COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL; FENCES AND ARBITRATION COMMITTEE

Council membership on the various committees of Council will be discussed further at an upcoming Nominations Committee meeting.

MOTION: *That Warden MacIsaac participate in the Fences and Arbitration Committee.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Gillis

SECONDED BY: Councillor Phillips

MOTION CARRIED

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

November 21st, 2024 9:30 am: Committee of the Whole

11. "IN CAMERA"

MOTION: *That Council move to "In Camera" at 3:35 pm to discuss three land issues.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Gillis

SECONDED BY: Deputy Warden Chisholm

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That Council move out of "In Camera" at 3:55 pm.*
MOVED BY: Councillor Phillips
SECONDED BY: Councillor MacLennan
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That Council purchase a portion of a parcel of land off Dunmore Road (PID 50142090 – lot 24-1A) from the Nova Scotia Department of Public Works at a price of \$30,000.00.*
MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Chisholm
SECONDED BY: Councillor Gillis
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That Council grant permission to the Highland Trail Groomers Association to further develop and maintain a trail over municipal property PID 50088954.*
MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier
SECONDED BY: Councillor Phillips
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That Council approve the signing of a Quit Claim Deed for PID 50322106, AAN 11016278.*
MOVED BY: Councillor Gillis
SECONDED BY: Deputy Warden Chisholm
MOTION CARRIED

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: *That Council adjourn at 3:57 pm.*
MOVED BY: Councillor MacLennan
MOTION CARRIED