

APPROVED MINUTES
Regular Meeting Water and Environment Committee
1:00pm Wednesday, June 1, 2022
North Shore Community Centre

PRESENT:

Committee Chair Councillor Wanson Hemphill, Committee Members John MacDougall, Justin Walsh and CAO Stephanie Moase

Regrets: Robbie Moore, Connie Egan

1. CALL TO ORDER: 1:00 pm by Committee Chair Councillor Wanson Hemphill

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with the addition of item 4.4 Septic Tank Survey and Promotion

Moved by Justin Walsh and seconded by John MacDougall

All in Favor

MOTION CARRIED

2.1. Disclosure of Pecuniary or Other Conflicts of Interest:

There were none.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the Apr 20, 2022 meeting be approved as amended

Moved by John MacDougall and seconded by Justin Walsh

All in Favor

MOTION CARRIED

3.1. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was none.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

4.1. Septic Bylaw

Chair Wanson Hemphill stated that Council was not in favour of reconsidering the Septic Bylaw for all lots. The question is should the Bylaw be amended to be for lots under the Provincial minimum only. Committee decided to table the discussion at the next meeting when more of the committee was in attendance.

4.2. Discussion on Pools in Stanhope Peninsula

Chair Wanson Hemphill stated that Council was in favour of banning the filling of swimming pools using groundwater on the Stanhope Peninsula but added an exception for the topping up of pools.

Committee discussed the possible loopholes that this could cause as this also would include top ups during the summer due to evaporation. Committee will define what a top-up would include. Could it be defined in the number of gallons allowed per year? The first thing required to ensure the bylaw could go forward would be proof that there is an actual problem, how do we prove that filling pools on the Peninsula affects the groundwater? Committee agrees that we can prove there is a problem with freshwater in the Peninsula, the original 2009 study identifies the groundwater as a finite resource. Will creating this Bylaw help protect the environment? How long should this bylaw be in place? Temporary measure? CAO mentioned that if this is to be an amendment to the Landuse Bylaw it will require a Public Meeting. Committee will come up with potential wording of the amendment.

4.3. Rainwater Barrels

Chair Wanson Hemphill felt that there are too many cons to the maintenance of having a rain barrel to push. They also have to be subsidized and stored and the funding would be a year out. Committee agrees not to support at this time.

4.4. Septic Tank Survey and Promotion

CAO Stephanie Moase stated that we did not get two students from the Province this year but did get an additional student through Atlantic Rec mentorship so we won't have a full time student for the Septic Survey but will have one available a couple afternoons over the summer to continue the survey around Maryland subdivision that was discussed previously. There is a budget of \$1000 to print additional flyers if needed or another promotional idea.

5. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, July 20, 2022 @ 1:00 pm

6. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:52 pm

Moved by Justin Walsh and seconded by John MacDougall

All in Favor

MOTION CARRIED

SIGNED: Wanson Hemphill, Chair

DATE: