

AGENDA

Regular Council Meeting – Rural Municipality of North Shore
6:30 pm Wednesday, May 11th, 2022 at North Shore Community Centre

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

2.1. Disclosure of Pecuniary (Financial) or other Conflicts of Interest

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM

REGULAR MEETING 6:30PM APR 13, 2022

SPECIAL MEETING 3:30PM APR 25, 2022

3.1. Business arising from the minutes

4. DELEGATIONS SPECIAL SPEAKERS AND PUBLIC INPUT

5. REPORTS

5.1. EMO Committee Report

5.2. Water and Environment Committee Report

5.3. Recreation and Engagement Committee Report

5.4. Covehead and Tracadie Bay Enhancement Committee Report

5.5. Stanhope Peninsula Potable Water Research Committee Report

5.6. CAO Report

5.7. Finance and Infrastructure Report

5.8. Planning Board and Development Permit Report

(Approval of Reports)

6. NEW BUSINESS (REQUESTS FOR DECISION)

6.1. RFD-22-015 Appointment of MEO and Deputy MEO

6.2. RFD-22-016 First reading of Bylaw 2018-03-B Reserve Bylaw Amendment

6.3. RFD-22-017 Approval of Maintenance for Grand Tracadie Sump Pumps

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Letter from concerned Fisherman regarding Planning and Development

7.2 Request for Resolution for World Oceans Day

7.3 Planning Grant info

8. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

9. IN CAMERA as per MGA section 119 (d) and (f) Human resources matters and legal matters

10. NEXT MEETING June 8, 2022 6:30pm Grand Tracadie School Centre

11. ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting – Rural Municipality of North Shore

6:30 pm Wednesday May 11th, 2022

@ North Shore Community Centre

PRESENT:

Mayor Gerard Watts, Deputy Mayor Nancy MacKinnon, Councilors - Derek Cook, Wanson Hemphill, Krista Shaw and Peter Vriends and CAO Stephanie Moase.

Regrets- Bob Doyle

3 members of the public.

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 pm by Mayor Gerard Watts

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as presented.

Moved by Councilor Krista Shaw, seconded by Councilor Wanson Hemphill

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MOTION CARRIED

2022-05-040

2.1. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY (Financial) or other CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

There were none

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Monthly Council Meeting of April 13th, 2022 @ 6:30 pm be approved as presented.

Moved by Councilor Peter Vriends, seconded by Councilor Nancy MacKinnon

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MOTION CARRIED

2022-05-041

It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of April 25th, 2022 @ 3:30 pm be approved as presented.

Moved by Councilor Krista Shaw, seconded by Councilor Wanson Hemphill

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MOTION CARRIED

2022-05-042

3.1. Business Arising From the Minutes

A councilor questioned how the website transition was coming along. PEI Business Federation has most files transferred and is working on aesthetics, still having issues accessing the domain name.

4. DELEGATIONS, SPECIAL SPEAKERS AND PUBLIC INPUT

None

5. REPORTS

5.1. EMO Committee Report

Chair Derek Cook stated they had no meeting in April and will meet on May 17, 2022 and Danny Kelly will be guest speaker to do a Risk Assessment for York, North Shore and Union Rd had theirs done a couple of years ago.

5.2 Water and Environment Committee Report

Discussion on rain barrels, Committee has tabled the item this month pending further review.

Based on the push for water conservation and potential issues of water on the Stanhope Peninsula, Chair Wanson Hemphill brought forward a recommendation from the committee regarding pools in Stanhope being filled with groundwater. Councilor Hemphill amended the original motion to remove "or topped up"

It was duly moved and seconded that Council create a bylaw amendment that on Stanhope Peninsula swimming pools are not to be filled using groundwater.

Moved by Councilor Wanson Hemphill, seconded by Councilor Krista Shaw

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MOTION CARRIED

2022-05-043

Chair Wanson Hemphill brought forward a recommendation from the committee that Council reconsider and remove the amendment to the Septic Bylaw that would only be for undersized lots

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the original septic bylaw without the previous amendment for undersized lots.

Moved by Councilor Wanson Hemphill, seconded by Councilor Derek Cook

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MOTION DEFEATED

2022-05-044

5.3 Recreation and Engagement Committee Report

No report.

5.4 Covehead and Tracadie Bay Enhancement Committee Report

Mayor Gerard Watts presented a verbal report. At the meeting on April 27 a representative from the North Shore Oyster Company which took over a large lease on the Covehead Bay spoke regarding their intentions of operations moving forward. DFO have indicated no changes on the bay. Sarah Stewart Clark's research will be focused on Tracadie Bay this year, doing the same studies as she completed on Covehead Bay last year. Hoping to have her also again present her findings from those studies. The watershed group also reported on their work and we will continue to collaborate with them.

5.5 Stanhope Peninsula Potable Water Research Committee Report

Mayor Gerard Watts stated that we are awaiting a date to be confirmed from CBCL to meet with the committee on their progress thus far on the Stanhope Peninsula Potable Water System Conceptual Design and Analysis.

5.6 CAO Report

Deputy Mayor Nancy MacKinnon wished to acknowledge the work and commitment of CAO Stephanie Moase for the Municipality and that she is doing a great job.

CAO thanked Deputy Mayor MacKinnon and Council for their acknowledgment, it means alot during these busy times.

MCEG and AER's have been completed and Auditors are here this week to complete the audit. The hosting of the FPEIM AGM went very well and the presenters were very informative. So far have been approved for 3 summer students, still awaiting Provincial Jobs for Youth. Small Halls June 15, 2022, spread the news!

5.7 Finance and Infrastructure Report

Chair Peter Vriends referred Council to the report. A councilor asked if any discussion had ever been had by Finance on outdoor washrooms for the facility. There has not been as the soccer and softball have access to the facility washrooms. Council reviewed the year end budget tracking.

5.8 Planning Board and Development Permit Report

Chair Nancy MacKinnon referred Council to the permit report. There is lots of development going on.

It was duly moved and seconded that all reports be approved.

Moved by Councilor Nancy MacKinnon, seconded by Councilor Derek Cook

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MOTION CARRIED

2022-05-045

6. NEW BUSINESS (REQUEST FOR DECISION):

6.1 RFD-22-015 Appointment of MEO and Deputy MEO

Mayor Watts introduced the RFD.

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve Shirley Beebe as Municipal Elections Officer and Stephanie Moase as the Deputy Municipal Elections Officer.

Moved by Councilor Krista Shaw, seconded by Councilor Peter Vriends

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MOTION CARRIED

2022-05-046

6.2 RFD-22-016 First Reading of Bylaw 2018-03-B Reserve Bylaw Amendment

Mayor Watts introduced the RFD.

Whereas a Bylaw exists for the purpose of creating and tracking Reserve Funds for the Municipality as required by section 155 of the MGA;

And whereas Finance and Infrastructure reviewed the Reserve Fund Bylaw and recommends to Council the creation of an Official Plan and Bylaw Reserve Fund;

And whereas Schedule A of the 2018-03 Bylaw forms part of the Bylaw and may only be amended by following the Bylaw Amendment process;

Be it resolved that Bylaw 2018-03-B A Bylaw to Amend the Reserve Fund Bylaw be hereby read a first time

Moved by Councilor Peter Vriends, seconded by Councilor Krista Shaw

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MOTION CARRIED

2022-05-047

Whereas a Bylaw exists for the purpose of creating and tracking Reserve Funds for the Municipality as required by section 155 of the MGA;

And whereas Finance and Infrastructure reviewed the Reserve Fund Bylaw and recommends to Council the creation of an Official Plan and Bylaw Reserve Fund;

And whereas Schedule A of the 2018-03 Bylaw forms part of the Bylaw and may only be amended by following the Bylaw Amendment process;

Be it resolved that the first reading of Bylaw 2018-03-B A Bylaw to Amend the Reserve Fund Bylaw be hereby approved

Moved by Councilor Peter Vriends, seconded by Councilor Derek Cook

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MOTION CARRIED

2022-05-048

6.3 RFD-22-017 Approval of Maintenance for Grand Tracadie Sump Pumps

Mayor Watts introduced the RFD. CAO Stephanie Moase explained the issues and what comments were made by the contractor when reviewing the site

It was duly moved and seconded Council to approve the maintenance of the sump pumps and drainage at Grand Tracadie for \$5700+HST from Capital Reserves

Moved by Councilor Peter Vriends, seconded by Councilor Nancy MacKinnon

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MOTION CARRIED

2022-05-049

CAO Stephanie Moase requested that Councilor Peter Vriends also discuss at this time the allocation of the 2021-2022 F/Y surplus into the Reserve Funds.

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve approve the movement of surplus funds as follows: Legal Reserve Fund- \$10,000

Land Acquisition Fund- \$37,000

Official Plan and Bylaw Fund- \$6,000

Moved by Councilor Peter Vriends, seconded by Councilor Derek Cook

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MOTION CARRIED

2022-05-050

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Letter from concerned fishermen regarding Planning and Development

Letter to be forwarded to Planning board to review.

7.2 Request for Resolution for World's Ocean Day

Request to show Municipal support through social media instead of a formal resolution

7.3 Planning Grant info

Reviewed letter, for information only. Planning Grant will be increased slightly with the addition of Grand Tracadie and Pleasant Grove in the Official Plan

8. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

Nil

9. CLOSED MEETING - IN CAMERA

It was duly moved and seconded that the meeting be closed as per MGA Section 119(1)(d)and (f) Human Resource Matters and Legal Matters.

Moved by Councilor Peter Vriends, seconded by Councilor Krista Shaw

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MOTION CARRIED

2022-05-051

It was duly moved and seconded that the meeting be re-opened to the Public.

Moved by Councilor Krista Shaw, seconded by Councilor Derek Cook

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MOTION CARRIED

2022-05-052

10. NEXT MEETING:

Special Council Meeting Monday, May 16, 2022 @ 7:30 at North Shore Community Centre.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.

Moved by Councilor Derek Cook, seconded by Councilor Wanson Hemphill

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MOTION CARRIED

2022-05-053

SIGNED: Gerard Watts, Mayor

DATE:

SIGNED: Stephanie Moase, CAO

DATE:

Water and Environment Report for May 2022 Council Meeting

Water & Environment Meeting April 20, 2022

Committee members were disappointed with Council's motion to proceed with a Septic Bylaw for Minimum sized lots. They listed several reasons for their discontent including:

- Creates Division among residents.
- Sends the Wrong message.
- Negative impact on water quality.
- Larger lots may think maintenance is not important.
- Not a huge burden to pump every 5 years.
- Creates a double standard.
- Potential impact on our Bays.

The committee is therefore recommending Council reconsider and support a motion for the original Septic Bylaw for all landowners with septic systems.

Committee members also suggest a loophole in the Official Plan regarding swimming pools which could be filled with groundwater. This seems to contradict the current policy of water conservation. It is reported that 9 swimming pools exist on the Stanhope Peninsula which could use a huge amount of drinking water each year. Committee recommends an amendment to the current requirement that would prohibit the filling and topping up using groundwater of swimming pools within the Stanhope Peninsula.

The pros and cons of a Rainbarrel promotion was discussed and tabled to next meeting.

The recent Erosion on a building lot development on MacMillan Point was reviewed.

Wanson Hemphill, Chair

CAO's REPORT

April 2022

- Maintaining and updating website- reviewed quotes and chose new designer
- Preparation of minutes for Council and committees
- Working with contractors on completing and quoting Capital & Maintenance Projects
- Working with Development Officer with property issues, various permits, training
- Working with Rec Coordinator on equipment purchases, events, Summer students, Jubilee project
- Preparing MCEG for 2021-2022 F/Y
- Completed Annual Expenditure Report (AER) for Gas Tax for 2021-2022
- Working with Auditors for 2021-2022 Audit
- Working with Legal on items for IRAC mediation
- Working on Procedural Bylaw, Committee Policy, Employee Code of Conduct, Election Bylaw, Reserve Fund Bylaw
- Working with Province/Legal/Insurance on user agreement for floating docks at Stanhope Wharf
- Attended FPEIM AGM April 25/22

Capital and Maintenance Projects

New/Replacement Signs for Municipality- Grand Tracadie grounds, NSCC grounds, GT Building – Ongoing maintenance budget

NSCC and GT Grounds Upgrades- Budget 55,000 Gas Tax, and \$55,750 CCRF will include benches, grandstands, garbage receptacles, bike racks, picnic tables, water station, ballfield fencing. Will also include new parking lot at Grand Tracadie.

Master Recreation Plan- Budget \$15,000 applied to Provincial Capacity Building, denied under MSC

Stanhope Promenade- Budget Gas Tax \$14000 for interpretive panels 3 benches to be replaced \$1068 ea

Grand Tracadie Generator- Budget \$42,000 safe restart funds (\$13,000) climate challenge funding denied again

Medical Lift at NSCC- Budget \$77,000 quote from Harding medical for medical lift, less than an elevator and does not have the restrictions the chairlift does. Received drawings to get contractor quote for shaft- Received New Horizons funding \$25000

NSCC and GT Water stations: Quote \$1500 plus tax and installation

Website Migration and Security- Budget \$5000 Project awarded to PEI Atlantic Business Federation

Grand Tracadie Survey- Budget \$1500 Project awarded to ISE

Grand Tracadie basement water issue- Received quote from Boswall's to repair sump pumps

NSCC Roof repair- Budget \$14000 Gas Tax - Awaiting quotes, have 1

Dog Waste Receptacle- Grand Tracadie 40 Rink Rd

Grand Tracadie – Maintenance COMPLETED \$262.21 new door between kitchen and classroom

Grand Tracadie- Budget \$500 COMPLETED \$515 for installation new fire door for electrical room

Grand Tracadie- Budget \$6000 COMPLETED \$6992 new fire panel, pulls, smokes and wiring

New Sign for West Covehead- Budget \$180 COMPLETED

NSCC Audio/Visual Upgrades- Budget \$22,000 COMPLETED \$21,935.68 COVID Safe restart fund

Grand Tracadie Playground Slide- Recreation Budget \$600-COMPLETED

Promenade- Paving patch at Point Pleasant Lane- COMPLETED

Oil Tank Replacement for Stanhope Place- Capital Budget COMPLETED

Stanhope Place Basement Crack- Maintenance Budget \$1000 COMPLETED Repair and Maintenance

Dog Waste Receptacle- along Promenade – 2 COMPLETED

Pleasant Grove Sign- COMPLETED

Kayak Launch- Budget \$7000- COMPLETED \$3994.40- will ship in May

Grand Tracadie- Fly issue COMPLETED \$1130 -Paul cut attic hatch. Legault installed cluster busters \$453 and sprayed \$402.25

Rink Signage- COMPLETED GT and NSCC Rinks (\$225)

Report Finance and Admin. meeting May2/2022

Call to order 4PM present Gary Bradley, Doug Smith, Rick Bain, Howard Ellis, Gerard Watts, Stephanie Moase, Peter Vriends. Regrets John Cook

Agenda Approved, no conflicts declared. Minutes Mar7th/2022 approved

New Business, Mar2022 and year end budget tracking reviewed.

Motion passed to recommend to Council to create a Legal Fees Reserve Fund

Motion passed to recommend to Council to create an Official Plan Reserve Fund

Motion passed to recommend to Council to create a Land acquisition Fund.

Motion passed to recommend transfer from the year-end surplus, \$10 thousand to the Legal reserve fund

Motion passed to recommend transfer from the year-end surplus, \$6 thousand to the Official Plan reserve fund

Motion passed that we recommend transfer from the year-end surplus, \$37 thousand to the land acquisition fund.

The committee reviewed Capital projects completed and ongoing as well as various maintenance issues.

Motion passed to recommend to Council approval of repairs to Grand Tracadie Centre re: pumping of water infiltrating the basement and better drainage of the water further from the building.

Boswalls Basement systems submitted a quote for approx \$5700.

Meeting adjourned 5PM Next meeting May16th 4PM

Chair Peter Vriends

APRIL 2022 DEVELOPMENT PERMITS REPORT
THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH SHORE

PROPERTY NUMBER	PROPERTY ADDRESS	PERMIT NUMBER	DATE PERMIT ISSUED	APPLICANT'S NAME	DESCRIPTION OF WORK
617209	2030 Rte 25, Covehead Rd	NS-22-021	14-Apr-22	North Shore Rural Community Fire Co	Addition to existing institutional building
135103	2668 Rte 25, Stanhope	NS-22-028	19-Apr-22	DMR Property Inspections Inc	Add new detached non commercial garage
586594	36 Lawson Lane, Stanhope	NS-22-017	19-Apr-22	Craig Storey	Construct new attached Garage with Entertainment Room
135137	2714 Rte 25, Stanhope	NS-22-034	21-Apr-22	Norman & Steven Shaw	Make a temporary building placed on property permanent
135269	2564 Rte 6, Stanhope	NS-22-031	26-Apr-22	David & Andrea Shaw	New single family dwelling with attached garage
704197	291 Eagles Path Lane, West Covehead	NS-22-029	28-Apr-22	Joanne MacNeil	First Phase Permit for footing construction of addition to cottage and deck
914267	Lot 8 Garden Shore Rd, West Covehead	NS-22-030	28-Apr-22	Kim & Ensor McNeill	New Cottage

**Rural Municipality of North Shore
REQUEST FOR DECISION
Topic: Appoint MEO & Deputy MEO**

Date: Apr 25, 2022	Request No: RFD-2022-015 <i>(Office Use Only)</i>
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Person: Stephanie Moase	Representing: RMNS
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Background: November 2022 is Municipal Elections, Municipal Affairs requires the Municipal Electoral Officer (MEO) and a deputy to be appointed for the Municipality in May

Request: Council appoint Shirley Beebe as MEO and Stephanie Moase as Deputy MEO

Advantages	Disadvantages

Required Resources:	
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Staff Comments	
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CAO's Review / Comments	
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Rural Municipality of North Shore
REQUEST FOR DECISION
Topic: 2018-03-B Reserve Fund Bylaw Amendment

Date: May 3, 2022	Request No: RFD-2022-016 <i>(Office Use Only)</i>
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Person: Peter Vriends	Representing: Finance and Infrastructure
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Background: At the end of the year Finance and Infrastructure review and surplus and place into reserve funds. A review of the reserve funds indicated a requirement for an Official Plan and Bylaw Reserve Fund

Request: Council to give first reading on Bylaw Amendment 2018-03-B to add an Official Plan and Bylaw Amendment.

Advantages	Disadvantages
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Required Resources:	
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Staff Comments	See proposed resolutions
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CAO's Review / Comments	
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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH SHORE

BYLAW # 2018-03- B **Bylaw to Amend the Reserve Funds Bylaw**

This Bylaw is made under the authority of the *Planning Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. P-8 and the *Municipal Government Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. M-12.1.

A bylaw to amend the Rural Municipality of North Shore Bylaw to Regulate Reserve Funds Bylaw #2018-03

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH SHORE as follows:

1. Section 23 of the Bylaw to Regulate Reserve Funds, update of Schedule A to include Reserve Funds for Official Plan and Bylaw.

2. **Effective Date**

This Bylaw shall be effective as of XXXX, 2022

3. **Approval**

First Reading:

This Bylaw to Amend the Reserve Funds Bylaw, Bylaw# 2018-03-B, was read a first time at the Council meeting held on the 11th day of May, 2022.

This Bylaw to Amend the Reserve Funds Bylaw, Bylaw# 2018-03-B, was approved by a majority of Council members present at the Council meeting held on the 11th day of May, 2022.

Second Reading:

This Bylaw to Amend the Reserve Funds Bylaw, Bylaw# 2018-03-B, was read a second time at the Council meeting held on the Xth day of X, 2022.

This Bylaw to Amend the Reserve Funds Bylaw, Bylaw# 2018-03-B, was approved by a majority of Council members present at the Council meeting held on the Xth day of X, 2022.

Adoption and Approval by Council:

This Bylaw to Amend the Reserve Funds Bylaw, Bylaw# 2018-03-B, was adopted by a majority of Council members present at the Council meeting held on the Xth day of X, 2022.

This Bylaw to Amend the Reserve Funds Bylaw, Bylaw# 2018-03-B, is declared to be passed on this the Xth day of X, 2022.

Mayor (signature sealed)

Chief Administrative Officer (signature sealed)

This Bylaw to Amend the Reserve Funds Bylaw, Bylaw# 2018-03-B adopted by the Council of the Rural Municipality of North Shore on the Xth day of X, 2022 is certified to be a true copy.

Chief Administrative Officer Signature

Date

Schedule A – Reserve Funds

Note: This schedule forms part of the bylaw and may only be amended in accordance with Part 5 Division 2 of the Act.

Name	Year Established	Purpose	Date of Fund closure
Capital Reserve and Infrastructure Reinvestment	2016	To provide for expenditures associated with major construction, maintenance or improvement of a municipal asset and for the expenditures associated with the rehabilitation or replacement of existing capital infrastructure.	
Parkland Dedication Reserve Fund	2011	To provide for the purchase and development of parkland in developing areas and redeveloping areas and/or supports the upgrading of existing parks/facilities (neighbourhood or community) provided the need to upgrade is due to intensification of the surrounding neighbourhood (As outlined in the 2014 Official Plan)	
Legal Fee Reserve Fund	2018	To provide for expenditure of any unforeseen legal issue that may arise at the Municipality.	
Elections Reserve Fund	2018	To provide for Municipal election costs, ie. staffing and administration of Municipal Elections scheduled every four years starting in November of 2018.	
Land Acquisitions Reserve Fund	2021	To provide for the acquisition of land that may be needed for the Municipality	
Official Plan Reserve Fund	2022	To provide for expenditures associated with the Official Plan and Bylaw review every 5 years	

Rural Municipality of North Shore
REQUEST FOR DECISION
Topic: Grand Tracadie Maintenance Approval

Date: May 3, 2022	Request No: RFD-2022-017 <i>(Office Use Only)</i>
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Person: Peter Vriends	Representing: Finance and Infrastructure
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Background: Grand Tracadie School had issues this year with water in the basement. CAO had Boswall's Basements to come out to review the issue. They provided a quote to complete the maintenance at \$5700 +HST. As per the Procurement Policy CAO requires Council approval for expenditures over \$5000

Request: Council to approve the maintenance of the sump pumps and drainage at Grand Tracadie for \$5700+HST

Advantages	Disadvantages
Stop water intrusion and reduce clean-up costs	

Required Resources:	
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Staff Comments	
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CAO's Review / Comments	
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Rural Municipality of North Shore
2120 Covehead Road, West Covehead, PE C0A 1P0

Dear Mayor, Councillors and Administrators of the Community of North Shore,

This letter is written on behalf of the fisheries community and the Harbour Authorities of Covehead and Grand Tracadie Harbours, as well as the citizens of the North Shore Community and representatives of the Winter River Watershed and the Friends of Covehead and Brackley Bays and the PEI Aquaculture Alliance who attended a public meeting at the North Shore Community Centre on April 26, 2022. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss concerns about the stewardship of sensitive environmental areas through land use planning and permitting processes of the Community of North Shore, especially when these planning and permitting processes – or their enforcement – potentially impact the fishery and the health of the watersheds, estuaries and marine environment or the livelihood of fishers.

The April 26th meeting was well attended. Representatives made presentations on the programs and activities of the two watershed groups. The presentations led into a ninety-minute discussion. With the Community of North Shore being one of the fastest growing municipalities on Prince Edward Island, it is recognized that development comes with environmental pressures. The concerns raised at the April 26th meeting were not anti-development. However, meeting participants shared concerns about two recent instances in which development has encroached on sensitive environmental areas with specific impact on the fisheries sector and the marine habitat. These cases are at MacMillan Point Road on Brackley Bay and on the Stanhope Bayshore Road in the marine area that includes Covehead Harbour.

The discussion at the meeting focused on two specific ways in which the Community of North Shore should work with the fisheries and general community to prevent environmental harm to sensitive areas and to respond when harm occurs. First, there should be consultation with the fisheries sector when proposed development could potentially cause harm to sensitive environmental areas that impact fisheries habitat or livelihoods. Second, when development proceeds in a manner that causes harm to the environment, the Community should be prepared to use “stop work” orders to protect the environment and ensure compliance. The strong consensus at the meeting was that after-the-fact fines are not an adequate response, especially when the fines are not substantial. The two resolutions passed at the meeting are attached.

In support of these resolutions, we draw your attention to the following language from the 2021 *Official Plan of the Rural Municipality of North Shore*. “The Municipality identifies with its productive land and sea resources” (s.2.1) The “Context” section of the Official Plan recognizes that “viewsapes enhanced by the Bays...contribute to the enjoyment and quality of life for all.” (s.2.2) It endorses a watershed review calling for “a multi-user approach in current and future planning for Covehead-Brackley Bays and the need to focus on a collaborative, ecological, and shared-use approach for the sustainability of the bays.” The watershed review identified ways “in which the Municipality can contribute to sustainable watershed management through responsible land use planning, the protection of environmental buffer zones, and consideration of the risks associated with coastal flooding and erosion due to climate change.” (s. 2.2)

The 2021 *Official Plan* states the North Shore Community's **Municipal Goal** in clear terms (s. 5):

The goal of the Rural Municipality of North Shore is to continue to be a rural municipality, with a core economic base in agriculture, fisheries and tourism; where residential development, and social and recreational services support diverse, inclusive and life-long communities; where ecological stewardship of the land and waterways is highly valued and the natural beauty is respected; and where innovation and resource-related economic development is supported.

This Municipal Goal should serve as a reference point or North Star for the Community in its land use planning, as well as administration and enforcement. To judge by the concerns expressed at the April 26th public meeting, those in attendance do not feel that the Municipality of North Shore is currently living up to its own Municipal Goal. Specifically, the fisheries sector requests that there be consultation when proposed development may potentially cause harm to sensitive environmental areas or may potentially impact fisheries habitat and livelihoods. This includes notice and consultation for any zoning or land use changes as well as consultation on specific developments in environmentally sensitive areas. For example, Covehead Harbour has one fresh water well. This could be called an economic and environmental lifeline for the Harbour and the fisheries community. Yet, the Community of North Shore has recently given a permit for a development directly adjacent to this essential, sensitive area without consultation, without holding a public meeting and without bringing the matter to Council's attention.

In addition to concerns about consultation, much of the discussion at the April 26th meeting focussed on the need for effective enforcement. A number of participants commented that current fines or penalties, whether at the municipal, provincial or federal level of government, are so insubstantial that they are widely perceived to be a licence to break the law or to cause environmental harm. To remedy this situation, fines ought to be increased and the Municipality should have the power to issue "stop work" orders.

We would welcome an opportunity to discuss these concerns and recommendations with Council. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Robbie Moore

Francis "Buck" Watts etc.

Robbie Moore

Francis "Buck" Watts

MEETING RE FISHERIES CONCERNS ABOUT PLANNING, PERMITTING AND ENFORCEMENT PROCESSES OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH SHORE. APRIL 26, 2022. NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY CENTRE

RESOLUTION # 1.

Moved/Seconded.

That the fisheries sector requests the Community of North Shore for consultation when a proposed development may potentially cause harm to sensitive environmental areas or may potentially impact fisheries habitat and livelihoods. This includes notice and consultation for any zoning or land use changes as well as consultation on specific developments in environmentally sensitive areas.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION # 2.

Moved/Seconded.

That the Rural Municipality of North Shore must have the power to issue “stop work” orders for developments that fail to comply with conditions of permits or that proceed without required permits, and that “stop work” orders be used to prevent harm to environmentally sensitive areas.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

World Ocean Day, June 8th - Motion for Ocean Protection

1 message

Paul Gregory <pgregory@naturecanada.ca>
To: administrator@northshorepei.ca

Wed, Apr 13, 2022 at 6:30 PM

His/Her Worship Mayor,

I'm writing to you on behalf of Nature Canada's ocean protection team with an opportunity to help create positive change for your community, and the natural world we all rely on.

Canada has the longest coastline in the world. With it comes the duty to be leaders in protecting and restoring the ocean. As part of the Global Deal for Nature in the Paris Accords, our government **has promised to protect 30 percent of oceans by 2030** through establishing Marine Protected Areas. In 2015 only one percent of Canadian oceans were protected. But as of 2020, due advocacy by Canadians like you, nearly 14 percent of the world's oceans are now safeguarded for generations to come.

Municipalities can be powerful change agents in the goal to protect 30 percent of the world's oceans by 2030. We have seen this leadership in action in combating climate change, when cities and towns across the world stepped up to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and pressured federal governments to do the same. Whether on the coast or far inland, municipalities rely on ocean ecosystems for seafood production, climate regulation, and the preservation of unique and beautiful animals and ecosystems.

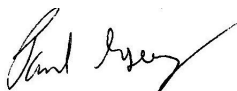
Municipalities are on the front lines of climate change and feel effects firsthand, from extreme heat to extreme precipitation.

Reaching our ocean protection goal will help us win the fight against global warming. Municipalities are on the front lines of climate change and feel effects firsthand, from extreme heat to extreme precipitation. The oceans play a pivotal role counteracting climate change as the largest carbon sink, providing more than half our oxygen while storing fifty times more carbon than the atmosphere. Oceans also regulate weather, helping to balance the uneven distribution of solar radiation.




Here's why we need you: Your voice as a municipality can influence national governments and have a direct effect on the quality of life for your residents. It's as easy as having the council pass the attached resolution. By taking this simple step, you will be helping our policy team show government officials that Canadians support National Marine Protected Areas and encourage them to implement effective policies.

It would mean a great deal to us if you could sign on to help secure a future for our generation and the generations to come.

In solidarity with you and with our natural world,



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2 attachments

 **Oceans Day Resolution - 2022 .pdf**
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 **Municipal cover letter for the resolution.pdf**
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3 messages

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Fri, Apr 8, 2022 at 11:32 AM

Hi Stephanie,

Thank you for your questions on: Now that we have an official plan approved that includes the former Rural Municipalities of Pleasant Grove and Grand Tracadie will our planning grant be adjusted?

Yes, there will be a one-time adjustment made, likely in September due to PEI government processing cycles. Then next April it will be part of the yearly amount. Note, I don't know the amount but it wouldn't be big.

Have a great day,

Tracey

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