

# APPROVED MINUTES

## *Regular Council Meeting – Rural Municipality of North Shore*

*6:30 pm, Wednesday January 10, 2024*

*@ North Shore Community Centre*

PRESENT:

Mayor Gerard Watts

Deputy Mayor Nancy MacKinnon

Councilor Bob Doyle

Councilor Derek Cook-by phone

Councilor Peter McLaine

Councilor Robbie Moore

Councilor Craig MacDonald

CAO Sarah Wheatley

There were three members of the public present.

### **1 CALL TO ORDER**

Called 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.***

*Moved by Councillor MacDonald; seconded by Deputy MacKinnon*

*All in favor*

*MOTION CARRIED*

*2024-01-01*

### **2.1 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY (Financial) or other CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

### **3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **3.1 Regular council meeting on December 13, 2023**

**It was duly moved and seconded: that the minutes from the Regular Council meeting on December 13, 2023, meeting be approved as presented.**

*Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor McLaine*

*All in favor*

*MOTION CARRIED*

*2024-01-02*

#### **3.2 Business Arising from the Minutes**

- Follow up requesting letter to MLA -Bloyce Thompson regarding Lighting on Maggie Ln.
- EV Chargers at NSCC will be a project for next spring.
- Climate Action Plan went to visual communication company for formatting and Sarah received on January 10, 2024 for approval.
- Update on restructure of office space: Claudette (bookkeeper) is upstairs which is also the new boardroom space, Marie (admin assistant), Craig (Rec/Events Coordinator), Rhonda (Office Assistant) are all in open office downstairs, and Mirko (development officer) in the front office. Johnathan (maintenance) moves around to all locations.

- Have the new Sage 50 Financial software (formerly known as Simply Accounting), Sarah and Claudette can work on it at the same time.
- Stanhope Place heating system is being looked at, mainly the furnace. The heat pumps work very well upstairs.
- Fiona funding from province, still in progress.
- Promenade is still under review.

#### **4 Delegations, Speakers, and Public Input**

None

#### **5. Reports**

##### **5.1 CAO Report:**

- Working a new website.
- Update on Gas Tax Applications- January 10, 2024 approvals are done and documents in mail.
- Organization of all locations: Stanhope Place, NSCC and Grand Tracadie.

##### **5.2 Finance and Infrastructure Report**

- No meeting this month

##### **5.3 Planning Board Report**

- Slow down of applications.
- Redesigning the process of applications

##### **5.4 EMO Committee Report**

- No meeting this month.

##### **5.5 Recreation and Engagement Committee Report**

- No meeting
- New Rec/Events Coordinator, Craig began January 8, 2024.
- Councillor Cook mentioned we should have public form to see what the residents are interested in for the area. Date for this is TBD.
- Community Fridge/Pantry is a success.

##### **5.6 Bays, Environment & Water Committee Report**

- No meeting.

##### **5.7 Stanhope Peninsula Potable Water Research Committee**

- No meeting.

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

*Moved by Deputy MacKinnon, seconded by Councillor Moore*

*All in favor.*

*MOTION CARRIED*

*2024-01-05*

## 6 NEW BUSINESS

### 6.1 Summer Kids Camp

- Sarah recommends not offering these camps again, and all councillors agreed. A public announcement to be made.

### 6.2 Plans for 2024

- Goals discussed by council members for 2024:
  - Rinks/ Pickleball
  - Residents Property – Unsightly Bylaws
  - Land for expanding recreation opportunities
  - Bay cleanup project
  - Data on water, Bays & Environment reports
  - Improve security system (Grand Tracadie)
  - Funding to expand daycares.
  - New school for our district.

## 7 IN CAMERA SESSION: MGA – 119. Closed meetings

Despite subsection 118(1), a council or council committee may, by resolution, close all or part of a meeting to the public, either in advance or at the meeting, where the matter to be discussed is, in relation to any of the following, confidential:

(b) information received in confidence which, if disclosed, would likely be prejudicial to municipality or parties involved;

(d) human resource matters, including labour relations or employee negotiations.

(e) a matter still under consideration, on which the council has not yet publicly announced a decision, and about which discussion in public would likely prejudice a municipality's ability to carry out its negotiations.

(f) The review of legal advice.

**It was duly moved and seconded: to close the meeting to the public at 7:18 pm**

*Moved by Deputy MacKinnon, seconded by Councilor McLaine*  
*All in favor*  
*MOTION CARRIED*  
*2024-01-03*

**It was duly moved and seconded: to reopen the meeting to the public at 8:31 pm.**

*Moved by Councilor cook, seconded by Councilor Doyle*  
*All in favor*  
*MOTION CARRIED*  
*2024-01-04*

## 8 NEXT MEETING

February 14, 2024 at 6:30pm in the North Shore Community Centre

**9 ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.**

*Moved by Councilor Doyle, seconded by Councillor McLaine  
All in favor  
MOTION CARRIED  
2024-01-06*

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SIGNED: Gerard Watts, Mayor

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DATE:

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SIGNED: Sarah Wheatley, CAO

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