APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting – Rural Municipality of North Shore

6:30 pm, Wednesday November 8, 2023

@ North Shore Community Centre

PRESENT:

Mayor Gerard Watts Councilor Bob Doyle - absent CAO Sarah Wheatley

Deputy Mayor Nancy MacKinnon Councilor Derek Cook

Councilor Peter McLaine

Councilor Robbie Moore

Councilor Craig MacDonald

There were five members of the public present.

# CALL TO ORDER

Called to order 6:32 pm by Mayor Gerard Watts.

# APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Moved by Councilor Cook; seconded by Councillor MacDonald

All in favor

MOTION CARRIED

2023-11-134

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

There were none.

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

## Regular council meeting on Oct 11, 2023 and Special meetings on August 1,2023

It was duly moved and seconded: that the minutes from the Special Council meeting on August 1, 2023, meeting be approved as presented.

Moved by Councillor Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, seconded by Councillor Cook

All in favor

MOTION CARRIED

2023-11-135

It was duly moved and seconded: that the minutes from the Regular Council meeting on October 11, 2023, meeting be approved as presented.

Moved by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Moore

All in favor

MOTION CARRIED

2023-11-136

## Business Arising from the Minutes

* August 1, 2023 – no business arising.
* October 2023 – No Halloween party but did hold the Trunk or Treat event. Larger garbage bins needed and Sarah waiting on quotes for rental fees.

# Delegations, Speakers, and Public Input

None

## 5. Reports

**5.1 CAO Report:**

* Mentioned to council about Code of Conduct Training and Annual Disclosure statements due to Government.
* Working on Web site- making more mobile friendly. IT upgrade is in progress. New office space is set up.
* Climate Action Plan is almost completed, which is a forward-looking approach to incorporating environmental issues into municipal policies and programs. Sarah is working with Clean Foundation on a survey and promotion of survey is underway. She has 40 completed and hoping to have over 50 survey responses.
* Audit is in and submitted to Government.
* Two new staff members have been on for 2 weeks. Lawyer reviewed and assisted on the new hire contracts.
* CAO recommends a HR committee to assist with more challenging matters.
* Medical lift project is complete. If anyone is needing training on the use, please ask Sarah. Instructions are posted by the lift.
* North Shore generator shed is not going to be happening, after consulting with numerous experts. CAO exploring other possible solutions.
* Working on quotes for shed to be lifted, EV charger, painting at NSCC and aluminum stairs on promenade.
* Snow Removal – multiple bids now received on all locations, and tenders awarded. Stanhope Place and NSCC will be done by one contractor and Grand Tracadie sites by another contractor.
* Rink Liner for Grand Tracadie – Lucas has been looking after and receiving prices & measurements.

## 5.2 Finance and Infrastructure Report

Councilor MacDonald reported:

* Finance will come back with a recommendation regarding fines/violations.

## 5.3 Planning Board Report

* Reminder of rezoning & public meetings regarding subdivision on Nov 29, 2023.
* Discussion on elevation guidelines & clarifying time frames regarding stages.

## 5.4 EMO Committee Report

Councilor Cook reported on the meeting held on November 7, 2023.

* Discussion on current funding programs with provincial and federal governments, but red tape issues with each.
* Developed a list of things that committee would like to see happen at North Shore

## 5.5 Recreation and Engagement Committee Report

Councilor Doyle was absent, so Mayor Watts mentioned:

* Lucas Duston is the new Rec/Events coordinator. Shirley met Lucas to do some training.

## 5.6 Bays, Environment & Water Committee Report

* Councilor Moore had a conversation with Thomas Landry- retired marine biologist. He would be interested in consulting on possible options.
* Mayor Watts mentioned that Sarah Stewart Clarke did some studies as well but has not received copies yet.

## 5.7 Stanhope Peninsula Potable Water Research Committee

* To have a plebiscite on this issue, we need to have a specific type of bylaw. This is a task for our lawyer.

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, seconded by Councilor Moore

All in favor.

MOTION CARRIED

2023-11-137

# NEW BUSINESS

## Subdivision approval process

* Clarification on guidelines to look at and criteria involved.
* Policy directive needed.

## Council Member disclosure & training

* Fill out forms & send back to Sarah.

## Provincial Consultation for Confederation trail- ATV

* Information session on what is wanted on a trail. (i.e. snow mobile, ATVs, bikers, hikers)

## Update on Cass’s Pond

* Councilor Moore talked to Justin Walsh with Friends of Covehead and Brackley Bay regarding the updates and the benefits of the projects.

# 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:

(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 7:33 pm

Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councilor Cook

All in favor

MOTION CARRIED

2023-11-138

It was duly moved and seconded: to reopen the meeting to the public at 8:28 pm.

Moved by Councilor Moore, seconded by Councilor McLaine

All in favor

MOTION CARRIED

2023-11-139

# NEXT MEETING

December 8, 2023 at 6:30pm in the North Shore Community Centre

# ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, seconded by Councillor Moore

All in favor

MOTION CARRIED

2023-11-140

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SIGNED: Gerard Watts, Mayor DATE:

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SIGNED: Sarah Wheatley, CAO DATE: