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 Deputy Derek Cook; seconded by Councillor Craig 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 Nancy MacKinnon, seconded by Councillor Derek Cook

All in favor

MOTION CARRIED

2023-11-135

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

Moved by Councillor Derek Cook, seconded by Councillor Robbie Moore

All in favor

MOTION CARRIED

2023-11-136

## Business Arising from the Minutes

* August there were none.
* October – No Halloween party but did Trunk/Treat.
* Girl Guides were taken care of.
* 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 to refer to e-mails from Municipal Affairs & asked for everyone to do so. Log in for Code of Conduct Training. (mandatory for completion with CAO reporting back upon completion)
* Annual Disclosure statements are due to Government in 3 weeks They are needing to be signed & returned to CAO or Claudette.
* CAO is working with development officer.
* CAO educating herself on Planning Act.
* Working on Web site- making more mobile friendly.
* Climate Action Plan is almost completed. Sarah is working on a survey. It’s a pro active forward approach looking into our environment. Signage is up to inform the public. She has 40 completed and hoping to have 50 plus.
* The set up of new office space has been completed. Mirko is in the front office and has more privacy to do business.
* Sarah has the 3 new laptops set up and running. They have been handed out to the individuals.
* Audit is in and submitted to Government.
* CAO has been in on committee meetings and met with Hon. Bloyce Thomson.
* Two new staff members have been on for 2 weeks.
* Lawyer reviewed and assisted on the new hire contracts.
* CAO recommends a HR committee on a smaller scale with interest/ experience in the field of HR. Along with a couple of community members to assist with more challenging matters.
* Medical lift project is officially complete. If anyone is needing training on the use, please ask Sarah. Instructions are posted at lower/ upper level.
* Still working on the website, still more computers coming with upgrades.
* Washroom funding is from EMO.
* Grand Tracadie generator funding is from EMO. Still in the air on this matter.
* North Shore generator shed is not going to be happening. It’s been mentioned due to ventilation / exhaust issues.
* CAOO has been doing a lot of research on Deisel and the cause of it freezing, contaminants, summer/winter. Chandlers were consulted.
* Working on resources on the shed that needs to be lifted.
* John Ready was here to give a quote for ev charger.
* Quotes on painting the NS facility.
* Promenade – concerned who is looking at the erosion and rocks.
* Aluminum stairs – Had Charles/Sandra do measurements but no quotes to date.
* Snow Removal – Bids on all three locations received. Stanhope Place and NS will be done by same contractor and Grand Tracadie will be another contractor.
* Rink Liner for Grand Tracadie – Lucas has been looking after and receiving prices & measurements.
* Organization of files/ backup systems.

## 5.2 Finance and Infrastructure Report

Craig reported:

* Finance will come back with a recommendation regarding fines/violations.
* It was mentioned to educate the public of process for builders/landowners.

## 5.3 Planning Board Report

* Nancy requested the spreadsheet reference with permits and information to add name header / row.
* 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

Derek stated that there was a meeting on November 7,2023.

* Discussion on program offered provincial/federal but faced with not being clear on what is available to the municipality.
* Developed a list of things that committee would like to see happen at North Shore to assist.
* There was a short discussion on generator as well.

## 5.5 Recreation and Engagement Committee Report

Bob Doyle was absent, so Gerard Watts mentioned:

* Lucas Duston is the new Rec/Events coordinator. Shirley came out to meet with Lucas to bring up to speed and what was already in place.

## 5.6 Bays, Environment & Water Committee Report

* Robbie Moore had a conversation with Thomas Landry- retired marine biologist. He would be interested in doing accessing/ study work on enhancing the water. It would strictly be input where to begin and a few of the more important projects that should be handled.
* Gerard mentioned that Sarah Stewart Clarke did some studies as well but has not been able to receive.

## 5.7 Stanhope Peninsula Potable Water Research Committee

* It was mentioned that to have a plebiscite, we need to have a bylaw. This is not an easy task to draw up a plebiscite bylaw. There needs to be a very specific question. It will go on a list for Ian.

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

Moved by Deputy Nancy MacKinnon, seconded by Councilor Robbie 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. ( ie: snow mobile, ATVs , bikers, hikers)

## Update on Cass’s Pond

* Robbie talked to Justin Walsh with Friends of Brackley & Covehead 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 Robbie Moore, seconded by Councilor Derek 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 Robbie Moore, seconded by Councilor Peter McLaine

All in favor

MOTION CARRIED

2023-11-139

# NEXT MEETING will be 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 Nancy MacKinnon, seconded by Councillor Robbie Moore

All in favor

MOTION CARRIED

2023-11-140

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SIGNED: Gerard Watts, Mayor DATE:

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SIGNED: CAO, Sarah Wheatley DATE: