APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting

February 21, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

North Shore Community Centre

**PRESENT:**

Chair Mayor Watts, Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, Councillor Doyle, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Cook, Councillor McLaine, CAO Sarah Wheatley

Members of the public: 3 Members

# Call to Order

6:30 pm by Mayor Watts.

# Approval of the agenda

**It was duly moved and second to approve an addition 6.4 Street Light at end of Winter River to the agenda as presented.**

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, seconded by Councillor Doyle.

All in Favor

MOTION CARRIED

2024-02-13

## Disclosure of Pecuniary or other Conflicts of Interest

None.

# Approval of the minutes from

## Regular council meeting on January 10, 2024

**It was duly moved and second to approve the minutes from January 10,2024 Regular Council Meeting as presented.**

Moved by Councillor McLaine, seconded by Councillor Cook.

All in Favor

MOTION CARRIED

2024-02-14

## Special closed council meeting January 31, 2024.

**It was duly moved and second to approve the minutes from January 31,2024 Special Closed Meeting as presented.**

Moved by Councillor MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Cook.

All in Favor

MOTION CARRIED

2024-02-15

## Business Arising from the Minutes

* Letter to Bloyce Thompson.
* Update on Gas Tax.
* Update on Grand Tracadie Rink.
* Discussion staff to flood the rink.
* Dart Group moved to Stanhope Place.
* Contact Eagle Construction to clear snow around Community Fridge door at Stanhope Place.

# Delegations, Speakers, and Public Input

No Speakers

# Reports

## CAO Report

* Received a grant from Dept. Agriculture for Community Fridge for the value of $5,000.
* Concert on March 1, 2024 by donation at door. Proceeds will be used for the Community Fridge and other areas of need.
* New Recreation/Events Coordinator - Don Roper hired.
* Maintenance projects being completed by Johnathan, Sandra & Charles.

## Finance and Infrastructure Report

* Upcoming meeting.

## Planning Board and Development Permit Report

* Working on some of the bigger projects.
* Restructuring files and hired a planner to consult regarding our processes.
* Rearranging internal workflow for pre- screening with administration.
* Revamping the application process for transparency for the public and ease of use.
* Forming informational guides on the process for the public.

## Emergency Measures Organization Report

* Upcoming meeting.

## Recreation and Community Engagement Report

* Meeting TBD because of new Recreation / Events Coordinator
* Derek reported that the rink in Grand Tracadie is up and running.

## Water, Bays & Environment Report

* Thomas Landry giving a proposal on data collection on Bays etc. Hopeful for funding.

## Stanhope Potable updates

* Discussed the plebiscite needs further research.

It was duly moved and seconded to approve all reports.

Moved by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Doyle

All in Favor

MOTION CARRIED

2024-02-16

# New Business

## First Reading of Code of Conduct Bylaw (2024-01)

Document was read, but not all required motions were made. First reading will be deferred to next month.

## Spending for Planner

* CAO would like approval to spend up to $15,000.00 on a planner to consult for 2 months.

**It was duly moved and seconded to approve to spend up to $15,000 for a planner in the next 2 months.**

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, seconded by Councillor Doyle

All in Favor

MOTION CARRIED

2024-02-17

## Unsightly property complaint

* Hit many walls on this property complaint and while evaluating possible solutions to the situation.
* CAO to review unsightly bylaw implementation.

## Streetlight at Winter River

* Councillor Cook requested for a streetlight at the end of the Winter River Road.

**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 the 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 7:44 pm.**

Moved by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor McLaine

All in favor

MOTION CARRIED

2024-02-18

It was duly moved and seconded to reopen the meeting to the public at 8:39 pm

Moved by Councillor McLaine, seconded by Councillor Doyle

All in favor

MOTION CARRIED

2024-02-19

**8 Next Meeting March 13, 2024, 6:30pm North shore Community Center**

# Adjournment

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:39pm.**

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, seconded by Councillor MacDonald

All in favor

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2024-02-20

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SIGNED: Gerard Watts, Mayor DATE:

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SIGNED: Sarah Wheatley, CAO DATE: