

Town of New-Wes-Valley

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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, September 6th, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Mayor:

Michael Tiller

Deputy Mayor:

Dawn Stagg

Councillors:

Barry Tucker

Gordon White

Andy Best

Terry Oakley

Also Present:

Town Clerk:

Christina Sullivan

Recording Secretary:

Bryttynne Stokes

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tiller called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

MOTION 22/409 - BARRY TUCKER/TERRY OAKLEY

Be it resolved to appoint Bryttynne Stokes as recording secretary.

In Favour 6: Mayor Tiller

Opposed 0:

Abstaining 0:

Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg

Councillors: B. Tucker, G. White, A. Best, T. Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Tiller noted he would like to provide an update on Healthcare under new business.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 22/410 - DAWN STAGG/TERRY OAKLEY

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented with the addition of healthcare under New Business.

In Favour 6: Mayor Tiller

Opposed 0:

Abstaining 0:

Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg

Councillors: B. Tucker, G. White, A. Best, T. Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

REPORTS

FINANCE and ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Councillor Best presented the report for the meeting held on August 31st, 2022.

MOTION 22/415 - ANDY BEST/BARRY TUCKER

Be it resolved to resolved to donate \$100.00 to the Kids Eat Smart Radiothon.

In Favour 6: Mayor Tiller Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg

Councillors: B. Tucker, G. White, A. Best, T. Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 22/416 - ANDY BEST/TERRY OAKLEY

Be it resolved to decline PARDB001 request to remove interest incurred after June 30th, 2022.

In Favour 6: Mayor Tiller Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg

Councillors: B. Tucker, G. White, A. Best, T. Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 22/417 - ANDY BEST/TERRY OAKLEY

Be it resolved to adjust taxes and interest for Beltone 2022 tax totaling \$843.70 and to deactivate account and information be sent to the Municipal Assessment Agency.

In Favour 6: Mayor Tiller Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg

Councillors: B. Tucker, G. White, A. Best, T. Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 22/418 - ANDY BEST/TERRY OAKLEY

Be it resolved employee B. Stokes vacation days be based on actual number of weeks worked since becoming an employee, thereby crediting him with 11 years of service for vacation time, and entitling him to 20 days of vacation under the union contract.

In Favour 6: Mayor Tiller Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg

Councillors: B. Tucker, G. White, A. Best, T. Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 22/419 - ANDY BEST/DAWN STAGG

Be it resolved to approve account adjustment for BYRNES001 in the amount of \$800.00 due to a system malfunction charging this account twice for one tax year.

In Favour 6: Mayor Tiller Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg

Councillors: B. Tucker, G. White, A. Best, T. Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 22/420 - ANDY BEST/TERRY OAKLEY

Be it resolved to approve the Finance and Administration Committee report from meeting held August 31st, 2022.

In Favour 6: Mayor Tiller Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg

Councillors: B. Tucker, G. White, A. Best, T. Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Best noted that the Committee met prior to the Council meeting to review accounts payable and everything was in order.

MOTION 22/421 - ANDY BEST/TERRY OAKLEY

Be it resolved to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$109,194.41.

In Favour 6: Mayor Tiller Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg

Councillors: B. Tucker, G. White, A. Best, T. Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT: *No Meeting*

RECREATION, TOURISM AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE REPORT: *Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg presented the minutes from the Recreation Tourism and Heritage Committee meeting held on August 31st, 2022.*

MOTION 22/422 - DAWN STAGG/BARRY TUCKER

Be it resolved to to adopt the 2021 Centre Loop Arts and Recreation Association financial statements as presented.

In Favour 6: Mayor Tiller Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg

Councillors: B. Tucker, G. White, A. Best, T. Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 22/423 - DAWN STAGG/BARRY TUCKER

Be it resolved to to offer a family seasonal pass for all public skates. This would be \$50 for family of three, \$60 for family of 4 and \$70 for family of 5. A family is identified by those living at the same residence.

In Favour 6: Mayor Tiller Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg

Councillors: B. Tucker, G. White, A. Best, T. Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 22/424 - DAWN STAGG/TERRY OAKLEY

Be it resolved due to the rising cost of fuel, electricity increases, and the addition of new playground equipment this season that the 2023 seasonal campers fee be increased by \$100 to \$1,600 for the 2023 season at South West Pond Park. This will be the first increase for seasonal fees since electricity was installed in 2016.

In Favour 6: Mayor Tiller **Opposed 1:** **Abstaining 0:**
 Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg G. White

Councillors: B. Tucker, G. White, A. Best, T. Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 22/425 - DAWN STAGG/BARRY TUCKER

Be it resolved the 2023 camping season at South West Pond Park open from May 18th - October 1st, 2023.

In Favour 6: Mayor Tiller **Opposed 1:** **Abstaining 0:**
 Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg

Councillors: B. Tucker, G. White, A. Best, T. Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 22/426 - DAWN STAGG/BARRY TUCKER

Be it resolved to post for a full time one year Director of Recreation, Tourism and Heritage Maternity Leave position with an approximate start date of October 1st for a new hire and November 1st for an internal hire.

In Favour 6: Mayor Tiller **Opposed 0:** **Abstaining 0:**
 Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg

Councillors: B. Tucker, G. White, A. Best, t. Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 22/426 - DAWN STAGG/BARRY TUCKER

Be it resolved to hire L. Firmage back through the supportive employment program for 6 weeks at a cost of \$362.88 to the Town.

In Favour 6: Mayor Tiller **Opposed 0:** **Abstaining 0:**
 Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg

Councillors: B. Tucker, G. White, A. Best, T. Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 22/427 - DAWN STAGG/BARRY TUCKER

Be it resolved to adopt the Recreation Tourism and Heritage Committee minutes from August 31st, 2022 as presented.

In Favour 6: Mayor Tiller **Opposed 0:** **Abstaining 0:**
 Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg

Councillors: B. Tucker, G. White, A. Best, T. Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

SAM MEETING PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg presented the minutes from the meeting held on August 31st, 2022.

MUNICIPAL POLICIES, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: *Councillor White presented the report from the Municipal Planning, Policies, and Development Committee meeting held on September 2nd, 2022.*

MOTION 22/428 - GORDON WHITE/BARRY TUCKER

Be it resolved to get quotes from three surveyors to complete the survey as required by Crown Lands for application # 157949.

In Favour 6: Mayor Tiller Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg

Councillors: B. Tucker, G. White, A. Best, T. Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 22/429 - GORDON WHITE/TERRY OAKLEY

Be it resolved to pay the \$301.00 fee from Crown Lands for the grant consideration and the preparation/registration of title documents for Application # 157949.

In Favour 6: Mayor Tiller Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg

Councillors: B. Tucker, G. White, A. Best, T. Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 22/430 - GORDON WHITE/DAWN STAGG

Be it resolved to approve Crown Lands Application # 159847 (CFDA) for the land the buildings are currently on pending approval of all required government departments and compliance with our Town Plan and Development Regulations.

In Favour 6: Mayor Tiller Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg

Councillors: B. Tucker, G. White, A. Best, T. Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 22/431 - GORDON WHITE/TERRY OAKLEY

Be it resolved to adopt Municipal Policies, Planning, and Development Committee report for September 2nd, 2022 as presented.

In Favour 6: Mayor Tiller Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg

Councillors: B. Tucker, G. White, A. Best, T. Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

EVENTS PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT: *Deputy Mayor Stagg presented meeting from August 29th, 2022.*

MOTION 22/432 - DAWN STAGG/ANDY BEST

Be it resolved to book Bic & The Ballpoints to play on July 1st, 2023 at a cost of \$3200.00.

In Favour 6: Mayor Tiller Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg

Councillors: B. Tucker, G. White, A. Best, T. Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

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MOTION 22/433 - DAWN STAGG/ANDY BEST

Be it resolved to adopt the Events Planning Committee minutes as presented for August 29th, 2022.

In Favour 6: Mayor Tiller

Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg

Opposed 0:

Abstaining 0:

Councillors: B. Tucker, G. White, A. Best, T.Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

AD HOC FOR ATV ADVISORY COMMITTEE : No meeting.

CAO REPORT: Town Clerk, Christina Sullivan presented the CAO report.

1. Code Of Conduct

MOTION 22/434 - DAWN STAGG/BARRY TUCKER

Be it resolved to adopt the Code of Conduct for Municipal Officials and Council as presented.

In Favour 6: Mayor Tiller

Opposed 0:

Abstaining 0:

Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg

Councillors: B. Tucker, G. White, A. Best, T. Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

2. Code of Conduct Training

MOTION 22/435 - BARRY TUCKER/GORDON WHITE

Be it resolved for administration to set up all training as required by the new legislation and inform Council and Staff of dates/time.

In Favour 6: Mayor Tiller

Opposed 0:

Abstaining 0:

Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg

Councillors: B. Tucker, G. White, A. Best, T. Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

3. Office Desk

MOTION 22/436 - BARRY TUCKER/DAWN STAGG

Be it resolved to approve request from employee to purchase a new desk for the front office up to a budget of \$2000.00.

In Favour 6: Mayor Tiller

Opposed 0:

Abstaining 0:

Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg

Councillors: B. Tucker, G. White, A. Best, T. Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

4. Project 17-GI-23-00007 - Water Storage and Distribution System

MOTION 22/437 - BARRY TUCKER/GORDON WHITE

Be it resolved that we, the ultimate recipient Town of New-Wes-Valley accept cost shared funding as outline in the Department of transportation and Infrastructure project approval letter dated the 26th day of August 2022, Project number 17-GI-23-00007 - Water Storage and Distribution System with a total project value of \$6,198,000.00. This Council agrees to provide the Ultimate Recipient share of \$562,056 in funding for this project and authorizes the Mayor and the CAO to enter into a funding agreement with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure on behalf of the Town of New-Wes-Valley.

In Favour 6: Mayor Tiller Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg

Councillors: B. Tucker, G. White, A. Best, T. Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

5. Project 17-GI-23-00007 Loan

MOTION 22/438 - DAWN STAGG/ANDY BEST

Be it resolved to obtain a loan from The Bank of Nova Scotia in the amount of \$562,056.00, with a five (5) year term and 10 year amortization to finance the Town's portion of Project # 17-GI-23-00007 - Water storage and Distribution System. .

In Favour 6: Mayor Tiller Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg

Councillors: B. Tucker, G. White, A. Best, T. Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

6. MOTION 22/439 - GORDON WHITE/TERRY OAKLEY

Be it resolved to give authority to CAO Pam Preston to manage project # 17-GI-23-00007 - Water Storage and Distribution system up to the approved amount of \$6,198,000.00. Anything above this amount will require approval from council.

In Favour 6: Mayor Tiller Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg

Councillors: B. Tucker, G. White, A. Best, T. Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

7. Privilege Session -

6. MOTION 22/440 - DAWN STAGG/BARRY TUCKER

Be it resolved to enter privileged session.

In Favour 6: Mayor Tiller Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg

Councillors: B. Tucker, G. White, A. Best, T. Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

Council entered privileged session at 7:56pm.

8. MOTION 22/441 - TERRY OAKLEY/GORDON WHITE

Be it resolved to exit privileged session.

In Favour 6: Mayor Tiller Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg

Councillors: B. Tucker, G. White, A. Best, T. Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

Council exited privileged session at 8:15pm.

8. MOTION 22/442 - DAWN STAGG/TERRY OAKLEY

Be it resolved to proceed with advise from Lawyer.

In Favour 6: Mayor Tiller Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg

Councillors: B. Tucker, G. White, A. Best, T. Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION 22/443- BARRY TUKCER/TERRY OAKLEY

Be it resolved to adopt the correspondence summary report for September 6th, 2022 as presented.

In Favour 6: Mayor Tiller Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg

Councillors: B. Tucker, G. White, A. Best, T. Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

1. Central Healthcare Issues

Mayor Tiller provided Council with an updated on conversations he has had with CEO of Central Health and Tom Osborne. He noted that Fogo Island was top priority right now as they do not have a doctor in the area, next would be New-Wes-Valley, due to distance from our town to an emergency room. Mayor Tiller informed Council after discussions the Government are currently looking in Regional training nurses, who are able to provide a vast variety of services compared to the nurses in the area currently. Mayor Tiller noted letter needs to be written to The Department of Transportation requesting extra hours for plow trucks to ensure those needing to travel in case of an emergency during diversions are able to do so in bad weather.

Mayor Tiller noted he would like to set up a meeting with Mayors within our region to discuss the importance of the issue and work together to come up with a solution, he then asked Council if they would like to be apart of this initial meeting or if they would prefer he meet first.

Consensus of Council was the Mayor meet first and then include Council.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 22/444 - TERRY OAKLEY/DAWN STAGG

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting.

In Favour 6: Mayor Tiller Opposed 0: Abstaining 0:
Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg

Councillors: B. Tucker, G. White, A. Best, T. Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

CHRISTINA SULLIVAN
TOWN CLERK

MICHAEL TILLER
MAYOR