

Town of New-Wes-Valley

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MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Thursday, August 11th, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Via TELECONFERENCE

Members Present:

Acting Mayor:

Michael Tiller

Councillors:

Lorenzo Welcher

Stella Gale

Gordon White

Dawn Stagg

Terry Oakley

Member Absent:

Councillors:

Barry Tucker

Andy Best (*out of province*)

Also Present:

CAO:

Pamela Preston

Town Clerk:

Christina Sullivan

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Mayor Tiller called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. and asked for a motion to adopt the agenda.

MOTION 22/392 - LORENZO WELCHER/GORDON WHITE

Resolved to adopt the agenda for the Special Meeting of Council as presented.

In Favour 6: Acting Mayor Tiller

Opposed 0:

Abstaining 0:

Councillors: L. Welcher, S. Gale, G. White, D. Stagg, T. Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Discussion ensued on the vacancy of the Mayors seat and the options available through legislation. Acting Mayor Tiller expressed his interest in filling the vacancy for the remainder of the term as per *Section 19(1)(a) of the Municipalities Act, 1999*. No other Councillor wished to have their name put forward.

Acting Mayor Tiller then said he was going to sign out of the call so Council could discuss the option of him assuming the Mayor's seat.

Acting Mayor Tiller exited the call at 6:46 p.m.

MOTION 22/393 - DAWN STAGG/LORENZO WELCHER

Resolved that Acting Mayor Tiller assume the Mayor's seat for the remainder of this term as per the Municipalities Act 199, Section 19 (1) (a).

In Favour 5:

Opposed 0:

Abstaining 0:

Councillors: L. Welcher, S. Gale, G. White, D. Stagg, T. Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

Acting Mayor Tiller re entered the call at 6:48 p.m. and was informed a motion had been made to appoint him as Mayor for the remainder of the term

Council then discussed the now vacant Deputy Mayor seat. The Deputy Mayor seat is filled internally by a vote of Council. Council decided that since two members were not present and there is still one vacant seat that they would not decide on a deputy mayor until the vacancy is filled and everyone has expressed their feelings on who should fill the position.

Consensus of Council is to wait for the vacant seat to be filled and all Councillors to be present before a Deputy Mayor is selected.

Town Clerk noted that a communication would need to go out to the public so the public is made aware of the changes. She provided Council with a draft version of a possible communication.

Consensus of Council is for Town Clerk to send out the communication to the public as presented including the legislation which highlights the process they followed in selecting a new Mayor.

BY-ELECTION

The Returning Officer (Town Clerk) provided proposed dates for the nomination day, by-election and date for swearing in new councillor. The CAO noted that there are time lines set out in the elections act that must be adhered to that requires a certain number of days between posting, nomination day and election day which is why the dates that were provided were the ones selected.

The locations of the polling stations and if three were going to be required for a by-election was discussed.

Consensus of Council is to proceed with the by-election on September 28th, 2022 and the office to adhere to the required time lines for nominations, advertising, etc . There will still be three polling stations - one for each ward. The swearing in for the newly elected member of Council will be at the Regular meeting of Council being held on October 4th, 2022. Due to work scheduling and scheduled seminars for both Council and Staff, the swearing in ceremony for Mayor Tiller will be this coming Monday, August 15th, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Acting Mayor Tiller wanted to let Council know that there was a significant contribution to the work on the Regional Training Grounds for the Fire Department this week and as a result the sea cans that was supposed to cost \$20,000 will now cost the fire department only \$7500.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 22/394 - GORDON WHITE/STELLA GALE

Resolved to adjourn the meeting.

In Favour 6: Acting Mayor Tiller

Opposed 0:

Abstaining 0:

Councillors: L. Welcher, S. Gale, G. White, D. Stagg, T. Oakley

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

**CAO
PAM PRESTON**

**ACTING MAYOR
MICHAEL TILLER**