

# Town of New-Wes-Valley

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## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

**Members Present:**

**Mayor:**

**Michael Tiller**

**Deputy Mayor:**

**Dawn Stagg**

**Councillors:**

**Barry Tucker (*teleconference*)**

**Gordon White**

**Andy Best**

**Terry Oakley (*entered at 7:00*)**

**Kenneth Hoyles**

**Member Absent:**

**Councillor:**

**Terry Gill**

**Also Present:**

**CAO:**

**Pam Preston**

**Town Clerk:**

**Christina Sullivan**

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tiller called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. and welcomed everyone.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mayor Tiller asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Additions as follows:

1. Fire Chief Request - Deputy Mayor Stagg
2. Happy Kids Daycare - Deputy Mayor Stagg
3. MNL Conference Update - Councillor Hoyles
4. Thank you - Councillor Hoyles

### **MOTION 22/515 - DAWN STAGG/ANDY BEST**

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda with the addition of Fire Chief Request, Happy Kids Daycare, MNL Conference Update, and a Thank You.

**In Favour 6: Mayor Tiller**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstaining 0:**

**Deputy Mayor Stagg**

**Councillors: B. Tucker, K. Hoyles, G. White, A. Best**

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes from Regular meeting of Council November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022:

### **MOTION 22/516 - KENNETH HOYLES/GORDON WHITE**

Be it resolved to adopt the minutes of Regular Meeting of Council held on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

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

**Councillors:** B. Tucker, K. Hoyles, G. White, A. Best

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **DELEGATION**

None

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

None.

## **REPORTS**

**FINANCE and ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT:** Councillor Best presented the report for the meeting held on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

### **MOTION 22/517 - ANDY BEST/DAWN STAGG**

Be it resolved to adopt the 2023 Budget with revenues and expenditures of \$2,548,208.51 this approval includes all noted recommendations from the Finance Committee listed in Expenditures/Revenue and Tax Rate Changes as follows:

Metered Water Rate increased from 0.00067 to 0.00093

Tax Certificates increased by \$75.00

New Build Permits increased by \$150.00

Newtown Fire Hall user group rental Fee increased by \$250.00 quarterly

Wesleyville Fire Hall Rental Flat Rate Fee \$100.00

Garbage Collection Fee increased by \$15.00.

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

**Councillors:** B. Tucker, K. Hoyles, G. White, A. Best

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **MOTION 22/518 - ANDY BEST/KENNETH HOYLES**

Be it resolved to provide Christmas bonuses to Beothic Arena Employees, funds to come from the Events Planning Committee G/L.

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

**Councillors:** B. Tucker, K. Hoyles, G. White, A. Best

**MOTION CARRIED**

*Councillor Hoyles declared conflict and exited chambers at 6:46 p.m.*

**MOTION 22/519 - ANDY BEST/GORDON WHITE**

Be it resolved to exempt The Cape Freels Development Association from paying property tax, under the stipulation going forward if the deadline is missed there will be no exemption for that tax year.

**In Favour 5: Mayor Tiller                      Opposed 0:    Abstaining 0:**  
**Deputy Mayor Stagg**

**Councillors: B. Tucker, G. White, A. Best**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 22/520 - ANDY BEST/DAWN STAGG**

Be it resolved to decline The Cape Freels Development Associations request for The Happy Kids Daycare be exempt from a Business Tax Rate.

**In Favour 5: Mayor Tiller                      Opposed 0:    Abstaining 0:**  
**Deputy Mayor Stagg**

**Councillors: B. Tucker, G. White, A. Best**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Since Councillor Hoyles had already exited the chambers, Deputy Mayor Stagg felt that it would be a good time to discuss the phone call she had received regarding Happy Kids Daycare. Deputy Mayor Stagg highlighted the phone call and discussion ensued.

*Councillor Hoyles re entered chambers at 6:56 p.m.*

**MOTION 22/521 - DAWN STAGG/ANDY BEST**

Be it resolved that the Finance and Administration Committee review the Not for Profit policy and determine which organizations fall within that category.

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

**Councillors: B. Tucker, K. Hoyles, G. White, A. Best**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 22/522 - ANDY BEST/DAWN STAGG**

Be it resolved to approve the Finance and Administration Committee report from meeting held November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

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

**Councillors: B. Tucker, K. Hoyles, G. White, A. Best**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

**MOTION 22/523 - ANDY BEST/BARRY TUCKER**

Be it resolved to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$349,002.74, this amount includes the amount for the new 2023 international dump truck that is being financed.

**In Favour 6: Mayor Tiller**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstaining 0:**

**Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg**

**Councillors: B. Tucker, K. Hoyles, G. White, A. Best**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

*Councillor Oakley entered chambers at 7:00 p.m.*

**RECREATION, TOURISM AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE REPORT:** *Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg presented the report for the meeting held on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022.*

**MOTION 22/524 - DAWN STAGG/BARRY TUCKER**

Be it resolved to not approve the request from the St. James Memorial Committee based on the recommendation from the lawyer after he reviewed the memorandum of understanding. RTHC recommends staff be available to help the user group setup as a not-for-profit corporation as stated in the lawyers's review and support the committees objective.

**In Favour 7: Mayor Tiller**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstaining 0:**

**Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 22/525 - DAWN STAGG/BARRY TUCKER**

Be it resolved to purchase waterproof binoculars with a waterproof case for the amount of \$139.64 HST included and be placed and Queens Meade in the spring of 2023. This would come for the G/L 6022-8500 and it would then be 32% used.

**In Favour 7: Mayor Tiller**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstaining 0:**

**Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 22/526 - DAWN STAGG/GORDON WHITE**

Be it resolved to accept the RTHC minutes as presented from November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**In Favour 7: Mayor Tiller**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstaining 0:**

**Deputy Mayor Dawn Stagg**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**SAM MEETING PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** *No meeting.*

**MUNICIPAL POLICIES, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** *Councillor White presented the Municipal policies, planning and development committee report from the meeting held on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.*

**MOTION 22/527 - GORDON WHITE/KENNETH HOYLES**

Be it resolved to add the two parcels of land the lawyer is suggesting to our assessment roll and auction list, and to tax back to 2019 so it is consistent with the other properties that are being auctioned.

**In Favour 7:** Mayor Tiller                      **Opposed 0:**                                      **Abstaining 0:**  
                    Deputy Mayor Stagg

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 22/528 - GORDON WHITE/KENNETH HOYLES**

Be it resolved not to look into the property sale at 329 Main Street, Wesleyville any further as it is quite costly and in a state of disrepair, and to write letter to resident informing of our decision and reasoning.

**In Favour 7:** Mayor Tiller                      **Opposed 0:**                                      **Abstaining 0:**  
                    Deputy Mayor Stagg

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 22/529 - GORDON WHITE/KENNETH HOYLES**

Be it resolved to proceed with two zoning changes in 2022, putting the other items on hold until 2023, and to reimburse resident for cost of second application fee once appropriate documentation has been provided to the Town.

**In Favour 7:** Mayor Tiller                      **Opposed 0:**                                      **Abstaining 0:**  
                    Deputy Mayor Stagg

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 22/530 - GORDON WHITE/KENNETH HOYLES**

Be it resolved to adopt the report for the Municipal Policies, Planning and Development Committee for November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as presented.

**In Favour 7:** Mayor Tiller                      **Opposed 0:**                                      **Abstaining 0:**  
                    Deputy Mayor Stagg

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**EVENTS PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT:** *No meeting.*

**AD HOC FOR ATV ADVISORY COMMITTEE** : Councillor Gordon White presented the report for the meeting held on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**MOTION 22/531 - GORDON WHITE/ANDY BEST**

Be it resolved to adopt the report for the Ad Hoc for ATV Advisory Committee report for November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as presented.

**In Favour 7:** Mayor Tiller                      **Opposed 0:**    **Abstaining 0:**  
                    Deputy Mayor Stagg

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CAO REPORT:** CAO, Pam Preston, noted that there was no report except for an item to be discussed in privileged session.

***Consensus of Council to leave privilege session until the end of the meeting.***

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**MOTION 22/532 - DAWN STAGG/ GORDON WHITE**

Be it resolved to adopt the correspondence summary report for November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as presented.

**In Favour 7:** Mayor Tiller                      **Opposed 0:**    **Abstaining 0:**  
                    Deputy Mayor Stagg

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Fire Chief Request**

Fire Chief contacted Town Clerk requesting the Town to purchase salamanders for smoke house from Princess Auto on Town visa and be reimbursed by the Fire Department.

**MOTION 22/533 - DAWN STAGG/ KENNETH HOYLES**

Be it resolved to purchase the salamanders for the smoke house for the fire department on the Town's visa and for the Fire Department to reimburse the Town.

**In Favour 7:** Mayor Tiller                      **Opposed 0:**    **Abstaining 0:**  
                    Deputy Mayor Stagg

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

## 2. Happy Kids Daycare

Deputy Mayor Stagg brought this item forward already and it has been addressed.

## 3. MNL Conference Update

Councillor Hoyles briefed Council on the convention that was held in Gander. He said it was a fabulous event and brought in a lot of people from all over the island. He did note that there was a smaller number of vendors than in previous years but overall it was very informative.

## 4. Thank You

Councillor Hoyles thanked the outgoing CAO the last five years of work. All of her efforts has not gone unnoticed. She has handled everything with tremendous strength and grace and it has been greatly appreciated. Councillor Hoyles wished her and her family all the best.

Mayor Tiller spoke briefly. He noted that while it has been a difficult year, everyone has pulled together and handled everything in a professional manner and we should be proud and celebrate the wins. He also thanked the staff and employees for all their hard work as the Town would not have been successful without everyone's commitment.

CAO thanked the Mayor and Councillor Hoyles for their words. She wished the Town well and noted that a lot has been accomplished in the last five years and the Town is in a great position. She thanked Council for all their support in the changes. She noted that if the new CAO needs anything she will always be willing to help in any way possible.

Mayor Tiller noted that only item remaining on the agenda now was the privilege session.

### **MOTION 22/534 - DAWN STAGG/GORDON WHITE**

Be it resolved to enter privilege session.

**In Favour 7: Mayor Tiller                      Opposed 0:**  
**Deputy Mayor Stagg**

**Abstaining 0:**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

*Entered privilege session at 7:44 p.m.*

*Town Clerk exited chambers at 8:06 p.m.*

*Town Clerk re entered Chambers at 8:34 p.m.*

### **MOTION 22/535 - KENNETH HOYLES/GORDON WHITE**

Be it resolved to exit privilege session.

**In Favour 7: Mayor Tiller                      Opposed 0:**  
**Deputy Mayor Stagg**

**Abstaining 0:**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

*Exited privilege session at 8:37 p.m.*

**MOTION 22/ 536 - DAWN STAGG/KENNETH HOYLES**

Be it resolved to refer the proposal from the employee to the Finance and Administration Committee for a counter offer and to advertise for a part time office administration position.

**In Favour 7: Mayor Tiller                      Opposed 0:    Abstaining 0:**  
**Deputy Mayor Stagg**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor noted that a committee was needed to assist the consultant with interviews on November 24, 2022. Mayor Tiller noted that he would like to be a part of the hiring process and asked who else would. Councillor Hoyles volunteered.

Consensus of Council for Mayor Tiller and Councillor Hoyles to assist the consultant with the interview process.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION 22/537 - DAWN STAGG/TERRY OAKLEY**

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting.

**In Favour 7: Mayor Tiller                      Opposed 0:    Abstaining 0:**  
**Deputy Mayor Stagg**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

***Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.***