



Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting

Place: Zoom, streamed-live to Facebook
Date: Monday, March 7, 2022
Presiding Officer: Mayor Gregory Henley
Councillors present: Deputy Mayor Wade Adshade, Councillor Carla Black, Councillor Brenton Colborne, Councillor Paul Jones, Councillor Arnold MacDonald, and Councillor Chrystal McNutt
Regrets: nil

A quorum was present throughout the meeting.

Staff in attendance: Town Clerk – Linda Cloney (recording secretary)

1. Call to order

At 6:02 pm, Mayor Henley called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor McNutt that the agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting for March 7, 2022, be approved, as presented.

Motion Carried

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Moved by Councillor Black and seconded by Councillor Jones that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting for February 7, 2022, be approved, as presented.

Motion Carried

4. Business

4.1 River Phillip Bridge Update – Mayor Henley verbal report

Mayor Henley reported that after communicating with the MLA that it was assured that all three bridges in Oxford will be inspected sometime this year.

4.2 COVID-19 Restrictions – Deputy Mayor Adshade discussion

Deputy Mayor Adshade presented to Council that the Province has started lifting restrictions in regards to COVID-19.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Adshade and seconded by Councillor Jones to recommend to Council that the Town of Oxford repeal the COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

Motion Carried

Moved by Deputy Mayor Adshade and seconded by Councillor Jones to recommend to Council that the Town of Oxford lift the restrictions as per the Nova Scotia Health phase two and three guidelines.

Motion Carried

4.3 Cumberland Central Landfill Community Liaison Committee – Town Clerk Cloney

The Cumberland Central Landfill Community Liaison Committee is a new committee that will provide an opportunity for regular consultation between GFL Environmental Inc, the Municipality of the County of Cumberland, the Towns of Amherst and Oxford and the community at large on matters relating to the operation of the Cumberland Central Landfill during its operating period.

The Towns of Amherst and Oxford, along with the Municipality of Cumberland need to elect an elected official to represent their municipality.

This committee is also looking for members at large throughout the County of Cumberland that may be interested to join this board.

Moved by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor McNutt to recommend to Council to appoint Deputy Mayor Adshade to represent the Town of Oxford on the Cumberland Central Landfill Community Liaison Committee.

Motion Carried

4.4 Videoconferencing Policy – Town Clerk Cloney

The Ministerial Direction that enables virtual meetings during the State of Emergency will be terminated when the current State of Emergency is lifted.

It is anticipated that the State of Emergency may be lifted by the end of March 2022. Meeting then may only be conducted by electronic means if enabled by a procedural policy of the council or procedural by-law of the village commission.

The Association of Municipal Administrators, NS drafted an AMANS Model Council Videoconferencing Policy for consideration to municipalities if they are interested to conduct by electronic means.

Council gave direction to staff to draft a Videoconferencing Policy for Oxford.

5. Internal Reports

5.1 Public Works Report

The report is included in the Council package.

Councillor Colborne commented that a concern came from a citizen where children were playing in the snowbanks during times of snow removal. It may be a good idea to put out

a notice on our town website every time there is a major storm to ask parents to keep their children from playing in the snowbanks close to the roads.

Council directed staff to post this on the website as needed and to include this in the snow removal policy.

5.2 Fire Department Report

The report is included in the Council package

5.3 Administration Department Report

The report is included in the Council package

5.4 Finance Department Report

The report is included in the Special Council package for March 7, 2022

6. External Reports – include in the package is the Boards & Committees List for reference

6.1 Library Report

The report is included in the Council package

The Oxford Library is organizing to hand out COVID-19 Rapid test kits as needed. One person may pick up enough test kits for up to three households.

6.2 Solid Waste Management Report

The report is included in the Council package

6.3 RCMP Report

The report is included in the Council package

6.4 Recreation Commission – Councillor McNutt – verbal report

The Recreation Commission has organized six different activities for March Break, these are advertised on the Town of Oxford Facebook site.

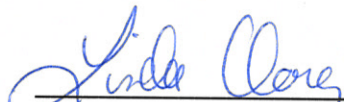
7. Adjournment

At 6:21 pm, it was moved by Councillor Colborne that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried



Gregory Henley, Mayor



Linda Cloney, Recording Secretary