



Minutes of Special Council Meeting

Place: Council Chambers, Zoom, streamed live to Facebook
Date: Monday, July 11, 2022
Presiding Officer: Mayor Greg Henley
Councillors Present: Deputy Mayor MacDonald, Councillor Crystal McNutt, Councillor Brenton Colborne, Councillor Paul Jones, and Councillor Carla Black
Regrets: Councillor Wade Adshade

A quorum was present throughout the meeting.

Staff in attendance: CAO – Linda Cloney, Senior Accountant – Ruthann Brookins and Office Assistant – Stan McDougall (recording secretary).

1. **Call to Order**

At 6:00pm, 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 Special Council Meeting for July 11, 2022, be approved, as presented.

Motion Carried

3. **Presentation - Town of Oxford Water Rate Study**

Gerry Isenor and Blaine Rooney presented the Town of Oxford Water Rate Study in detail, which is included in package. Moved by Councillor Colborne and seconded by Councillor Jones that the Town of Oxford Water Utility apply to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board for changes in its rates for water and water service, fire protection to the Town of Oxford and changes to its rules and regulations for customers serviced by the Utility, as set out in the Water Rate Study prepared by G.A. Isenor Consulting Limited in Association with Blane S. Rooney Consulting Limited.

Motion Carried

4. New Business

4.1 **Water Operating Budget – 2022/2023**

Ruthann Brookins, Senior Accountant presented the Water Operating Budget 2022/2023 in detail, which is included in package. Moved by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor McNutt to approve the Water Operating Budget for 2022/2023 as presented.

Motion Carried

4.2 **5-year Capital Budget Plan**

Ruthann Brookins, Senior Accountant presented the 5-year Capital Budget Plan in detail which is included in package. This plan is an overall guideline for the Town of Oxford to follow. Moved by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Colborne to accept the 5-year Capital Budget Plan as presented.

Motion Carried

4.3 **Deed Transfer Tax Bylaw**

CAO Linda Cloney gave second reading of the Deed Transfer Tax Bylaw. First reading was posted and advertised on various media and social media outlets. This is a Bylaw to amend the Deed Transfer Tax By-Law #02-2018, which is included in package. The new rate will not go into effect until July 25, 2022, when the next advertisement to media will be released.

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacDonald and seconded by Councillor Black to approve the Bylaw to amend the Deed Transfer Tax By-Law #02-2018 as presented.

Motion Carried

4.4 **Policing Review Committee**

CAO Linda Cloney presented to council for approval of the Policing Review Committee Members (David Hoffman – citizen appointee, Thomas Shears – Police Advisory Chair, Gregory Henley – Mayor, Brenton Colborne – Councillor, and Carla Black – Councillor for voting members). Moved by Councillor Jones and seconded by Deputy Mayor MacDonald to approve the Policing Review Committee members as presented.

Motion Carried

5. **Consideration of Correspondence**

5.1 West Hants Regional Municipality letter to Premier Houston – included in the package.

6. **In-Camera – to discuss legal and municipal property.**

At 6:55pm, it was moved by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Black to go in-camera to discuss legal and municipal property.

Motion Carried

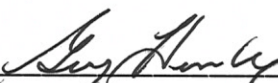
At 7:47pm, it was moved by Councillor McNutt and seconded by Councillor Black to come out of in-camera and resume the Special Council Meeting.

Motion Carried

7. **Adjournment**

At 7:50 pm, it was moved by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor McNutt that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried



Greg Henley, Mayor



Stanley McDougall, Recording Secretary

