



Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting

Place: Council Chambers, Zoom, streamed-live to Facebook
Date: Monday, April 3, 2023
Presiding Officer: Mayor Greg Henley
Councillors Present: Carla Black, Paul Jones, Chrystal McNutt, Olivia Canning, Brenton Colborne, and Deputy Mayor Arnold MacDonald.
Regrets: Nil

A quorum was present throughout the meeting.

Staff in attendance: Linda Cloney - CAO, Stan McDougall - Admin Assistant (recording secretary), Jimmy Ward (MPAL), Bruce Rushton (Oxford Fire Chief), Kyle Purdy (Oxford Fire) and Nick Purdy (Public Works)

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Mayor Henley made the following announcement:

The Police Advisory Board meeting was scheduled for April 4, 2023, at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.

1. Call to Order

At 6:00 PM, Mayor Henley called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Jones and seconded by Deputy Mayor MacDonald that the agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting for April 3, 2023, be approved, as presented.

Motion Carried

3. Presentation

3.1 Nova Scotia Power – Our Reliability Tie build in your community – Mary Black, Stakeholder Lead, Nova Scotia Power and **Terry Toner,** Senior Director of Strategic Environmental Projects, Nova Scotia Power– *presentation will be handed out at meeting and included in the package online.*

4. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting

4.1 Committee of the Whole Minutes – March 6, 2023

Approved by 

Mayor Greg Henley, Chair, on April 3, 2023

5. Reports of Town Departments

5.1 Public Works Report – *Nick Purdy presenting - report included in package.*

5.2 Fire Department Report – *Bruce Rushton presenting – report will be handed out separately.*

5.3 Municipal Physical Activity Leader (MPAL) Reports – *Jimmy Ward presenting – (OTA Quote for parking lot, gopher quote – pickleball, Wellness Policy, March into Spring Attendance, and March Report) are included in package.*

5.4 Administration Department Report – *Linda Cloney presenting – report included in package and will add a verbal report for minutes.*

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacDonald and seconded by Councillor McNutt to accept the reports of Town Departments as presented.

Motion Carried

6. Reports of Committees and Boards

6.1 **Q4 update from PVSC** – *Linda Cloney presenting – information included in package.*

6.2 **Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee Update**– *Councillor Black – approved minutes included in package.*

Moved by Councillor Black and seconded by Councillor McNutt to recommend to Council to approve a new citizen appointee for the Intermunicipal Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee, Carrigan Guthro.

Motion Carried

6.3 **Northern Region Meeting Update** – *Councillor McNutt - approved minutes included in package and What We Heard (C&D guidelines) handed out separately.*

Moved by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Black to accept the reports of Committees and Boards as presented.

Motion Carried

7. Items of Discussion and Correspondence

7.1 Clean up Downtown – Councillor McNutt – discussion.

Councillor McNutt discussed two social media events for the Recreation commission. The first was Volunteer Week which ran from April 16 to 22, 2023 to encourage residents to nominate others for their volunteer efforts. Nominations will be celebrated via a post on social media. A post introducing the idea will be released in the next couple of days on the Oxford Recreation Commission group on Facebook. Councillor McNutt encouraged everyone to follow the Recreation Commission on Facebook and forward names of people, a picture if possible and description of why they should be nominated. People nominated do not have to live in Oxford, but they must have impacted Oxford making it better in some way.

April 22 – April 29th – Earth Day Clean-up week. A basket was organized as a prize for the week. Individuals and groups were asked to clean up in their areas or an area of interest, take and send in a picture and a winner would be drawn from the entries. Pictures will be shown on the website as well of all entries. The goal was to have as many individuals and groups as possible out cleaning up Oxford. Councillor McNutt encouraged everyone to keep checking Town of Oxford Recreation Commission Facebook Group for further details.

7.2 New Act – Off highway vehicles – Mayor Henley – information included in package.

Mayor Henley discussed that the province is moving to let ATV's and 4x4 offroad vehicles use Oxford streets to transverse town and access the trails. This opportunity would allow trail-goers access to town businesses and bring more business to town. Mayor Henley recommended a sub-committee be created to study this more and propose ways to implement this should the province move forward such as having ATV and offroad vehicular traffic move one-way only through town.

Councillor McNutt, Councillor Jones and Councillor Canning came forward to volunteer initially to this committee. Councillor Colborne recommended input from the RCMP as well to the committee.

7.3 **Join Us In Cumberland – press release – information included in package.**

7.4 **Transfer Station / Curbside discussion on public input – discussion**
CAO Linda Cloney discussed questions that came up regarding the Transfer Station/Curbside option that was initially to be added as a plebiscite question on the Special Election that ended in an acclamation and therefore the plebiscite was no longer an option.

The intent of the plebiscite question was to look for preferences from residents and not a yes or no vote. A yes or no vote will be sought later after further research is conducted.

Pros, cons, and costs are being reviewed at via staff. Public input will be sought with further discussion to be had.

7.5 **Sustainable Services Growth Fund (SSGF) – Mayor Henley – information included in package.**

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM



Mayor Greg Henley, Chair

Stan McDougall, Admin Assistant

Date Approved