

**REGULAR MEETING, TOWN COUNCIL, TOWN HALL**  
**Tuesday, November 1 2016**

A regular meeting of Oxford Town Council was held on the above date at 6:00 pm. Mayor Stewart presided with Councilors Kay, Adshade, Ellis, and Thompson in attendance. Regrets: Councilor Jones and Councilor Patriquin.

Town Council Meeting – Called to order by Mayor Stewart – 6:00 pm

**Presentation** – No presentations tonight

**Approval of the agenda** – Councilor Adshade asked to add 7.3 – Speed Limits to the agenda. It was moved by Councilor Kay, seconded by Councilor Adshade that the agenda be approved as presented and with 7.3 added.

**Motion Carried**

**Approval of the Minutes** – Discussion amongst Council and Mayor regarding the letter Mayor Stewart had drafted up to send out to the Minister of Natural Resources. The letter mentions that the Town of Oxford would like to be ATV and Snowmobile friendly. The Town of Oxford is prepared to start setting the by-laws and policies if approval is given by the Province. The Town of Amherst is also looking into becoming ATV and Snowmobile friendly.

It was moved by Councilor Adshade, seconded by Councilor Thompson that the minutes from the meeting held on September 19, 2016 be approved as presented.

**Motion Carried**

**Reports**

All Director Reports and Councilor Reports were distributed and/or discussed.

**Public Works** – Wes was present. General Discussion on Public Works Report that was submitted. Wes commented that he is waiting to hear back on prices for a generator. The water / sewer installation is estimated to be three weeks to finish project.

**Arena** – There was no report

**Recreation** – Corey was present. General Discussion on the Recreation Report that was submitted. Fun Hockey has 10 kids currently registered. Oxford did not get approved for the TD Grant. He is waiting to hear back from the Community Health Boards on his application for money for the community gardens.

**Fire** – Tory was present. General Discussion on the Fire Report that was submitted. Tory accepted the position as Fire Chief for another two years. The Oxford Volunteer Firefighter Association now currently has 21 firefighters.

**Finance** – Darrell was present. General Discussion on the Finance Report that was presented. \$23,000 projected surplus for coming year. The White goods were taken from the transfer site and the Town of Oxford received \$7,000.00 as revenue. The arena is projected to save money with the shortened season and also downsize in staff. The arena will open this weekend until the first weekend of March 2017. We are looking for a financial impact on the power bill from the arena this season.

Councilors' verbal reports that were presented:

- **Councilor Ellis** – resigned from the Library Board and also the YMCA. She will remain as secretary for the Oxford Trails Association.
- **Councilor Adshade** – Attended the Trail Association meeting. They are getting ready to start phase II and currently fixing a guard rail.
- **Councilor Patriquin** – regrets
- **Councilor Thompson** – attended the Police Advisory Board meeting. Working on the Christmas Parade. Working with the refugee committee. We should know by the end of November what size of family we would be getting. Oxford is on the top of the list now for selection of a family. Working on the teen room. She is looking at grant money to assist with upgrading some games for the teen room.
- **Councilor Kay** – attended the Police Advisory Board Meeting and also the Northern Region Meeting.
- **Councilor Jones** – regrets.
- **Mayor Stewart** – Habitat for Humanity is building two homes. We will know soon who our family will be. The Habitat Committee asked the Town of Oxford to name a street. Mayor Stewart would like to publically thank Councilor Barry Patriquin for all his hard work with the Oxford Capital Theatre and also the CJSMA. She would like to thank Councilor Darlene Ellis for all her work with the Oxford Trails Association and for being a great councilor and also a friend. Also Thank you to Councilor Paul Jones for 12 years he has worked as an Oxford Town Councilor and for all the hard work he did for the community.

It was moved Councilor Kay, seconded Councilor Ellis that all reports be accepted as presented.

**Motion Carried**

### **Correspondence**

**Nil**

**7.1 - Returning Office Report** – there were three polls all together. The results were 322 votes for Mayor Stewart and 183 votes for Mr. MacDonald. There was a 52% voter turnout.

It was moved by Councilor Adshade, seconded by Councilor Kay to accept the report as presented.

**Motion Carried**

## **7.2 - Oath of Office- Mayor and Council**

### **Oath of Office**

I, Trish Stewart, do solemnly swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her heirs and successors according to law, so help me God.

And that I will truly, faithfully and impartially execute the duties of the office to which I have been appointed to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Sworn to (or affirm) at Oxford in the

County of Cumberland this 1<sup>st</sup> day of

November, 2016 before me Darrell White

Signed Trish Stewart

### **Oath of Office**

I, Wade Adshade, do solemnly swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her heirs and successors according to law, so help me God.

And that I will truly, faithfully and impartially execute the duties of the office to which I have been appointed to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Sworn to (or affirmed) at Oxford in the

County of Cumberland this 1<sup>st</sup> day of

November, 2016 before me Darrell White

Signed Wade Adshade

### **Oath of Office**

I, Rick Draper, do solemnly swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her heirs and successors according to law, so help me God.

And that I will truly, faithfully and impartially execute the duties of the office to which I have been appointed to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Sworn to (or affirmed) at Oxford in the

County of Cumberland this 1<sup>st</sup> day of

November, 2016 before me Darrell White

Signed Rick Draper

**Oath of Office**

I, Tom Kay, do solemnly swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her heirs and successors according to law, so help me God.

And that I will truly, faithfully and impartially execute the duties of the office to which I have been appointed to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Sworn to (or affirmed) at Oxford in the

County of Cumberland this 1<sup>st</sup> day of

November, 2016 before me Darrell White                      Signed Tom Kay

**Oath of Office**

I, Dawn Thompson, do solemnly swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her heirs and successors according to law, so help me God.

And that I will truly, faithfully and impartially execute the duties of the office to which I have been appointed to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Sworn to (or affirmed) at Oxford in the

County of Cumberland this 1<sup>st</sup> day of

November, 2016 before me Darrell White                      Signed Dawn Thompson

**Oath of Office**

I, Greg Wood, do solemnly swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her heirs and successors according to law, so help me God.

And that I will truly, faithfully and impartially execute the duties of the office to which I have been appointed to the best of my knowledge and ability.

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November, 2016 before me Darrell White                      Signed Greg Wood

**7.3 – Speed Limits** – a general discussion regarding changing the side streets speed limits from 50 to 30 km/h. Mayor Stewart will write a letter on behalf of herself and council to the Provincial Government for approval with this request and then the Town of Oxford will notify the RCMP if this request is approved.

A motion was made to change all side streets to 30 km/h.  
It was moved by Councilor Adshade, seconded by Councilor Kay

**Motion Carried**

It was moved Councilor Kay, seconded by Councilor Thompson.

**Adjournment**

Next Council meeting will be Monday, December 12.  
There being no further business, Councilor Kay moved Adjournment

**Motion Carried**

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**Trish Stewart**  
**Mayor**

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**Darrell White**  
**CAO**