

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN COUNCIL, TOWN HALL
Monday, December 12, 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, Wood, Draper and Thompson in attendance.

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

Presentation – No presentations tonight

Approval of the agenda – One addition 7.4 – Discretionary Speeding Freeze.

It was moved by Councilor Kay, seconded by Councilor Adshade that the agenda be approved as presented and with 7.4 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 November 1, 2016 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Reports

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

Public Works – 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 – Report was circulated.

Recreation – General Discussion on the Recreation Report that was submitted. Fun Hockey has approximately 40 kids currently registered. The Town did receive approval from the Community Health Boards on the Grant application for money for the community gardens. As well an application has been submitted to the Age Friendly Communities program.

Fire – General Discussion on the Fire Report that was submitted.

Finance – Darrell was present. General Discussion on the Finance Report that was presented. \$35,000 projected surplus for coming year.

Councilors' verbal reports that were presented:

- **Councilor Adshade** – Attended the Trail Association meeting. Updated on work to date and also that a Drone has flown sections of the trail and will be available for viewing in the near future.
- **Councilor Thompson** – attended the Police Advisory Board meeting. Gave an update on the work of the refugee committee.
- **Councilor Kay** – attended the Police Advisory Board Meeting and also the Northern Region Meeting.
- **Mayor Stewart** – Spoke on the success of the Christmas Parade. The Mayor also welcomed our two New Councillors Draper and Wood and Councillor Elect Colborne.

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

Motion Carried

Correspondence

Nova Scotia Department of Justice

Correspondence was received from the above advising Council that they are ready to report on their Study Findings with respect to Council's request to downsize. A meeting will be set up in the near future.

The Honorable Jaime Baillie

Correspondence was received from Mr. Baillie supporting Council's efforts to secure a more ATV friendly environment in the province.

7.1 - Returning Office Report – Special Election

Election was December 3, 2016, with and Advance Poll November 29, 2016.

Results were as follows:

Thomas Adshade	61
Brenton Colborne	284
Arnold MacDonald	49
Tom Reid	36

7.2 – Oath of Office– Councillor Elect Colborne

Oath of Office

I, Brenton Colborne, 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 12th day of

December, 2016 before me Darrell White

Signed Brenton Colborne

7.3 – Boards and Committees

The Mayor presented the following List of Boards and Committees, for approval.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES OF TOWN COUNCIL – 2016 – 2017

BOARDS

CUMBERLAND JOINT SERVICES MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY – (CISMA)

Councillor Kay, Councillor Adshade (Filled)

REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION – (REMO)

Councillor Colborne, Councillor Wood (Filled)

NORTHERN REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Councillor Kay (Filled)

LA ANIMAL SHELTER

Councillor Colborne (Filled)

HEALTH BOARD

Eleanor Crowley (Has agreed to be our Community Representative)

POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

Councillor Thompson, Councillor Kay, Rod MacDonald CP, Byron MacDonnell, Annie Crowe (Filled)

CUMBERLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD

Brenton Colborne

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Mayor Trish CO-CP, Jordan Burkhardt CO-CP, Jonathan McMasters, Ron Wilson,
Lawry McLeod

YMCA

Councillor Draper

TRANS CANADA TRAIL

Councillor Adshade (Filled)

COMMITTEE'S

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairperson Councillor Draper, Councillor Kay, Councillor Colborne, Councillor Thompson (Filled)

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson Councillor Draper, Mayor Trish, Councillor Adshade (Filled)

RECREATION AND EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairperson Councillor Thompson, Mayor Trish, Councillor Wood (Filled)

RESETTLEMENT COMMITTEE

Councillor Thompson and Community members (Filled)

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE

Councillor Thompson, Mayor Trish, and Community members (Filled)

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Linda (workplace representative) Councillor Draper

MAIN STREET MUSIC SOCIETY COMMITTEE

Eleanor Crowley (community representative)

ARENA COMMITTEE

Chairperson Councillor Kay, Councillor Wood, Councillor Colborne, Councillor Adshade. Community members to be added to this (I will give you names of those interested and you can contact them)

It was moved Councillor Thompson, seconded Councillor Draper that the List of Boards and Committees be approved.

Motion Carried

7.4 - Discretionary Spending

It was moved Councillor Adshade, seconded Councillor Thompson that a Freeze on Discretionary Spending be put in place until March 31, 2017.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

Next Council meeting will be Monday, January 16, 2017.

There being no further business, Councilor Kay moved Adjournment

Motion Carried

**Trish Stewart
Mayor**

**Darrell White
CAO**