



Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting

Place: Conducted through Zoom Live to Town of Oxford FaceBook Group
Date: Monday, 19 October 2020
Presiding Officer: Mayor Patricia Stewart
Councilors present: Deputy Mayor Rick Draper, Councilors Brenton Colborne, Dave Clark, Dawn Thompson, and Wade Adshade.
Regrets: Councilor Wendy Sweet-Kontuk

A quorum was present throughout the meeting.

Staff in attendance: CAO – Rachel Jones and Deputy Clerk – Linda Cloney (recording secretary)

1. Call to order

Mayor Patricia Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Mayor Stewart sent out congratulations to the new Mayor (elect) Gregory Henley and to the new Council which currently consists of Wade Adshade, Brenton Colborne, Carla Black, and Paul Jones.

There is a swearing in ceremony scheduled for Monday, November 2, 2020 during the Special Council Meeting.

Mayor Stewart also sent out a congratulations to the new Mayor (elect) Murray Scott for the Municipality of the County of Cumberland and to Mayor (re-elect) David Kogon for the Town of Amherst.

Mayor Stewart extended the congratulations out to all the new Council Members that were elected for all of Cumberland County and of Nova Scotia.

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved and seconded that the agenda of the Regular Town Council Meeting for October 19, 2020 be approved, as presented.

Motion Carried

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting for September 21, 2020 be approved, as presented.

Motion Carried

4. New Business

4.1 Council Long Service Awards

In recognition of 16 years of dedicated service to Municipal Government in the Province of Nova Scotia, CAO Jones presented Councilor Wade Adshade, Mayor Patricia Stewart and Councilor Dawn Thompson each an award certificate on behalf of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities.

5. Reports

CAO Jones presented the reports.

Regarding 5.2 Finance – there was general discussion regarding Deed Transfer Tax. The Deed Transfer Tax is a challenging item to budget as the Deed Transfer Tax is relatively new. Over time it will be more apparent to anticipate trends.

Also discussed was Fire Department Liability Insurance. The Fire Department Liability Insurance was budgeted for \$2,500.00 and it is at \$5,767.00. The Fire Department pay additional Liability Insurance to extend to their family members. There will be reimbursement from the Fire Fighters for their portion.

Regarding 5.3 Fire – The Fire Department is looking for an additional dry hydrant to be installed at the Black River Park to replace the one that use to be there. The cost of this, along with the replacement rescue gear, will be discussed during next year's budget deliberations.

It was moved and seconded that Council receive the reports as presented.

Motion Carried

6. Correspondence

6.1 Municipality of Pictou County

Mayor Stewart presented a letter written from the Municipality of Pictou County regarding a request to the Nova Scotia Government for financial aid to assist Community Rinks and their operations that are jeopardized during the 2020-2021 season as a result of the pandemic public health orders.

It was moved and seconded to send correspondence to the Premier supporting the Municipality of Pictou County's position outlining the difficulties in communities from COVID shutdowns of certain facilities.

Motion Carried

6.2 Cumberland Trails Association Response

Cumberland Trails Association responded to the Town of Oxford's Correspondence of October 7, 2020.



Council had a general discussion regarding this letter.


7. Adjournment

Mayor Stewart said a few words of goodbye as Mayor of Oxford.

At 6:32 pm, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried


Patricia Stewart, Mayor 


Linda Cloney, Recording Secretary