



TOWN OF OXFORD

**Committee of the Whole Meeting**

Conducted through Zoom, streamed live to Facebook

Monday, January 10, 2022

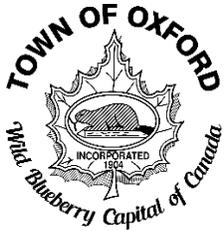
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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Previous Minutes
  - 3.1 Committee of the Whole Minutes – December 6, 2021
4. Presentation
  - 4.1 Property Valuation Services Corporation – Mr. Paul Beazley
5. Business
  - 5.1 Canada Summer Jobs Grants available
  - 5.2 Dangerous and Unsightly matter - update
6. Reports
  - 6.1 Brenda Rioux, Solid Waste Education & Contract Coordinator – Regional Chairs Update
7. Correspondence

Nil
8. Adjournment

Note: next Committee of the Whole Meeting will be held on its regular schedule (first Monday of each month) Monday, February 7, 2022.



## Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting

Place: Zoom, stream-live to FaceBook  
Date: Monday, December 6, 2021  
Presiding Officer: Mayor Gregory Henley  
Councillors present: Deputy Mayor Wade Adshade, Councillor Carla Black, Councillor Brenton Colborne, Councillor Paul Jones, Councillor Arnold MacDonald, and Councillor Chrystal McNutt  
Regrets: nil

***A quorum was present throughout the meeting.***

Staff in attendance: Town Clerk – Linda Cloney (recording secretary)

Media in attendance: Six Rivers News – Mark Rushton

### **1. Call to order**

Mayor Henley called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

It was moved and seconded that the agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting for December 6, 2021, be approved, as presented.

***Motion Carried***

### **3. Approval of Previous Minutes**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting for November 1, 2021, be approved, as presented.

***Motion Carried***

### **4. Business**

#### **4.1 Update on James Street Water Line**

Public Works Supervisor provided an update report on the Water Break on James Street.

A water break was first discovered on Monday, November 15 on James Street. Public Works attended to that break, discovered a 4-inch cast water line, repaired it and closed the site. The age of that water line is approximately 90 – 100 years old. Just twelve hours later, the leak developed again. Public works attended to that break, repaired it, and closed the site again. Public Works recommend tying Main Street to James Street to

the 8-inch line and to tie into the 6-inch going up James Street and then abandon the 4-inch cast water line.

*A copy of this report has been filed with the Council Package.*

#### **4.2 Oxford Arena Association proposal – Councillor Jones / Councillor McNutt**

A letter came in from the Arena Association. The Arena Association would like to have a discussion with Council regarding leasing the Arena for a full year and perhaps for a 5-year renewable lease.

The Agricultural Society will need to be involved as the Town of Oxford has an agreement with them.

There was discussion around contribution to the Arena Association if they go ahead with leasing the arena.

It was moved and seconded that the Council supports Councillor Jones and Councillor Colborne to explore options, on behalf of Council, with the Arena Association and work out an agreement to present to Council for future operations of the arena.

**Motion Carried**

#### **4.3 Town of Oxford Accessibility Advisory Committee – Terms of Reference – Councillor MacDonald**

It was moved and seconded that Committee of the Whole recommends Council to adopt the Town of Oxford Accessibility Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference as presented.

**Motion Carried**

#### **4.4 2021/2022 Boards and Committees – for consideration at Council meeting**

The Boards and Committees report was presented to Council for their consideration at the December 20, 2021, Council meeting.

#### **4.5 Election of Deputy Mayor – for consideration at Council meeting**

The process for the election of a Deputy Mayor was presented to Council for their consideration at the December 20, 2021, Council meeting.

### **5. Correspondence**

#### **5.1 Hayley Crichton, Executive Director – Nova Scotia Justice**

The email is regarding the County of Cumberland request to return to the detachment-based model as opposed to the current district policing model. One of the issues being addressed is the number of vacancies across the Province.

**5.2 Sophie Melanson – Municipal Alcohol Project of Cumberland County – Councillor Black**  
This letter is a thank you to the Town for hosting family friendly events and to encourage the Town to continue to host future family friendly events that are alcohol free over the holidays.

**5.3 Jeff MacNeil, Manager of Development – YMCA of Cumberland – Coldest night of the Year**

The event is taken place February 26, 2022. This is a family friendly walk to raise money for local charities that support people that struggle with hurt, homelessness and hunger. They were suggesting that the Town Council and staff along with the Town of Amherst and County of Cumberland have a friendly challenge.

**5.4 Honourable John A. Lohr, Minister – Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Progress on Municipal and Village Code of Conduct Regulations.**

This email is regarding the progress on the Code of Conduct Regulations for Municipalities and Villages. Work on this is beginning and Minister Lohr will follow up with an update as it develops.

**6. Adjournment**

Before Council adjourned, Mayor Henley extended a thank you to all Council, staff and volunteers that assisted on the Annual Christmas Parade. Councillor McNutt reminded the public that there is a Best Decorated House contest for the Town of Oxford, Monday, December 13.

The next Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 10, rather than the first Monday of the month, due to the holidays.

At 6:23 pm, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

***Motion Carried***

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**Gregory Henley, Mayor**

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**Linda Cloney, Recording Secretary**

## Canada Summer Jobs program objectives

CSJ is a program under the Youth Employment and Skills Strategy, which aims to provide flexible and holistic services to help all young Canadians develop the skills and gain paid work experience to successfully transition into the labour market.

The CSJ program objectives align with the redesigned Youth Employment and Skills Strategy and are as follows:

- provide quality work experiences for youth
- respond to national and local priorities to improve access to the labour market for youth who face unique barriers
- provide opportunities for youth to develop and improve their skills

The program provides wage subsidies to employers from not-for-profit organizations, the public sector, and private sector organizations with 50 or fewer full-time employees, to create quality summer work experiences for young people aged 15 to 30 years.

The Government of Canada aims to ensure that all CSJ funded job opportunities take place in a safe, inclusive, and healthy work environment free from harassment and discrimination.

To support Service Canada in screening and assessing the eligibility and quality of each project, the Application Form collects information from you such as your organization's health and safety practices, work environment policies, supervision and mentoring plans, skills development plan, and other details related to both your organization and the proposed job(s).

## **Regional Chairs Update- December 15, 2021**

The Honourable Tim Halman, Environment Minister attended the Regional Chairs meeting where he announced that on January 10<sup>th</sup>, we will have a 90-day targeted consultation on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR). Environment staff will be reaching out to the municipalities in the near future. The standard timeline could be up to 2+ years (once regulations are passed, it could be up to one year for a plan to be developed and one year to implement the plan).

In the Environmental Goals and Climate Change Reduction Act it mentions reducing solid waste disposal rates to no more than 300kgs/person by 2030 and that a plan with specific actions needs to be developed by 2023 to meet this goal. The Regional Chairs made a motion to allow the Priorities Committee to take a look at the goal and the priorities around it.

Divert NS completed the audit portion of the Litter Study. They are now looking at the behavior piece (why do people litter). They are hoping to develop a campaign to help stop that behavior by spring.

Enviro Depot- Caps messaging- residents are no longer required to remove caps from bottles. Some facilities have concerns about leaving caps on so for this reason municipalities will not be promoting this.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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