



# Special Meeting of Council

October 1, 2024

PRESENT Warden Eleanor Roulston

Deputy Warden Wayne Greene

Councillors: Tom Isenor Carl MacPhee

Walter Tingley Norval Mitchell Elie Moussa Eldon Hebb

Keith Rhyno Sandra Garden-Cole

Michael Perry

STAFF Ms. Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer

Ms. Sheralee MacEwan, Assistant Municipal Clerk

Mr. Wade Tattrie, Director of Finance

Mr. Adam Clarkson, Director of Corporate Services Mr. Calvin Byard, Manager of Protective Services Mr. Tom Gignac, Manager of Information Services Ms. Juliann Cashen, Communications Officer

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Warden Roulston called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. (The meeting was held virtually and was recorded. Due to technical difficulties, livestreaming was not available. The recording was posted to the municipal YouTube Channel the following day.)

#### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Warden Roulston respectfully acknowledged that East Hants is in Mi'kma'ki and the District of Sipekne'katik, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people. East Hants further acknowledges the 50 African Nova Scotian communities whose 400-year history have contributed to the provinces culture, history and legacies. We are all Treaty people.

### MOMENT OF SILENT CONTEMPLATION

A moment of silent contemplation was observed.

### APPROVAL OF OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

C24(320) October On the motion of Councillor Mitchell and Deputy Warden Greene:

Moved that the agenda be approved.

**MOTION CARRIED** 

#### **GORE FIRE TRUCK FINANCING OPTIONS**

The Warden thanked everyone for their attendance.

The CAO reviewed the Memo dated October 1, 2024 which was attached to the agenda and available to all Council members.

The Gore District Volunteer Fire Department experienced a motor failure of their tanker truck. The mechanic identified other issues and the truck is not worth fixing. The department is attempting to find another used truck and requires some financial assistance to help with the unplanned purchase. A letter from Chief Dog Cox dated October 1, 2024 was also attached to the agenda and available to all Council members.

Staff addressed questions from Council members regarding the need.

The letter indicated a cost range between \$250,000-\$300,000 and they are waiting to hear from the banks on financing options.

The CAO noted a levy increase of 2 cents would cover \$100,000 over 15 years and the municipality can provide a letter of comfort to the bank.

The fire department has \$50,000 available.

## C24(321) October

On the motion of Deputy Warden Greene and Warden Roulston:

Clarkson

Moved that \$100,000 be awarded to Gore District Volunteer Fire Department, from the Rural Fire Capital Fund, for the financing of a replacement tanker truck, contingent on Council receiving a feasible financing plan.

The Deputy Warden assumed the Chair to allow the Warden to comment.

The Warden expressed her support.

Warden Roulston resumed the Chair.

Discussion continued.

Some Councillors expressed a desire to assist with funding that would avoid a levy increase.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

The Deputy Warden assumed the Chair to all the Warden to comment.

The Warden made further comments regarding use of the emergency funding.

C24(322) On the motion of Warden Roulston and Councillor Moussa:

Clarkson

October

Moved that \$20,000 be awarded to Gore District Volunteer Fire Department, from the Fire Emergency Fund, for the financing of a replacement tanker truck, contingent on Council receiving a feasible financing plan.

The CAO clarified the motions.

MOTION CARRIED

Warden Roulston resumed the Chair.

**ADJOURNMENT** 

C24(323) On motion of Councillors Mitchell and MacPhee:

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Moved that Council adjourn at 7:34 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED** 

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Approved By: Sheralee Mitchell-MacEwan, Assistant Municipal Clerk

Date: October 3, 2024

Eleanor Roulston

Approved By: Eleanor Roulston, Warden

Date: October 16, 2024

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