



Regular Meeting of Council (Policy & In Camera)

November 12, 2024

PRESENT Warden Eleanor Roulston
Deputy Warden Carl MacPhee

Councillors: Sandra Garden-Cole Keith Rhyno
Eldon Hebb Elie Moussa
Tom Isenor Norval Mitchell
Cecil Dixon
Craig Merriam

STAFF Ms. Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Adam Clarkson, Director of Corporate Services
Mr. Wade Tattrie, Director of Finance
Ms. John Woodford, Director of Planning & Development
Mr. Jesse Hulsman, Director of Infrastructure & Operations
Ms. Alana Tapper, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture
Ms. Juliann Cashen, Communications Officer
Ms. Amanda Hatfield, Information Management Coordinator
Ms. Jessica van den Hof, Business & Legislative Administrator
Ms. Amy Pyne, Manager Real Estate & Corporate Projects

REGRETS Councillor Michael Perry

Warden Roulston called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

CORPORATE & RESIDENTIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

ELECTED OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT 2024

The Elected Officials Code of Conduct was legislated into effect in the Fall of 2024, and requires municipalities and villages to adopt a code of conduct within 60 days of the general election, December 19, 2024. The municipal code of conduct is an important tool for promoting integrity and accountability within local government in Nova Scotia. This code provides clear guidelines for elected members of council, supporting them in upholding the high standards expected by their communities. By strengthening good governance, the code will bring lasting benefits to municipalities and villages across the province, furthering our shared commitment to serve the public with transparency and excellence. Staff recommended an updated code with all the elements of the new legislated Code along with elements from the existing Municipality of East Hants Code of Conduct.

C24(372) On the motion of Councillors Garden-Cole and Mitchell:
November

Moved that Council give notice of intent to approve the Elected Officials Code of Conduct as attached to the Executive Committee agenda dated November 12,

2024, and that the Council Procedural Policy be amended to remove Code of Conduct content.

MOTION CARRIED

Nine (9) voting in favor; One (1) voting against. Councillor Tingley voting nay.

C24(373)
November

On the motion of Councillors Garden-Cole and Moussa:

Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE REPORT

DISTRICT RECREATION FUND POLICY

At the June 26, 2024 meeting of Council, motion C24(211) was made regarding the District Recreation Fund Policy as it relates to school playground recapitalization and review of the District Recreation Fund policy was requested.

C24(374)
November

Moved that Council give notice of intent to approve the District Recreation Fund Policy as attached to the Executive Committee agenda dated November 12, 2024; and that, A letter be sent to all 3 provincial parties and the next Minister of Education outlining Council's concern that recapitalization of school playgrounds is not a budget line item for Department of Education and Chignecto Central Regional Centre for Education. The letter shall be CC'd to East Hants MLAs and NSFM.

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MOTION CARRIED

C24(375)
November

On the motion of Councillors Rhyno and Hebb:

Moved the adoption of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

(IN CAMERA) - LAND ISSUE:

C24(376)
November

On motion of Councillor Dixon and Deputy Warden MacPhee:

Moved that council go in camera at 5:09 p.m. to discuss a land issue.

MOTION CARRIED

Council returned to open meeting 5:30 p.m. Warden Roulston noted that Council met in camera to discuss a land issue; there are motions coming forth from that discussion. Direction to staff was made during the in-camera session.

ADJOURNMENT

C24(377)
November

On the motion of Councillor Hebb and Deputy Warden MacPhee:

Moved that Council adjourn at 5:31 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Approved By: Sheralee Mitchell-MacEwan, Assistant Municipal Clerk

Date: November 14, 2024

Approved By: Eleanor Roulston, Warden

Date:

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