

1. **Call to Order**

Deputy Mayor Roseanne Chapman called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. **Attendance**

PRESENT:

Mayor George Lloy

Deputy Mayor Roseanne Chapman

Councillors:

Mary Commo
Susan Creelman
Suzanne Lutz

Rebecca Rogers-Laing
Chad Ramsey

Staff:

Dale Bogle, CAO
Leah Bennett – Recording Secretary
Randi Buchi

Presenters:

Barbara MacLean
Maureen Wheller
Sidney Patton

Darren Chaisson
Kyle Musial

REGRETS / ABSENT:

Grant Cooke
Jeff Sibley
Josh Hilton

3. **Approval of / Changes to Agenda**

On the motion of Councillor Commo and Councillor Creelman:

Moved that the agenda for August 19, 2021 be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items**

NIL

5. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)**

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Ramsey:

Moved that the minutes from July 15, 2021 – Council Meeting be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Announcements / Proclamations

NIL

7. Presentations

a. Mass Casualty -

Maureen Wheller
Barb McLain
Sidney Patton

In response to the mass casualty in April 2020, the Mass Casualty Commission was formed to investigate and share their findings Provincially, Nationally, and Internationally. The proceedings will also be live streamed through the website www.masscasualtycommission.ca. The Mass Casualty Commission is a team of 8 Investigators involved in:

- Establishing a foundation to investigate what happened.
- Learning and understanding how and why this happened.
- Shaping and sharing by presenting The Mass Casualty Commission findings and recommendations.

The Mass Casualty Commission's first report was May 2021 and the final report will be available in November 2022.

The Mass Casualty Commission can be accessed through several social media outlets including:

- Twitter – [Twitter.com/NSMassCasualty](https://twitter.com/NSMassCasualty)
- Facebook – facebook.com/masscasualtycommission
- Website – www.masscasualtycommission.ca

CAO Dale Bogle added that we were tracking the situation as it was unfolding and posted on the Town of Stewiacke Facebook page for people to stay inside and lock doors. Town of Stewiacke did try to protect our community and wanted The Mass Casualty Commission to be aware as the shooter did drive through our town.

b. Financials –

Darren Chaisson
Kyle Musial

Darren Chaisson reviewed the Audit stating that it will be successfully completed by the middle of next week once he receives approval tonight and nothing has changed up to date. There will be two Clean Auditor's Reports attached, with the Financial Statements and the Water Utility audits.

Darren reviewed the Financial Statements and noted points of interest as follows:

- Vehicle is slowing removing due to amortization
- Renewal of Debenture resulted in reduced interest rate
- Additional revenue for splash pad
- Taxes increased around \$60K and the main reason was deed transfer tax
- Interest on Investments were down which was a result of Covid

- Interest on taxes were down due to deferred interest
- Conditional Gas Tax back in line
- Benefits / Employee pensions allocated to department employee actually works in, previously all lumped together

Kyle Musial reviewed the Water Utility noting this is the first time we are viewing these. Provided in the presentation were the following:

- Assets increased \$90K
- Liabilities decreased slightly due to decreased cx deposits
- Revenue Increased
- Operating costs are consistent
- No new debt

Councillor Creelman asked Darren Chaisson if there were any recommendations to change. Darren Chaisson responded stating we were doing well during two unusual years with our budgeting system. He also stated that things are going well at the Town Office and thanked Randi for all her hard work, and everyone as well.

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Rogers-Laing:

CONSOLIDATED

Moved that the Consolidated Financial Statements of March 31, 2021 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Commo:

WATER UTILITY

Moved that the Water Utility Financial Statements of March 31, 2021 be approved as presented.

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8. Written Petitions and Correspondence

- Deputy Mayor Chapman read a letter from resident regarding the RBC ATM being removed from downtown and suggested that we should pass this concern along to RBC. CAO Dale Bogle reached out to Credit Union and suggested a branch as well. Waiting on a response from Credit Union.
- Deputy Mayor Chapman read Emancipation Civic Proclamation from African Nova Scotian Affairs.
- Deputy Mayor Chapman acknowledged letter from Rhonda MacLellan with the Liberal Party, stating it was kind of her to respond.
- CN News release of Interim Extreme Weather Plan – Deputy Mayor Chapman advised everyone should have read.
- NS Environment and Climate Change letter regarding the Coastal Protection Act – Deputy Mayor Chapman addressed that we should have read and there are additional dates and times for new sessions.
- Letter from David Borden regarding speeding on Ridge Ave and suggested speed bumps.
- Email to Mayor Lloy from resident regarding speeding on Kitchener St. CAO Dale Bogle wants to review complaints taking into consideration complaints, accidents and suggested radar and trail cam to

view vehicles if dates and times are consistent. Deputy Mayor Chapman questioned a Public Safety Audit. CAO Dale Bogle wants to look at what can be done prior to that step noting speed bumps can become liability issues.

9. Business

a. **Staff Reports**

i. **Administration**

- Approval to proceed with Phase 3 regarding well. PCAP Funding approved for \$100,000 today.
- Cement blocks up at community centre for installation of solar panels.
- \$20,000 for fencing – Will be investigating further.
- Splash pad RFP completed.
- Allison Surveying finished with old school lot. CAO Dale Bogle and Grant Cook working through to take to Council for consideration.
- Dangerous and Unsightly – There are currently 6 on the go and 1 is to be demolished.
- Development - Mayor Lloy and CAO Dale Bogle met with owner of glass factory (MGM) and will be recruiting 20 employees and looking into training to recruit locally. In addition the Alumicor Construction will employ an additional 10 employees.
- CAO Dale Bogle meeting with Mayor Lloy for Perry Lake and proposed 24 unit apartment building. Perry Lake is poised to take off.
- \$10 million prediction for 2021 and with the apartment building at Perry Lake we should reach that soon.
- Grants are being worked on with possible Library funding.
- Heavily involved with Mass Casualty Commission
- Financial Aid for people without insurance affected by Tornado being explored through Province of NS.
- MGM Owner would love to talk to Council and Tourism to tell his story on how and why he chose Stewiacke.

Councillor Creelman mentioned a fall meeting on Strategic Planning with Infrastructure as new business and more employees coming into Stewiacke will increase traffic.

Councillor Rogers – Laing noted that she has been held up at the intersection of Main St and Highway 2 for up to 15 minutes.

CAO Dale Bogle agreed the intersection is getting bad and we need a roundabout.

ii. **Public Works**

- Jeff is on vacation this week, Public Works is fine. Currently working on:
 - Water leaks but looks good
 - Working on ball field for provincials
 - Looking at Lagoon for sewage etc.

iii. **Recreation**

- Josh is doing a great job, he is energized. Skate park is busy as is the soccer season.

Deputy Mayor Chapman questioned when RFP deadline for splash pad to which CAO Dale Bogle confirmed 2 weeks from today.

iv. Planning

- Grant Cook is not here but CAO Dale Bogle said they are working together on various projects.

v. Financial

- Confirmed review of financials during presentation.
- Can spend capital on well water study.
- Finance Manager Randi Buchi suggested instead of short term loan, borrow from operating reserve and transfer \$300,000 to cover grader but need for solar. To be put back in when we receive debenture in the fall.

Councillor Creelman questioned if this was okay to do so to which Randi Buchi replied yes. On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Mayor Lloy:

Moved that the staff recommendation to transfer \$300,000 from the operating reserve to the general operating fund, to be repaid upon receipt of the municipal funds debenture in the fall of 2021 be approved as presented.

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On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Rogers-Laing:

Moved to receive the staff reports for August 19, 2021 as presented.

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b. MFC Debenture Approval (Grader)

- We will be borrowing the funds for the grader and the MFC requests that we let them know the amount of funds to get approved.

Mayor Chapman read resolution from top to bottom.

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Commo:

Moved that the Resolution of \$311,815 be approved as presented.

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c. New Holiday, September 30, 2021

- Federal Government created new holiday National Truth and Reconciliation Day. This is an annual holiday that will be held on the 30th of September.

Councillor Creelman addressed that we will have to amend our HR policy, to which CAO Dale Bogle replied that he is just making council aware, still have time to finalize the process.

d. Library Committee

- Councillor Commo suggested to change the Stewiacke Library Building Committee title to Stewiacke Library Committee as it increases the grants available. Next Library Committee meeting is September 1,2021.

On the motion of Councillor Commo and Mayor Lloy:

Moved that the name change of Stewiacke Library Committee be approved as presented.

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e. Future Council Chambers Location

- Move upstairs solely as Council which would provide accessibility issues.
- Use Community Centre but the acoustics would be expensive to address (\$4000).
- Use the Legion as we should be able to tap into our WiFi for zoom and has accessibility for in person Council.

Mayor Lloy, Deputy Mayor Chapman and Councillor Creelman all agree with CAO Dale Bogle's suggestion but will put forward to discuss at a later date.

10. By-laws and Policies

- Nothing to report

11. Citizen Comments

- No comments

12. Mayor Report

Mayor Report for 19 August 2021

- 20 July 2021 - Attend opening for Rhonda MacLellan with Councillor Lutz and Councillor Commo
- 21 July 2021 - Met with CAO Dale Bogle and resident regarding speeding on Kitchener St.
- 3 Aug 2021 - Zoom meeting with Library Committee
- 10 Aug 2021 - Meeting with CAO Dale Bogle, David Borden and Larry Gibson
- 12 Aug 2021 - Meeting with CAO Dale Bogle and Sandy Martin, owner of glass Factory
- 16 Aug 2021 - Breakfast meeting with Truro Chamber of Commerce for business owners/managers at Fox Hollow.
- Authorized letter and forwarded to Council regarding 3 party members.
- Continue weekly meetings with CAO Dale Bogle
- Thank you Deputy Mayor Chapman for chairing the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Chapman was on holidays but did attend 2 Library meetings.

13. Councillors Reports

Councillor Creelman was speaking with a B&B owner who had guests in from Dartmouth and thoroughly enjoyed Mastadon Ridge and Coldstream! Good things are happening. Also acknowledged former Councillor Gordon Crowe's passing.

14. In-Camera Session

No in-camera session

15. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration

Councillor Commo mentioned we have no destination marketing organization and we are missing out on funding grants. Would be best served if Chamber took it on.

16. Adjournment at 9:05pm

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