

1. Call to Order

Mayor Lloy 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

Chad Ramsey
Suzanne Lutz
Rebecca Rogers-Laing

Staff: Dale Bogle, CAO
Lisa Feist – Recording Secretary

REGRETS / ABSENT:

3. Approval of / Changes to Agenda

On the motion of Councillor Commo and Deputy Mayor Chapman:

Moved that the agenda for March 25th, 2021 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items

Nil.

5. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)

a) February 25th, 2021 – Council Meeting minutes

On the motion of Councillor Ramsey and Councillor Creelman:

Moved that the minutes for February 25th, 2021 – Council Meeting be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Announcements / Proclamations

Nil.

7. Presentations

Nil.

8. Written Petitions and Correspondence

Nil.

9. Business

a. Financial

i. Temporary Borrowing Resolution motion

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Commo:

Moved that Council approve the recommendation to exercise the Temporary Borrowing Resolution as presented on March 11, 2021 as presented at Committee of the Whole on March 11, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ii. Operating budgets – General and Water motion

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Commo:

Moved that Council approve the recommendation to approve the 2021-2022 fiscal year expenditures for general operations and water utility budget as presented at Committee of the Whole on March 11, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. Big River Café – 1st draft of lease

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Chapman and Councillor Rogers-Laing:

Moved that Council approve the recommendation to approve the 2-year lease at 46 Main Street for Big River Café as presented at Committee of the Whole on March 11, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

c. Biodiversity Act – CAO Mr. Bogle updated council on the status of the provincial act being revised to no longer include private property, only crown land.

d. REMAC Training – Mayor Lloy informed Council of training on Saturday, April 24th (10 am to noon) at the Legion - available to all interested Council members.

10. By-laws and Policies

a. Bylaw 2000-05 Meetings and Procedure

On the motion of Councillor Commo and Councillor Creelman:

Moved that Council approve the recommendation to remove Bylaw 2000-05 Meetings and Procedure Bylaw from Town website as presented at Committee of the Whole on March 11, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. Agendas and Minutes

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Deputy Mayor Chapman:

Moved that Council approve the recommendation to approve agendas and minutes and staff reports as presented at Committee of the Whole on March 11, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. Citizen Comments

Pam Osborne – I just wanted, I know I sent a note to you, Mayor and put it on Facebook too, I wanted to give a big shout out to the Public Works team during the last storm. I had to take my mom to a very early appointment in Truro and our roads were, although they weren't bare, they were clear. When I got to Truro, their roads weren't even plowed. I wanted to go on record to thank them and Dale, if you could pass that on to Jeff, thank you! That's all I wanted to say and I think that was respectful and I will talk to you later.

Bill Hellewell – Hi Dale, how are you? Can you hear me? One thing I wanted to ask and I've inquired before but I really have been left with not really understanding the arrangement, with our current policing agreement with the RCMP. I guess the basic question is for the hours that we pay for, I'm assuming it provides a certain amount of policing in the town...lost connection ...my question is do we have any say as to the time those hours are extended? Mayor Lloy advised that the item will be brought forward for follow up.

12. Mayor Report

Mayor Lloy – March 12: I attended a meeting in Truro with the Northern Region Waste Management Committee.

March 17: I participated in a Zoom meeting with Physician Recruitment.

March 18: I attended a meeting with MLA Larry Harrison, CAO Dale Bogle & Deputy Mayor Chapman.

March 19: I attended a meeting with MP Lenora Zann, CAO Dale Bogle & Deputy Mayor Chapman.

March 23: I attended an onsite meeting @ Mastodon Ridge with Greg Connell, Bill Hayes, CAO Dale Bogle, Counselor Creelman & Deputy Mayor Chapman.

March 17/23: HR meeting with Counselor Creelman & Deputy Mayor Chapman.

Weekly meeting with CAO Mr. Bogle continues.

** I want to recognize the Stewiacke Community Meals initiative lead by Deputy Mayor Chapman. This truly personifies the spirit of giving back to the community.

13. Councillors Reports

Councillor Lutz – Attended Diversity Inclusion webinar for municipalities with great take-aways to bring to the committee.

Councillor Commo – A couple of comments regarding the newsletter, some residents were unhappy with the content, could we make it a council item for future meetings to discuss the content and see what people think about future content, what kind of content would make a difference and I attended By-Law & Policy committee and Business & Tourism.

Deputy Mayor Chapman – Since the Committee of the Whole meeting, I met with the Hay Group at Mastadon Ridge, had two calls from residents regarding the Age Friendly Survey and met with Larry Harrison, attended a workshop on sustainable housing and a Library Board Executive meeting and with MP Zann. Thank you for the kind words about the community meals initiative.

14. In-Camera Session

Nil.

15. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration

Nil.

16. Adjournment

Mayor Lloy adjourned the meeting at 7:28 pm.

Read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2021.

X _____
Mayor

X _____
CAO