



**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST HANTS  
Committee of the Whole Minutes  
March 26, 2019, 6:00 p.m.  
Sanford Council Chambers**

Present:	P. Morton	Deputy Warden
	A. Zebian	Warden
	R. Jannasch	Councillor District 1
	K. Monroe	Councillor District 2
	D. Keith	Councillor District 3
	T. Leopold	Councillor District 4
	D. Francis	Councillor District 5
	R. Hussey	Councillor District 6
	J. Daniels	Councillor District 7
	M. Laycock	Chief Administrative Officer
	B. Carrigan	Director of Public Works
	C. Rochon	Director of Finance
	C. Remme	Acting Municipal Clerk
	J. Woodman	Administrative Assistant

Regrets: R. Zwicker Councillor District 10

There were 5 members of the public in attendance.

1. Call to Order  
Chair Morton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Announcements  
Chair Morton announced the meeting was being broadcasted on Facebook Live and reviewed the standard fire evacuation procedure.

Councillor Leopold announced that the Women of Excellence nominations close on March 29<sup>th</sup> and submissions can be done at [www.annapolisvalleychamber.ca](http://www.annapolisvalleychamber.ca).

Councillor Leopold noted that the Girl Guides are selling cookies and encouraged everyone to support the organization.

3. Approval of Agenda, including additions or deletions  
**MOVED and SECONDED that the agenda be approved with the following Changes:**  
**-Deleted - CAP Presentation – Delayed until May**  
**-Added 13 (c) MGA 22 (2)(f) - Litigation or Potential Litigation**  
**-Added 13 (d) MGA 22 (2)(f) – Litigation or Potential Litigation**

**-Move Item 13 to Item 5**

**Motion Carried.**

4. Approval of Minutes

**MOVED and SECONDED that the Committee of the Whole Minutes of February 26, 2019 be approved, noting any errors or omissions.**

**Motion Carried.**

5. **In - Camera**

- a. MGA 22 (2)(c) – Personnel Matters
- b. MGA 22 (2)(e) – Contract Negotiations
- c. MGA 22 (2)(f) – Litigation or Potential Litigation
- d. MGA 22 (2)(f) – Litigation or Potential Litigation

**MOVED and SECONDED to move in camera. at 6:03 pm.**

**Motion Carried**

Committee of the Whole moved in-camera at 6:03 p.m.

Committee of the Whole reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

6. Hearing (s) – Dangerous & Unsightly

There were no Dangerous & Unsightly Hearings.

7. Business Arising from Minutes

There was none.

8. Report of the Chief Administrative Officer

- a. Request for Purchase of Municipal Lands

CAO Laycock reported Council gave direction to staff to determine if PID 45321841 was a benefit to the Municipality and if not prepare a recommendation report for disposal. He confirmed the land was secured from the Department of Transportation and was done with the understanding it would remain in the public domain. He suggested the significant reason for the Municipality wanting to keep the land is because of the adjacent Martock 4-H Hall property, which is an old school house which will eventually be turned over to the Municipality, and holding onto PID 45321841 will enable a property larger which is more attractive for public space. He pointed out that Ms. O'Leary made an inquiry about purchasing the lands in 2011 and was given the same response. He offered Council does have the option of disposing of the land if they choose.

**MOVED and SECONDED that a recommendation be made to Council, that Council direct staff to write to Ms. O'Leary and indicate that the Municipality will not be disposing of PID 45321841, Old Trunk#14, as it is intended for current and future public use.**

Councillor Daniels advised that she disagreed with this recommendation and referred to the deed which showed it was sold to the Municipality for a dollar and she did not see anything that claims it goes to public land. CAO Laycock confirmed that he received the information

directly from the Director of Parks & Recreation who dealt with the matter. Councillor Daniels stated that Ms. O'Leary had used that piece of property and maintained it for several decades. She noted that this would increase Ms. O'Leary's land as well as the property value, adding that when Ms. O'Leary sells the house it would also increase the tax base. She indicated that she would like to see Ms. O'Leary obtain this piece of land and suggested that nothing has been done with the property to date. CAO Laycock clarified that the disposal could not simply go to Ms. O'Leary and that all abutting property owners would need to be approached and given the fair opportunity to purchase it.

**Motion Carried.**

Councillors Daniels and Hussey voted nay.

9. Reports – Other Committees

There were no reports from other committees.

10. Correspondence

- a. 03-05-2019 Letter from NSFM to Province – Library Funding Review
- b. 03-14-2019 Letter from Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce – Valley REN
- c. 03-19-2019 Letter from Minister of Fisheries and Oceans – Hantsport Aboiteau

11. Miscellaneous/New Business

- a. Emergency Gate at The Crossing

Councillor Leopold explained she asked to have this added to the agenda for discussion. She suggested this has been an issue for the entire length of this Council's term. CAO Laycock advised as per Council's direction there has been a gate installed. Councillor Daniels advised that she understood that Council agreed that this matter be put on hold until consolidation is complete.

It was agreed to request this item should be added to the Joint Council agenda for discussion.

12. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next regular Committee of the Whole will be on April 23, 2019.

14. Adjournment

**MOVED and SECONDED that the meeting adjourn.**

**Motion Carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Paul Morton, Chair

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Rhonda Brown, Municipal Clerk