



MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST HANTS
Council Minutes
December 10, 2019 7:00 p.m.
Sanford Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Warden Zebian called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Call of Roll

Present:	A. Zebian	Warden
	P. Morton	Deputy 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
	R. Zwicker	Councillor District 10
	M. Laycock	Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
	R. Brown	Municipal Clerk
	C. Remme	Communications Coordinator

There were 3 members of the public in attendance.

3. Announcements

Warden Zebian advised that the Council meeting is live streamed on Facebook and reviewed the standard fire evacuation procedures.

Councillor Leopold spoke of the feature done by CTV News on Serenity Acres Family Ranch located in Ellershouse. She went on to say that the ranch is run by Kristy Falconer and specializes in equine assisted learning adding that the feature would raise awareness of the local business.

Councillor Leopold expressed that the Christmas season can be a difficult time for many and encouraged Council to give their time or to donate items. She added that the local foodbanks are seeking donations of food and Matthew 25 is looking for donations of clothing. The Councillor went on to say that not everyone is able to donate this time of year but encouraged everyone to be kind.

4. Approval of Agenda, including additions or deletions

MOVED and SECONDED that the agenda be approved with the following additions:

12.b. Letter of Support Request – Avon Community Farmers’ Market

13.a. Meeting with Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (TIR)

And removal of item

14. In-Camera a. MGA 22(2)(f) – Litigation or Potential Litigation

Motion Carried.

5. Public Hearings

There were no Public Hearings.

6. Presentation (s)

There were no presentations.

7. Approval of Minutes

- a. Council Minutes and Public Hearing Minutes (Cannabis in West Hants Land Use By-law and Municipal Planning Strategy Amendment) of October 8, 2019;
- b. Special Council Minutes and Public Hearing Minutes (Recreational Cabins: West Hants and Hantsport Land Use By-law Amendments; and Fees: Amendments to West Hants and Hantsport Land Use By-laws, Subdivision By-laws and the West Hants Building Code Act By-law) of November 5, 2019;
- c. Council Minutes of November 12, 2019; and
- d. Joint Public Hearing Minutes and Special Council Minutes of November 19, 2019.

MOVED and SECONDED that the:

- a. Council Minutes and Public Hearing Minutes (Cannabis in West Hants Land Use By-law and Municipal Planning Strategy Amendment) of October 8, 2019;**
- b. Special Council Minutes and Public Hearing Minutes (Recreational Cabins: West Hants and Hantsport Land Use By-law Amendments; and Fees: Amendments to West Hants and Hantsport Land Use By-laws, Subdivision By-laws and the West Hants Building Code Act By-law) of November 5, 2019;**
- c. Council Minutes of November 12, 2019; and**
- d. Joint Public Hearing Minutes and Special Council Minutes of November 19, 2019.**

be approved as circulated, noting any errors.

Motion Carried.

8. Business Arising from Minutes and any Related Correspondence

There was no business arising from the minutes or any related correspondence.

9. Report of the Warden

Warden Zebian read his report.

MOVED and SECONDED that the Report of the Warden be received and placed on file.

Motion Carried.

10. Reconsideration or Rescission of Resolutions of Which Notice Has Been Given on a Previous Day
There were no reconsiderations or rescissions of resolutions.

11. Report(s) of the Committee(s) and Officer(s)

- a. Committee of the Whole Excerpts
 - i. 11-26-2019 COTW Excerpts

4th Amendment to the Fees Policy COFN-005.03

MOVED and SECONDED that Council amend the Fees Policy, COFN-005.03, as shown in the 4th Amendment to the Fees Policy Report presented to Committee of the Whole on November 26, 2019.

Motion Carried.

10-17-2019 Letter from Southwest Hants Fire Society – Re: Generator

MOVED and SECONDED that Council respond to the letter from Southwest Hants Fire Society, dated October 17, 2019 and advise them to request a generator in their next budget deliberations for the new Regional Municipality.

Motion Carried.

- b. Planning Advisory Committee
 - i. 11-21-2019 PAC/HAC Excerpts

Rural Churches

MOVED and SECONDED that Council consider amending the text of the West Hants and Hantsport Municipal Planning Strategies and Land Use By-laws during the Plan Review to:

- a. remove the term church from the definitions;
- b. add the term place of religious congregation to the definitions as described as “Place of Religious Congregation means a building dedicated to any religious congregation and/or worship and includes a church, synagogue, temple or assembly hall and may include such accessory uses as an auditorium, a nursery school, a school of religious education, convent, monastery, parish hall or residence operated by the place of religious congregation on the same lot or an abutting lot.”
- c. Replace the use of the term church with “place of religious congregation” in all the documents

as attached as Appendix A of report to the Planning Advisory Committee dated November 21, 2019.

Motion Carried.

12. Correspondence

- a. 12-03-2019 Letter from Ellershuse Community Hall – Generator
- b. Letter of Support Request – Avon Community Farmers’ Market

MOVED and SECONDED that the Letter of Support Request from the Avon Community Farmers’ Market be received and placed on file.

Motion Carried.

Councillor Leopold asked about a discussion that the Warden had with the Ellershouse Community Hall. The Warden replied that he had spoken to the group regarding the generator request and he had recommended that they put the request forward to Council in the same manner as the Southwest Hants Fire Society as there are currently no funds in the current budget.

MOVED and SECONDED that Council respond to the request from Ellershouse Community Hall dated December 3, 2019 advising them to request the generator in their next budget deliberations for the new Regional Municipality.

CAO Laycock advised that the request would be more appropriately done through the grants process.

Councillor Hussey suggested that the Ellershouse Community Hall obtain quotes from more than one provider for the generator.

Councillor Daniels questioned if the Hall had been identified through REMO as a comfort or warming center to which the CAO replied that to his knowledge they had not.

MOVED and SECONDED to amend the motion to state that Council respond to the letter from the Ellershouse Community Hall's request dated December 3, 2019 advising them to submit an application through the grant process for the generator request.

Amendment Carried.

Motion Carried as amended.

Warden Zebian spoke of the request of support from the Avon Community Farmers' Market towards their application to the West Hants Community Fund.

MOVED and SECONDED that Council write a letter of support for the Avon Community Farmers' Market towards their grant application to the West Hants Community Fund.

Motion Carried.

13. Miscellaneous/New Business

a. Meeting with Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (TIR)

MOVED and SECONDED that the Meeting with Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (TIR) Report be received and placed on file.

Motion Carried.

Warden Zebian reviewed the report noting that the meeting took place to discuss issues relating to Underwood Road. He noted that consideration will be given to reduce the speed limit on the road to 40km/hr and discussions took place surrounding infrastructure including paving, snowplowing and water/sewer.

MOVED and SECONDED that Council request that staff prepare a report on costs associated with upgrades to infrastructure and asphalt on Underwood Road and forward it to the Coordinating Committee for recommendation for upgrades from the Province.

Motion Carried.

Warden Zebian noted that swapping roads was discussed at the meeting where the Municipality has the ability to swap a road that is currently being maintained by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal for one that is being maintained by the Municipality. The Warden made it clear that reducing service levels for residents in one area to favour other residents was not something that would be considered.

Councillor Hussey added that Halifax Regional Municipality recently reduced speed in a few areas in their region, which increases the possibility of the reduced speed occurring on Underwood Road. The Warden added that, if the request is approved, there would be campaigns taking place with the RCMP to raise awareness and increased signage.

14. Date of Next Meeting – January 14, 2020

The next Regular Council meeting will be held January 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

15. Adjournment

MOVED and SECONDED that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Abraham Zebian, Warden

Rhonda Brown, Municipal Clerk