



WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
Committee of the Whole – Special Meeting Agenda **AMENDED**
February 17, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
In-Person - Sanford Council Chambers, 76 Morison Drive, Windsor, NS
Also held Via Zoom and Facebook Livestreamed

1. Call to Order
2. Attendance
3. Approval of the Agenda, including additions or deletions
4. Declaration(s) of Conflict of Interest
5. Announcements
6. Presentation(s)
 - a) Windsor/West Hants Together Community Engagement Final Report – RAD Consulting
7. New Business - None
8. In-Camera - None
9. Next Meeting Date / Adjournment



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Special Committee of the Whole Minutes

February 17, 2021 6:00 p.m.

In-Person, Sanford Council Chambers, 76 Morison Drive, Windsor, NS
and Virtual Meeting – via Zoom and Facebook Live

1. Call to Order

Mayor Zebian called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Attendance

Council Present:

Abraham Zebian, Mayor
Rupert Jannasch, Councillor, District 1
Scott McLean, Councillor, District 2
Mark McLean, Councillor, District 3
Jeff Hartt, Councillor, District 4
Debbie Francis, District 5

Paul Morton, Deputy Mayor, District 8
Bob Morton, Councillor, District 6
Ed Sherman, Councillor, District 7
Richard Murphy, Councillor, District 9
Laurie Murley, Councillor, District 10
Jim Ivey, Councillor, District 11

Staff and Guests Present:

Mark Phillips, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
Todd Richard, Dir. Public Works
Kathy Kehoe, Dir. Community
Development
Madelyn LeMay, Dir. Planning and Development

Karoush Rad, RAD Consulting

Carlee Rochon, Dir. Financial Services
Rhonda Brown, Municipal Clerk
Shelleena Thornton, Administrative
Supervisor
Chrystal Remme, Community Relations
Coordinator
Virginia Konchan, RAD Consulting

Members of the public watched the meeting using Facebook Live; there were no members of the public present in the Council Chambers.

3. Approval of the Agenda, including additions or deletions

**MOVED by Councillors Sherman and Murphy that the agenda be approved.
Motion Carried.**

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest - No conflicts of interests were declared.

5. Announcements

Winter Carnival is starting Friday February 19th, check the Municipal website and Facebook for events.

The meeting is being streamed on Facebook Live, residents are welcome to leave comments but will not be replied to during the meeting.

6. Presentations

a. Windsor/West Hants Together Community Engagement Final Report – RAD Consulting

Karoush Rad and Virginia Konchan of RAD Consulting presented the final report on the Community Engagement Project done as part of the Windsor/West Hants Consolidation. Mr. Rad started the presentation by acknowledging the Municipality is on the traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq people.

The presentation highlighted the findings of the interviews with community leader and minority groups, surveys, and online engagement sessions held due to COVID. The fourteen recommendations in the report to help engage residents and enhance community relations were reviewed.

Councillor Jannash joined the meeting at 6:40 pm.

Discussion Points:

- A total of 134 residents took part in the survey and about 60 residents attended the online engagement sessions.
- The Three Mile Plains Elementary School has a mural which shows the importance of bringing the community together.
- Small actions can lead to small wins such as having the Pan-African Flag flying along the Causeway Trail.
- An example of a local business improvement project is the Guelph-Wellington area project that identified the local agriculture and food chain processes. A video on the project is available at www.foodfuture.ca.
- Priorities identified during the strategic workshops with Councillors are similar to those identified by the community members, having community leaders for priorities can help create united front for change.
- The Black Lives Matters movement has a sharp focus of what needs to happen with respect to the history of Black racism in Nova Scotia; while Diversity and Inclusion can address broader issues such as hiring practices and education which may not always be intentional.

MOVED by Councillor Francis and Deputy Mayor Morton that Committee of the Whole recommends that Council accept the recommendations in principle included in the Community Engagement Final Project Report presented to Committee of the Whole on February 17, 2021 by RAD Consulting and direct staff to find ways to implement the recommendations in order to enhance community relations.

Motion Carried.

Mayor Zebian thanked the Consultants, staff and residents involved with the project who showed their passion and energy; adding the Municipality looks forward to implementing the recommendations.

7. New Business - There was no new business.

8. In-Camera - There was no in-camera.

9. Next Meeting Date / Adjournment

The next meeting will be Regular Council on February 23, 2021.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Morton and Councillor Murphy that the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

The meeting ended at 7:32 pm.

Abraham Zebian, Mayor

Rhonda Brown, Municipal Clerk