



WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
Committee of the Whole - Meeting Agenda Amended
June 8, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.
Virtual via Zoom
(also FB Livestream)

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1. Call to Order
2. Attendance
3. Approval of the Agenda, including additions or deletions
 - a) Dashboard Action Items – Information Log
4. Declaration(s) of Conflict of Interest
5. Announcements
6. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a) 2021-05-11 Committee of the Whole minutes
7. Presentations
 - a) Dog Park – Cecile Rolfe, Resident
 - b) 10-yr plan to end homelessness in Annapolis Valley – Kelly McGregor and Russ Sanche, Portal Youth Outreach Assoc. & Homeless No More
8. Unfinished Business/Postponed Motions
 - a) Rural Internet Service for NS (standing item)
 - b) Dangerous or Unsightly Premises – Old Textile Mill (standing item)

(Four items from Items in #11 moved up here on the agenda)
 - c) 2021/22 Budget continuation from June 1,2, & 3rd meetings
 - d) Hantsport Fire Station Build Tender Award – Recommendation Report
 - e) Contracts & Agreements Listing – Information Report
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 - a) CAO Activity Update – Information Report
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 - i. Avon Causeway Activity Log
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 - ii. Kody Blois, M.P. (May 18, 2021) – Budget 2021
 - iii. Sani Engineering (May 27, 2021) – Cracking Concrete Mezzanine – WH Sports Complex
 - iv. Dept. of Agriculture to Minister Jordan (May 27, 2021) – Avon River Aboiteau and Ministerial Order impacts

- v. Lee Chalmers (June 3, 2021) - Comments on DesignPoint LID presentation
 - b) Requests (for discussion) – None
11. New Business
- a) 33 Fletcher Road Dangerous or Unsightly Pkg - Recommendation Report (Moved up after Item 8(b))
 - b) 74 Bowman Road Dangerous or Unsightly Pkg - Recommendation Report (Moved up after Item 8(b))
 - c) 2021 Provincial Funding Applications - Recommendation Report
 - d) Mobile Canteens Vending By-law RV-001 First Reading- Recommendation Report (Moved up after Item 8(b))
 - e) Sidewalk Cafes Policy – Recommendation Report (Moved up after Item 8(b))
 - f) Scada Migration/Upgrades – Recommendation Report
 - g) Regional Caucus Discussion (verbal)
 - h) Windsor Waterfront Lands – Request for Decision Report
 - i) Grants – Recommendation Report
 - j) Mayor’s Meeting with Glooscap First Nation Recommendation (verbal)
12. Public Participation Period
13. In-Camera - None
14. Next Meeting Date / Adjournment



**WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY (WHRM)
Committee of the Whole - Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.
Virtual via Zoom
(also FB Livestream)**

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1. Call to Order – Deputy Mayor P. Morton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted that Mayor Zebian would be about an hour late.

2. Attendance

Council:

Abraham Zebian, Mayor (joined at approx. 7:09pm)	Paul Morton, Deputy Mayor, Dist. 8
Rupert Jannasch, Councillor Dist. 1 (joined at approx. 6:20pm)	Debbie Francis, Councillor Dist. 5
Scott McLean, Councillor Dist. 2	Bob Morton, Councillor Dist. 6
Mark McLean, Councillor Dist. 3	Ed Sherman, Councillor Dist. 7
Jeff Hartt, Councillor Dist. 4	Laurie Murley, Councillor Dist. 10
	Jim Ivey, Councillor Dist. 11

Staff & Guests:

Mark Phillips, CAO	Todd Richard, Dir. Public Works
Shelleena Thornton, Admin. Supervisor	Carlee Rochon, Dir. Financial Services
Kathy Kehoe, Dir. Community Development	Madelyn LeMay, Dir. Planning & Development
Sara Poirier, Planner	Kelly McGregor (Presenter)
Shawn Levy, By-law Enforcement Officer	Russ Sanché (Presenter)
Ian Armour re. 74 Bowman Rd.	Cecile Rolfe (Presenter)
Julie Miller re. 74 Bowman Rd.	

Regrets: None

3. Approval of the Agenda, including additions or deletions

a) Dashboard Action Items – Information Log

Item 11(j) – Add Mayor’s update re. meeting with Glooscap First Nation.

Dashboard and budget updates (The Station Food Hub driveway, aboiteau gate timing, service contracts listing. These items will be noted during this meeting.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS MURLEY AND SHERMAN THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Declaration(s) of Conflict of Interest – None.

5. Announcements

- One minute of silence was held in remembrance of the 215 indigenous children whose remains were found at a former residential school in Kamloops, BC.
- Happy Birthday to CAO Phillips.

- COVID-19 numbers are going down and everyone is asked to continue wearing their masks, sanitize, and social-distance.

6. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

a) 2021-05-11 Committee of the Whole minutes

Item 11(e) Councillor Ivey's nay should be reflected in the minutes.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS MURLEY AND FRANCIS THAT THE MAY 11, 2021 MINUTES BE APPROVED AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Presentations

a) Dog Park – Cecile Rolfe, Resident – Ms. Rolfe presented the want and need for an enclosed area for an off-leash dog park and asked if WHRM could look to see if there is surplus land to be used for such.

Discussion Points:

- Prefer it be somewhere central (e.g. Falmouth).
- Staff and council can look back at the previous information, as this has been raised before.
- Intent is that a group of volunteers can oversee the dog park.
- WHRM would need to review any insurance-related implications.
- Staff have discussed both on and off-leash options on existing trails similar to some trails in Halifax Regional Municipality. They are very well-signed and work well (e.g. Shubie Park).

Presentation concluded at 6:16pm and Ms. Rolfe left the meeting.

b) 10-yr plan to end homelessness in Annapolis Valley – Kelly McGregor and Russ Sanché, Portal Youth Outreach Assoc. & Homeless No More – The presentation was reviewed focusing on the Windsor and West Hants areas.

Requesting:

- A council member or staff person participate in the valley housing strategy.
- Provide land for development (affordable housing), including land for multi-unit residential.
- Revisit the needs yearly.

Discussion Points:

- They would like to connect with Council members to participate and perhaps attend their meetings, including one being held on June 9th.
- Rental market is a nightmare right now, so they are establishing relationships with landlords and developers to see how to increase the housing stock without ghettoizing.

Presentation concluded at 6:41 p.m. and Kelly and Russ left the meeting.

Items 11(a), (b), (d), and (e) were moved up on the agenda (following 8(a & b)).

8. Unfinished Business/Postponed Motions

a) Rural Internet Service for NS (standing item) – CAO Phillips said there is nothing new to update at this time except people see the trucks and crews working

so they wonder when they can get service. He was advised that the plan is still, if you have a power pole, you will get internet. The question is when.

Discussion Points:

- Council will be advised of new information and any questions that come in from residents.
- Ferry Road in Belmont is slated for Phase 3.
- Questions are coming in from residents from Walker Road to the county line. CAO Phillips said he could enquire.

b) Dangerous or Unsightly Premises – Old Textile Mill (standing item) – CAO Phillips said there nothing further to report since the Council meeting.

Discussion Points:

- This item will remain on the agenda; however, end of summer is realistic to see what the owners have for a strategy. CAO Phillips will ask Senior Building Official Tim Leslie when this matter could be re-raised for a status update.
- Building Official Tim Leslie is satisfied that safety components have been addressed.

11. New Business that was moved up in the agenda

a) 33 Fletcher Road – Dangerous or Unsightly – By-law Enforcement Officer Levy reviewed the report noting that the bank sent WHRM the necessary information to confirm ownership.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS IVEY AND JANNASCH THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ORDERS THE DEMOLITION OF THE DWELLING AND OUTBUILDING LOCATED AT 33 FLETCHER ROAD, ARDOISE, PID 45012994, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE REMOVAL OF ALL DEMOLITION DEBRIS, BACKFILLING OF ANY FOUNDATION OR CRAWL SPACE AND DISCONNECTING ANY AND ALL UTILITY CONNECTIONS TO THE STANDARDS SET BY EACH RESPECTIVE UTILITY PROVIDER AND REMOVAL OFF ALL SOLID WASTE AND THE DERELICT VEHICLE, SO AS TO LEAVE THE PROPERTY IN A NEAT, TIDY, ENVIRONMENTALLY COMPLIANT AND SAFE CONDITION WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER THE ORDER IS POSTED IN A CONSPICUOUS AREA UPON THE PROPERTY OR PERSONALLY SERVED UPON THE OWNER. OTHERWISE, THE MUNICIPALITY WILL EXERCISE ITS RIGHTS AS SET FORTH UNDER PART XV OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT. MOTION CARRIED.

b) 74 Bowman Road – Dangerous or Unsightly – By-law Enforcement Officer Levy reviewed the report. Mr. Armour noted potential development for the property. Councillor Francis and CAO Phillips said that a proposed development and the Dangerous or Unsightly matter before the committee are two separate matters, and this is to address the dangerous or unsightly item.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS MURLEY AND B. MORTON THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ORDERS THE DEMOLITION OF THE DWELLING LOCATED AT 74 BOWMAN ROAD, GARLANDS

CROSSING, WINDSOR, PID 45003621, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE REMOVAL OF ALL DEMOLITION DEBRIS, BACKFILLING OF ANY FOUNDATION OR CRAWL SPACE AND DISCONNECTING ANY AND ALL UTILITY CONNECTIONS TO THE STANDARDS SET BY EACH RESPECTIVE UTILITY PROVIDER, SO AS TO LEAVE THE PROPERTY IN A NEAT, TIDY, ENVIRONMENTALLY COMPLIANT AND SAFE CONDITION WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER THE ORDER IS POSTED IN A CONSPICUOUS AREA UPON THE PROPERTY OR PERSONALLY SERVED UPON THE OWNER. OTHERWISE, THE MUNICIPALITY WILL EXERCISE ITS RIGHTS AS SET FORTH UNDER PART XV OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion Points:

- Public do not typically speak/participate via Zoom during the meetings, and this was not a normal situation to have Mr. Armour speak during the *End Homelessness in the Annapolis Valley* presentation and to speak to a potential development during a dangerous or unsightly matter, when it should be the owner. An apology was extended to the public watching and it was reiterated that it was not normal practice.

d) Mobile Canteen Vending By-law - Planner Poirier reviewed the report.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS FRANCIS AND MURLEY THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT COUNCIL GIVES FIRST READING AND HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVING THE MOBILE CANTEEN VENDING BY-LAW, RV-001, IN A MANNER SUBSTANTIVELY THE SAME AS THE DRAFT SET OUT IN ATTACHMENT 'A' OF THE REPORT #20-26 TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DATED JUNE 6, 2021, WHICH WILL REPEAL THE HAWKERS, TRADERS AND PEDDLERS BYLAW, BYLAW #15, DATED MAY 6, 1998 AND THE TEMPORARY VENDOR BYLAW, BYLAW #40, DATED MARCH 12, 2012 OF THE FORMER TOWN OF WINDSOR. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS FRANCIS AND MURLEY THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE FEES FOR MOBILE CANTEENS AS OUTLINED IN TABLE 2 OPTION 2 OF THE REPORT #20-26 TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DATED JUNE 8, 2021, UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT A REGIONAL FEES POLICY IS IN EFFECT.

Mayor Zebian arrived at 7:09pm.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS IVEY AND HARTT TO AMEND THE MOTION BY RECOMMENDING GOING WITH "TABLE 2 OPTION 3." MOTION CARRIED. (Nays: Francis and Zebian).

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR IVEY AND HARTT THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE FEES FOR MOBILE CANTEENS AS OUTLINED IN TABLE 2 OPTION 3 OF THE REPORT #20-26 TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DATED JUNE 8, 2021, UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT A REGIONAL FEES POLICY IS IN EFFECT. MOTION CARRIED.
(Nays: Francis and Zebian).

Mayor Zebian assumed chair of the meeting at 7:25pm.

e) Sidewalk Cafés – Planner Poirier reviewed the report.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS FRANCIS AND MURLEY THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE SIDEWALK CAFÉ POLICY, RCOPL-005.00, IN A MANNER SUBSTANTIVELY THE SAME AS THE DRAFT SET OUT IN ATTACHMENT 'A' OF THE REPORT #20-26 TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DATED JUNE 8, 2021, WHICH WILL REPEAL THE SIDEWALK CAFÉ POLICY OF THE FORMER TOWN OF WINDSOR DATED JULY 2, 2003. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS FRANCIS AND MURLEY THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE FEES FOR SIDEWALK CAFÉS AS OUTLINED IN TABLE 2 OPTION 3 OF THE REPORT #20-26 TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DATED JUNE 8, 2021, UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT A REGIONAL FEES POLICY IS IN EFFECT. MOTION CARRIED.

8. c) 2021/22 Budget continuation from June 1,2, & 3rd meetings

Discussion Points:

- The Station Food Hub driveway is estimated at \$38,000 and would come to council as a recommendation. Funding would be from the Operating Reserve.
 - This amount is different than what the Food Hub mentioned of approximately \$10,000. It was noted that the \$38,000 is WHRM pricing and a contingency may need to be added in the event the contractor does not want to provide the services at that price due to being outside the current contract.
 - WHRM owns a majority of the driveway, including the culvert.
 - Driveway is significantly deteriorated and on quite the grade; asphalt would be the better option compared to gravel.
 - Six businesses are located in this building and the Food Hub does not currently have a lease. The lease is with the first purchaser of the building. This should be addressed as well.
 - Paving the driveway would not be Canada Community-Building Fund eligible (formerly called "Gas Tax Fund").
 - Council would like accurate figures before approving the project.
- Grants & Contributions recommendation report is further on the agenda. There are also special grant requests above what is in the list and not included in the updated budget information as it would be pending Council's direction.

Director Rochon reviewed the changes to the capital projects and their funding sources noting the changes remove dependence from the unknown Consolidation

Funding from the Province. She further reviewed the projects that would maintain service levels and those with improved service levels.

Discussion Points:

- Loaders – renting, leasing, and purchasing have all been looked at and when it goes out to tender, all options will be on the table for Council to consider.
- Sports Complex parking – trying to avoid vehicles parking in the grass areas and mud being tracked into the complex. It may be a lease agreement, shared-use agreement, or a purchase; all is being looked at. It is uncertain how much land is required or how much can be negotiated at this time. It could potentially just be gravel or paved. Once more information is available, a report would come to Council. This estimate is based on historical information for budgeting purposes.
- Drone – Director LeMay explained this would help the Planning Department in many areas and that licensing and training is required to operate it. How the cameras references items and the data transferring abilities are important.
- Hantsport Fire Station Build – the timeline from when this was first raised with the former Municipality of the District of West Hants until now was reviewed.

Director Rochon reviewed the following:

- A summary of the operating budget changes and table stemming from budget deliberations.
- The proposed residential tax rates (general and area rates) noting Windsor, West Hants, and Hantsport would all see a decrease of 0.02 cents each per \$100 of assessed value. She further reviewed the commercial rates.
- The debt ratio estimates.
- The proposed reserve budget with all changes noting we are still within our Reserves Policy guidelines.

Discussion Points:

- The changes are hard to follow without having the information beforehand.
- Concern that revenues/expenses may be over/under stated.
- Debt ratio reflects if all projects this year and in the future years are approved and other funding sources are not available. The threshold is 15% so it is important that WHRM pays its debt off and builds capacity.
- Would like more detail before supporting the budget.
- For future budgets, benchmarks and objectives should be set before sitting down for deliberations. Council should set the guidelines before the budget is presented to help expedite the process and make it more constructive.
- The budget is about creating capacity and council has highlighted issues where procedures are in place to provide council with the information. Many councils pass budgets in January without year-ends. Professionals have provided a budget based on discussions with council along the way.
- All Departments have worked together to scrutinize the budget. Last year's surplus represents accuracy on a budget this size. COVID impacted last year, and the proposed budget reflects a more 'normal' year; a non-COVID budget.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS MURLEY AND FRANCIS THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE 2021-2022 OPERATING BUDGET AS PRESENTED OUTLINING TOTAL GENERAL RATE BUDGETED EXPENSES AND TRANSFERS OF \$15,516,695, A TOTAL AREA RATE BUDGETED EXPENSES AND TRANSFERS FOR THE COMMUNITY OF WEST

HANTS OF \$6,955,875, A TOTAL AREA RATE BUDGETED EXPENSES AND TRANSFERS FOR THE COMMUNITY OF HANTSPORT OF \$673,541, AND TOTAL AREA RATE BUDGETED EXPENSES AND TRANSFERS FOR THE COMMUNITY OF WINDSOR OF \$4,139,250. MOTION CARRIED.

(Nays: Councillor Ivey, Hartt and S. McLean).

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR FRANCIS AND DEPUTY MAYOR P. MORTON THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE 2021-2022 WEST HANTS WATER UTILITY AND WINDSOR WATER UTILITY BUDGETS AS PRESENTED ON JUNE 2, 2021. MOTION CARRIED.

(Nays: Councillors Ivey, Hartt, and S. McLean)

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS FRANCIS AND MURLEY THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE 2021-2022 CAPITAL BUDGET AS PRESENTED TO COMMITTEE TO THE WHOLE ON JUNE 8, 2021. MOTION CARRIED.

(Nays: Councillors Ivey, Hartt, and S. McLean)

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS FRANCIS AND MURLEY THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE 2021-2022 RESERVES BUDGET AS PRESENTED TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON JUNE 8, 2021. MOTION CARRIED. (Nays: Councillors Ivey, Hartt, and S. McLean)

d) Hantsport Fire Station Build Tender Award – Recommendation Report –
Director Richard reviewed the recommendation report.

Discussion Points:

- The geo-technical was not received by Council as identified in the report.
- It is fiscally responsible to have a contingency on a project this size.
- Due to delays in awarding this tender, it will be approximately February 2022 for this project to be completed. Upon ratification at the June 22nd Council meeting, Director Richard will speak to the contractor to confirm the timeframe.
- Members of the Hantsport Fire Department have been involved in discussions leading up to this point.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS MURLEY AND SHERMAN THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZES STAFF TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE HANTSPORT FIRE STATION CONSTRUCTION WITH AVONDALE CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,186,591.00 PLUS APPLICABLE TAXES AND CONTINGENCIES. MOTION CARRIED.

e) Contracts & Agreements Listing – Information Report - CAO Phillips said former Clerk Brown did a great job at providing an extensive list. He added staff

will need to go through it further before it being made public due to some potentially confidential information. Once done, it will be distributed to Council.

9. Reports

a) CAO Activity Update – Information Report – CAO Phillips reviewed his report.

Discussion Points:

- Cogmagun lands – there was a delay in surveys and registry process; however, now in the hands of WHRM’s Solicitor (for the registry process).

b) Financial Update – Information Report – Director Rochon reviewed the report ending March 31, 2021. It is a preliminary update. The Audit Committee will receive the final report in July 2021.

Discussion Points:

- Sewer Utility operates at a net zero with any surplus going into the Capital Reserve.
- If sewer is very healthy, could it warrant a rate decrease? Director Rochon is looking into this further. CAO Phillips said it could potentially go down as it has gone up.

10. Correspondence

a) Information

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- ii. Kody Blois, M.P. (May 18, 2021) – Budget 2021
- iii. Sani Engineering (May 27, 2021) – Cracking Concrete Mezzanine – WH Sports Complex
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Discussion Points:

- Avon Causeway and Gate - a ‘Dashboard’ item included follow-up with Dept. of Agriculture to see if the gate could be left open longer to alleviate the blowing sand. CAO Phillips said staff would follow-up.

b) Requests (for discussion) – None.

11. New Business

a) 33 Fletcher Road Dangerous or Unsightly Pkg - Recommendation Report – Dealt with earlier in the agenda.

b) 74 Bowman Road Dangerous or Unsightly Pkg - Recommendation Report – Dealt with earlier in the agenda.

c) 2021 Provincial Funding Applications - Recommendation Report – Director Richard reviewed the circulated report.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR FRANCIS AND DEPUTY MAYOR P. MORTON THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT COUNCIL SUPPORT AN APPLICATION TO THE 2021 PROVINCIAL CAPITAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (PCAP) TO FUND 50% OF THE CENTENNIAL DRIVE STORMWATER CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT, WITH THE REMAINING FUNDS TO COME FROM COMMUNITY BUILDING FUND RESERVE. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion Points:

- Former studies are not being repeated, looking at a master stormwater plan.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR FRANCIS AND DEPUTY MAYOR P. MORTON THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT COUNCIL SUPPORT AN APPLICATION TO THE 2021 FLOOD RISK INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM (FRIIP) TO FUND 50% OF A WINDSOR FLOOD RISK IMPACT STUDY, WITH THE REMAINING FUNDS TO COME FROM COMMUNITY BUILDING FUND RESERVE. MOTION CARRIED.

d) Mobile Canteens Vending By-law RV-001 First Reading- Recommendation Report – Dealt with earlier in the agenda.

e) Sidewalk Cafes Policy – Recommendation Report - Dealt with earlier in the agenda.

f) Scada Migration/Upgrades – Recommendation Report – Director Richard reviewed the report.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MURLEY AND DEPUTY MAYOR P. MORTON THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT COUNCIL APPROVE PROCEEDING WITH THE RECOMMENDED VTSCADA PROPOSAL FROM CBCL TO UPGRADE THE FALMOUTH WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT & WEST HANTS WASTEWATER LIFT STATIONS AT A TOTAL COST OF \$75,400.00 PLUS APPLICABLE TAXES, TO BE FUNDED FROM THE CANADA COMMUNITY BUILDING FUND RESERVE. MOTION CARRIED.

g) Regional Caucus Discussion (verbal) – Mayor Zebian says WHRM is a member of the Regional Caucus which includes Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) and Cape Breton Regional Municipality (CBRM). Queens sits on a Rural Caucus.

- Does WHRM wish to Caucus with HRM and CBRM or rurals?
- Is there a different configuration WHRM wishes to explore?
- If WHRM wishes to stay with HRM and CBRM, do we stay with the informal agreement or formalize it?

Discussion Points:

- When originally looking at consolidation, one of the thoughts included the opportunity to sit on a regional caucus; perhaps council should have more information to consider all aspects.
- Perhaps a hybrid model would work.

- King's County and East Hants are in the rural caucus.

Councillor Laurie Murley, as past president with the NS Federation of Municipalities (NSFM), will explore and provide more information to council on June 22nd.

h) Windsor Waterfront Lands – Request for Decision Report – CAO Phillips reviewed the circulated report.

Discussion Points:

- Windsor waterfront area had a development plan done in 2014 that may not have been looked at as a regional council.
- Interested to see what Develop NS explores with the waterfront.
- A lot of opportunity going forward to utilize the waterfront. Will need to determine if it will be dry or wet with the on-going Hwy. 101 Twinning and Avon Causeway project.
- Staff to circulate to council the last Windsor Waterfront Plan (that was primarily citizen-driven). Director LeMay said it will be circulated.

Consensus was that the waterfront land not be declared surplus.

i) Grants – Recommendation Report – Director Kehoe reviewed the report.

Discussion Points:

- Staff reviewed the applications based on the policy of Council and made recommendations aligning with the Policy.
- Total grants is \$136,500 for the funding recommendations.
- There are some grant requests with a larger ask to still be considered.
- There is still some information to come forward from applicants and they are aware the funding is pending that information.

Mayor Zebian left the Chair and Deputy Mayor P. Morton took the Chair at 10:30pm.

Dial-A-Ride

MOVED BY MAYOR ZEBIAN AND COUNCILLOR B. MORTON THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT COUNCIL APPROVES A \$30,000 GRANT TO WEST HANTS DIAL-A-RIDE, TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE OPERATIONAL RESERVES, LESS ANY AMOUNT ALLOCATED IN THE OPERATING BUDGET.

Discussion Points:

- Would like to see attempts to expand service to rural areas rather than just subsidize existing usage.
- Funding is to subsidize rides. This will enable them to offer more rides in many of our communities. WHRM should help promote them as well.

MOVED BY MAYOR ZEBIAN AND COUNCILLOR FRANCIS THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE A RECOMMENDATION REPORT ON THE IMPACT OF INCLUDING WEST HANTS DIAL-A-RIDE AS A LINE ITEM ON THE BUDGET COMMENCING IN 2022/2023 EQUAL TO \$30,000. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion Points:

- Would like to see the level of service provided over the next year before automatically approving them starting 2022/23.
- Staff will need to look into the financial controls part as well as seeing what the reporting requirements are. This information will go to the Audit Committee and the Audit Committee will make a recommendation to council.

Mayor Zebian returned as Chair at 10:52pm.

Newport & District Rink Commission (Brooklyn Rink) – The grant application was for \$85,000 (\$65,000 for the beams that is not gas-tax eligible and would need to come from operating reserves and \$20,000 for the thermo-storage tanks and is eligible for gas tax).

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS FRANCIS AND M. MCLEAN TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO INCREASE THE NEWPORT & DISTRICT RINK COMMISSION REQUEST TO \$20,000 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE FLOOD THERMAL STORAGE TANKS TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE CANADA COMMUNITY BUILDING FUND. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS M. MCLEAN AND B. MORTON TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE NEWPORT & DISTRICT RINK COMMISSION REQUEST FOR \$65,000 TO ASSIST WITH COSTS ASSOCIATED TO PREPARE AND PAINT INTERIOR EXPOSED BEAMS, SUPPORTS, TIES, AND SUSPENDED EQUIPMENT SUPPORTS TO PROLONG THE LIFE OF AND SAFETY OF THE BUILDING TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE OPERATING RESERVES. MOTION CARRIED.

The Station Food Hub – For driveway paving.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS JANNASCH AND MURLEY TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE STATION FOOD HUB FUNDING FOR THE DRIVEWAY PAVING PROJECT UP TO A CEILING OF \$30,000. MOTION CARRIED.

Royal Canadian Legion, Hants County Branch 009 - To assist with costs associated with repairing the water system for the building.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS IVEY AND MURLEY TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL THAT COUNCIL APPROVES AN ADDITIONAL \$25,000 TO THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, HANTS COUNTY BRANCH 009 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE OPERATIONAL RESERVES. MOTION CARRIED.

Grants and Contributions

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS FRANCIS AND M. MCLEAN THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE ATTACHED SUMMARY, AS PRESENTED, RECOMMENDING GRANT FUNDING TO THE LISTED RECIPIENTS AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO RELEASE FUNDS ONCE ALL

REQUIREMENTS, AS OUTLINED UNDER THE GRANT AND CONTRIBUTION POLICY HAVE BEEN MET. AND FURTHER, THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF \$7,500 FROM THE 5% RESERVE FUND TO FUND UPGRADES TO THE BROOKLYN TENNIS COURTS. AND FURTHER, WITH THE CHANGES NOTED BY COUNCIL IN PREVIOUS MOTIONS FOR NEWPORT & DISTRICT RINK COMMISSION, ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION HANTS COUNTY BRANCH 009, THE STATION FOOD HUB, AND WEST HANTS DIAL-A-RIDE. MOTION CARRIED.

- j) Glooscap First Nation** – Mayor Zebian noted he attended a planting ceremony last Thursday, June 3rd with Glooscap First Nation in honour and memory of the 215 indigenous children whose remains were found at a former residential school in Kamloops, BC. There could be more at that school or across the Nation. He added that it would be beneficial on WHRM Council’s part to build the relationship with Glooscap First Nation and for WHRM Council to take steps to reconciliation and working together and building a stronger relationship.

Mayor Zebian stepped down from the Chair and 11:11pm and Deputy Mayor P. Morton assumed the Chair.

MOVED BY MAYOR ZEBIAN AND COUNCILLOR M. MCLEAN TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL THAT COUNCIL SEND A FORMAL INVITE TO GLOOSCAP FIRST NATION AND CHIEF SIDNEY PETERS AND THE COUNCILLORS OF THE FIRST NATION TO HAVE A MEETING WITH WHRM COUNCIL TO DISCUSS MANY TOPICS INCLUDING RECONCILIATION. MOTION CARRIED.

- 12. Public Participation Period** – There appeared to be upwards of 73 viewers on Facebook livestream with many comments on varying matters.
- 13. In-Camera** – None.
- 14. Next Meeting Date / Adjournment** – Special Council will immediately follow this Committee of the Whole meeting.

MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR P. MORTON AND COUNCILLOR IVEY THAT AT 11:13 PM, THE MEETING ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Abraham Zebian (Chair)

Shelleena Thornton, Administrative Supervisor/Acting Municipal Clerk