



WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
Special Council Meeting - Agenda
June 15, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.
Virtual via Zoom
(also FB Livestream)

1. Call to Order
2. Attendance
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Declaration(s) of Conflict of Interest
5. Announcements
6. Presentations
 - a) Dean Smith, IntelliVote – Alternative Voting
7. Special Election for District 9 – Recommendation Report
8. Committee of the Whole Excerpts of June 8, 2021
 - a) Grants & Contributions
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1. **Call to Order** – Mayor Zebian called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **Attendance**

Council:

Abraham Zebian, Mayor

Paul Morton, Deputy Mayor, Dist. 8
(participated by telephone)

Rupert Jannasch, Councillor Dist. 1

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

Carlee Rochon, Dir. Financial Services

Kathy Kehoe, Dir. Community
Development

Madelyn LeMay, Dir. Planning &
Development

Dean Smith, Intelivote

Shelleena Thornton, Admin. Supervisor

Regrets: None

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLORS JANNASCH AND SHERMAN THAT
THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED. MOTION
CARRIED.**

4. **Declaration(s) of Conflict of Interest** – Jeff Hartt said he would declare conflict of interest under Item #8 related to the Masonic Society.

5. **Announcements** – Mayor Zebian acknowledged we were in Mi'kma'ki the ancestral land of the Mi'kmaq People.

- Couple of weeks ago, 20 Nova Scotians received the Dr. Robert Strang Community Hero Award including Falmouth's Richard Martell, and Susan Wright of Ellershouse.
- A shout-out and thank you to the Veteran Farm Project on Wentworth Road. They were on CTV today and will be on Morning Live June 16th.

6. **Presentations**

a) **Dean Smith, IntelliVote – Alternative Voting** – Mr. Smith reviewed the presentation noting that 41 NS municipal elections used alternative voting in 2020. Alternative voting has reflected an increase in voter turn-out. Mr. Smith highlighted the level of security associated with voting electronically and expressed there are no concerns.

7. Special Election for District 9 – Recommendation Report – Administrative
Supervisor Thornton reviewed the report.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS IVEY AND MURLEY THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE SPECIAL ELECTION FOR WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY'S (WHRM) DISTRICT 9 BE HELD ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2021. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS IVEY AND MURLEY THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE USE OF ALTERNATIVE VOTING FOR THE AUGUST 28, 2021 SPECIAL ELECTION FOR DISTRICT 9, AS PER THE WHRM MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS VOTING BY-LAW, RE-001, PERMITTING THE USE OF INTERNET AND TELEPHONE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS IVEY AND MURLEY THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THAT INTELIVOTE SYSTEMS INC. BE CONTRACTED TO PERFORM ALTERNATIVE VOTING FOR THE AUGUST 28, 2021 SPECIAL ELECTION FOR WHRM. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS IVEY AND MURLEY THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THAT AL KINGSBURY BE APPOINTED RETURNING OFFICER FOR THE AUGUST 28, 2021 WHRM SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE VACANCY OF DISTRICT 9. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS IVEY AND MURLEY THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THAT SHELEENA THORNTON BE APPOINTED ASSISTANT RETURNING OFFICER FOR THE AUGUST 28, 2021 WHRM SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE VACANCY OF DISTRICT 9. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS IVEY AND MURLEY THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE RETURNING OFFICER BE APPOINTED TO ACT AS THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS FOR THE AUGUST 28, 2021 WHRM SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE VACANCY OF DISTRICT 9. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS IVEY AND MURLEY THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THAT THE PERMANENT REGISTER OF ELECTORS ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED BY ELECTIONS NOVA SCOTIA BE USED AS THE PRELIMINARY LIST OF ELECTORS FOR THE AUGUST 28, 2021 WHRM SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE VACANCY OF DISTRICT 9. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS IVEY AND MURLEY THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THAT ADDITIONAL NOTIFICATION OF THE PRELIMINARY LIST OF ELECTORS PREPARATION BE GIVEN

TO ELECTORS BY POSTING TO THE WHRM WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA SITES FOR THE AUGUST 28, 2021 SPECIAL ELECTION. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS IVEY AND MURLEY THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE AMENDED LIST OF ELECTORS FOR THE AUGUST 28, 2021 SPECIAL ELECTION BE COMPLETED BY JULY 16, 2021. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS IVEY AND MURLEY THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THAT ADDITIONAL NOTICES OF POLL BE GIVEN BY POSTING ON THE WHRM WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA SITES FOR THE AUGUST 28, 2021 SPECIAL ELECTION. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS IVEY AND MURLEY THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THAT THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2021, BE SET AS THE OTHER ADVANCE POLLING DATE FOR THE WHRM SPECIAL ELECTION FOR DISTRICT 9, AND THAT IT REMAIN OPEN UNTIL CLOSE OF ORDINARY POLL DAY ON AUGUST 28, 2021. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS IVEY AND MURLEY THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THAT THE TARIFF OF FEES AND EXPENSES MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION 139 OF THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ACT ATTACHED AS SCHEDULE 'C' TO THIS REPORT BE APPROVED FOR THE AUGUST 28, 2021 SPECIAL ELECTION. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS IVEY AND MURLEY THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THAT THE OPERATING RESERVE BE USED UP TO \$23,500 FOR THE AUGUST 28, 2021 SPECIAL ELECTION. MOTION CARRIED.

**8. Committee of the Whole Excerpts of June 8, 2021
a) Grants & Contributions**

WEST HANTS DIAL-A-RIDE

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS MURLEY AND B. MORTON 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. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MURLEY AND B. MORTON 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.

NEWPORT & DISTRICT RINK COMMISSION

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS MURLEY AND M. MCLEAN THAT COUNCIL DIRECTS 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 MURLEY AND S. MCLEAN THAT COUNCIL APPROVES 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

MOVED BY MURLEY/IVEY THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE STATION FOOD HUB FUNDING FOR THE DRIVEWAY PAVING PROJECT UP TO A CEILING OF \$30,000.

Discussion was held noting that other requests received their full amount and this one didn't. It was noted that perhaps \$30,000 is not enough if a more accurate estimate comes in higher and only up-to \$30,000 is approved. It was added that with WHRM owning most of the driveway, no issue is anticipated. Discussion concluded with council confirming that should the estimate be higher than the recommended \$30,000, council would support the project on the WHRM asset; however, would like to see the cost details first.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS FRANCIS AND MURLEY THAT FOLLOWING \$30,000, IT READ, "AND THAT THE QUOTE COME BACK TO COUNCIL BEFORE APPROVING THE PAVING PROJECT". MOTION CARRIED

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS MURLEY AND IVEY THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE STATION FOOD HUB FUNDING FOR THE DRIVEWAY PAVING PROJECT UP TO A CEILING OF \$30,000 AND THAT THE QUOTE COME BACK TO COUNCIL BEFORE APPROVING THE PAVING PROJECT. MOTION CARRIED.

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

GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS- Councillor Hartt declared conflict of interest at 7:02pm due to the Masonic Society grant application/recommendation.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS MURLEY AND FRANCIS 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.

9. New Business

a) 2021/22 Gas Tax Funding – Recommendation Report

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS FRANCIS AND M. MCLEAN THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE USE OF \$20,000 OF CANADA COMMUNITY BUILDING FUND TO FUND UPGRADES TO THE THERMO FLOOD WATER STORAGE TANKS AT THE NEWPORT & DISTRICT RINK COMMISSION TO IMPROVE ENERGY EFFICIENCY. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR FRANCIS AND DEPUTY MAYOR P. MORTON THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE USE OF \$5,000 OF CANADA COMMUNITY BUILDING FUND TO FUND BUILDING UPGRADES TO THE FALMOUTH COMMUNITY HALL TO IMPROVE ENERGY EFFICIENCY. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS FRANCIS AND IVEY THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE USE OF \$5,000 OF CANADA COMMUNITY BUILDING FUND TO FUND SIGNAGE UPGRADES TO THE ARDOISE COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER TO IMPROVE RECREATIONAL SERVICES. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR FRANCIS AND DEPUTY MAYOR P. MORTON THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE USE OF \$5,000 OF CANADA COMMUNITY BUILDING FUND TO FUND SIGNAGE AND BUILDING UPGRADES IN THE HANTS SHORE KARATE CLUB TO IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR FRANCIS AND DEPUTY MAYOR P. MORTON THAT COUNCIL APPROVES THE USE OF \$2,500 OF CANADA COMMUNITY BUILDING FUND TO HANTSPORT MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTRE WITH UPGRADES TO TRAILS INCREASE SAFETY AND IMPROVE WALKABILITY. MOTION CARRIED.

- 10. Next Meeting Date / Adjournment** – Next regular meeting of Council is at 6pm on June 22, 2021.

MOVED BY COUNCILLORS IVEY AND M. MCLEAN THAT AT 7:09PM, THE MEETING ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Abraham Zebian (Chair)

Shelleena Thornton, Administrative
Supervisor/Acting Clerk