

TOWN OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL
SPECIAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
November 7, 2012
7:00 pm

Present: Mayor Roberts, Councillors Power, Hudson, Shaffner, Fearon, Mayor-elect Tompkins, Councillors-elect Paquette, Mersereau, CAO¹ St-Amour, Administrative Assistant Monica Mills as recording secretary and members of the public.

Regrets: Deputy-Mayor Mueller-Sparenberg (as he is being sworn in as Master of the Masons), DOF² Robinson

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Roberts.

Mayor Roberts stated that he was reminded of the words of Harold MacMillan, a former British Prime Minister when asked what the biggest problem with his term was he stated, “Events, dear boy, events.” Mayor Roberts added that this Council’s term began with the great event of the reassessment of the tidal power plant and the loss of 27% of the Town’s revenue. He added that it was a great tribute to the councillors for “hanging in there” and town staff for making due with fewer resources during the time of budget cuts. He added that he would like to thank everyone, especially those attending this meeting.

Statement of Returning Officer: read by Returning Officer Monica Mills

In accordance with provisions of the Municipal Government Act, I, Monica Mills, Returning Officer for the Town of Annapolis Royal declare the following duly elected to be the Council of the Town of Annapolis Royal for a four (4) year term, commencing the 7th day of November, 2012:

Mayor	–	Michael Tompkins
Councillor	–	Sherman Hudson
	–	Byron Mersereau
	–	Paul Paquette
	–	Pat Power

PRESENTATIONS: none

PUBLIC HEARING: none

¹ Chief Administrative Officer

² Director of Finance

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Item	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Target Date
1. none			

NEW BUSINESS

Item	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Target Date
1. Swearing in of Mayor and new Council	<p>CAO St Amour administered the Oath of Allegiance and of Office to Mayor-elect Michael Tompkins.</p> <p>Mayor Tompkins administered the Oath of Allegiance and of Office to Councillors-elect Sherman Hudson, Byron Mersereau, Paul Paquette and Pat Power.</p> <p>At this time the outgoing Council left the Council table and the new Council was seated at the table.</p>		
2. Statement of Commitment to Councillors' Code of Conduct	The new Council reviewed the Statement of Commitment to Councillors' Code of Conduct. CAO St-Amour requested that they be returned to Town Hall the next day.		

<p>3. Election of Deputy Mayor by ballot</p>	<p>Council discussed the various options for the Deputy Mayor term of office. Motion 1: It was moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Hudson that the term of office for the Deputy Mayor be for a period of two (2) years. Motion carried.</p> <p>Mayor Tompkins thanked everyone for attending the meeting.</p> <p>Council voted for the Deputy Mayor by secret ballot. The majority of votes were for Councillor Power.</p> <p>Motion 2: It was moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Mersereau that Councillor Power be appointed Deputy Mayor for a term of 2 years commencing November 7, 2012. Motion carried.</p>		
<p>4. Presentation to outgoing Council</p>	<p>Mayor Tompkins presented a small token to outgoing Mayor Roberts from the Town and Staff for his 16 years of service on Council. He also presented outgoing Councillor Fearon a small thank-you token for her four years of service on Council. Mayor Tompkins presented outgoing Councillor Shaffner a small token of appreciation from the Town and Staff for his two terms of service.</p>		

<p>5. Appointment of Building Inspectors and Fire Inspectors</p>	<p>CAO St-Amour explained that the building inspector for the Town has retired. She added that Alfred Doucet, Building and Fire Inspector for the Municipality of the County of Digby and Cathy Barr, Assistant Building Inspector for the Municipality of Digby are available to do inspections in Annapolis Royal, Bridgetown and Middleton. Deputy Mayor Power asked if they would be willing to travel. CAO St-Amour replied in the affirmative. Councillor Paquette asked if they would be charging by the hour? Councillor Mersereau asked if they would be a fee-for-service and if after a three-month period, would Council be able to re-evaluate the situation. CAO St-Amour stated that it would be a temporary situation until Middleton hired a new building inspector and that there is an hourly fee-for-service. Deputy Mayor Power asked if residents would be able to contact the building inspector or if they would have to go through the Town. CAO St-Amour stated that it would be the same process as before. Councillor Hudson asked if the other two Towns, Bridgetown and Middleton would be appointing the same individuals for building inspectors. CAO St-Amour replied in the affirmative.</p> <p>Motion 3: It was moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Hudson that Council for the Town of Annapolis Royal appoint Alfred Doucet as Building Inspector and Fire Inspector and Cathy Barr as Assistant Building Inspector, effective immediately. Motion carried.</p>		
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CORRESPONDENCE: none

OTHER BUSINESS: none

IN CAMERA: none

NEXT MEETING: November 19, 2012

ADJOURNMENT

Motion 4:

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Power, seconded by Councillor Hudson that the meeting be adjourned at 7:25 pm. Motion carried.

<i>1Action:</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Signature</i>
Reviewed by Mayor Tompkins		
Changes made by CAO		
Approved for website by CAO		
Sent to webmaster		