

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**MINUTES**

**January 10th, 2011**

**9:00am**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Phil Roberts called the meeting to order at 9:00am

**Present:** Mayor Phil Roberts, Deputy Mayor Doug Shaffner, Councillors Pat Power, Kathie Fearon, Holger Mueller-Sparenberg, Sherman Hudson, CAO Amery Boyer, DOF Melony Robinson, Monica Mills as recording secretary

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES:**

Not available at this time.

**ADDITION TO AGENDA:**

Mayor Roberts had the following additions to the agenda:

- A brief report from CAO Boyer and himself on their meeting with Annapolis County Warden and CAO on January 6, 2011.
- Three Items from the Environment Committee:
  1. Community Feed-in Tariff
  2. Health concern over the plastic pipes on the second-floor of Town Hall
  3. Query about the installation date of the new 40 km/hr speed limit signs on St. Anthony and St. George Streets.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Mueller-Sparenberg, seconded by Deputy Mayor Shaffner that the agenda for the Special Committee of the Whole meeting for January 10, 2011 be approved with the additions. Motion carried.

**BUSINESS ARISING - COW**

ITEM	DECISION / ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	TARGET DATE
Report on the meeting with the County	Mayor Roberts reported that the meeting with County Warden Reg Ritchie and County CAO Brenda Orchard on January 5, 2011 was quite informative		

	<p>and lasted approximately two hours. One issue that was discussed was the future of the recreation director position. CAO Boyer mentioned that in 1992 a study titled "<i>New Directions</i>" was developed concerning recreation in the three towns of Annapolis Royal, Bridgetown and Middleton and the County. The study recommended that a recreation committee or commission be established to organize and run recreation throughout the County. CAO Boyer stated that the study did not move forward. County Recreation Director, Debra Ryan was present during this part of the meeting. It was decided that a more in depth discussion regarding this study would occur during the January 17, 2011 Council meeting. Mayor Roberts pointed out that the recently released recreation survey indicated that recreation programs were still valuable to the residents of Annapolis Royal.</p> <p>Another topic that was discussed was the future of the A.R.R.A building which is projected to be vacant by September 2013. The County wants to commence discussions before the end of the month to brainstorm for possible uses of the building. CAO Orchard stated that it was necessary to get expressions of interest as soon as possible to allow for time for development.</p> <p>The issue of Regional Planning was raised. The County's response was that if residents came to them requiring a planning strategy it would then be addressed. The County's perspective was why residents living on the outskirts of any town should have regulations imposed upon them.</p> <p>CAO Boyer reported that they discussed the strategic plan for all eleven fire departments and they were currently waiting for the outcomes.</p> <p>Councillor Mueller-Sparenberg commented that it was good that the Town and County had such a productive meeting.</p>		
<b>Environment Committee</b>	<p>Mayor Roberts reported that there was discussion on the community Feed-in Tariff, which the committee felt should be invested into an alternative source of energy for the sewage treatment plant. Mayor Roberts stated that the committee wanted this on Council's radar. CAO Boyer mentioned that a study by Bay Winds was completed in the past regarding the installation of three to four windmills on North Mountain which could power the Town. Mayor Roberts stated that there were opportunities to partner with an organization and that should be considered. Deputy Mayor Shaffner asked</p>		

	<p>if there would be a possibility of fifty-fifty cost-sharing. Mayor Roberts replied that he wasn't sure. Councillor Mueller-Sparenberg mentioned that this could be a pilot project and in terms of alternate power for the sewage plant a large windmill would not be necessary.</p> <p>Mayor Roberts reported that the Environment Committee was disappointed that there would be no cash incentive for the installation of low-flow toilets. Councillor Mueller-Sparenberg replied that the incentive was the preservation of our sewage treatment facility.</p> <p>Mayor Roberts also reported that the Environment Committee was disappointed that the speed limits were not being lowered for the entire length of St. George Street. Councillor Mueller-Sparenberg stated that it's the Environment Committee not the road safety committee and the difference between 40km/hr and 50km/hr was negligible. Mayor Roberts replied that every little bit helps. Councillor Fearon added that speeds were being lowered where it was possible. Mayor Roberts commented that the Environment Committee felt that its recommendations were not being addressed by Council. Councillor Power stated that Council listens to all recommendations from all committees but that doesn't mean that every recommendation will be passed. Deputy Mayor Shaffner stated that changing the speed limit for the entire town was unrealistic and residents may perceive this as being a cash grab. Mayor Roberts stated that most people in the Town are law-abiding. Deputy Mayor Shaffner stated that Town Police are doing a great job at curbing speeding in Town.</p> <p>Another issue raised by the Environment Committee was the plastic pipes that are on the second floor of Town Hall, which are not suitable for potable water. CAO Boyer reported that a work order had been filed and recommended that the issue be raised by Monica Mills, the Health and Safety representative for the Town, at the next Management Meeting.</p>		
<p><b>Response to Concerns from CCAR<sup>1</sup> presentation</b></p>	<p>See attached drafted response.</p>		

<sup>1</sup> Concerned Citizens of Annapolis Royal

**GENERAL / CORRESPONDENCE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

N/A

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

N/A

**IN CAMERA**

It was moved by Councillor Mueller-Sparenberg, seconded by Councillor Hudson that the meeting go in camera at 10:50 am. Motion carried.

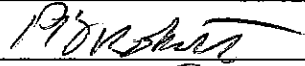
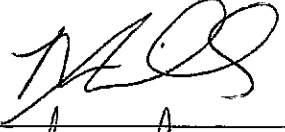
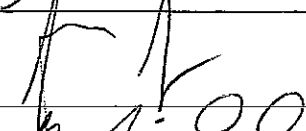
-Personnel Matter

**NEXT MEETING**

February 9, 2011

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Councillor Mueller-Sparenberg, seconded by Councillor Hudson that the meeting be adjourned go in camera at 11:25 am. Motion carried.

<i>Action:</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Signature</i>
Reviewed by Mayor Roberts	2011.01.21	
Changes made by Administrative Assistant Monica Mills	Jan. 25, 2011	
Approved for website by CAO	January 24, 2011	
Sent to webmaster	Jan 28, 2011	