

**Town of Annapolis Royal  
Special Council Meeting  
April 14, 2020  
Approved Minutes**

**PRESENT:** Mayor William MacDonald (Chair), Deputy Mayor Power, Councillor Holly Sanford, Councillor John Kinsella, Councillor Paula Hafting and CAO Sandi Millett-Campbell as recording secretary. All members joined by a Microsoft team meeting from home.

**REGRETS:** None

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor MacDonald called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Addition under 6. NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS ii) Correspondence

**MOTION #SC2020-APR-14-01**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Power, seconded by Councillor Hafting to approve the April 14, 2020 agenda as amended. **Motion carried.**

**3. BUSINESS ARISING:**

i. State of Emergency

Mayor Macdonald confirmed that the State of Emergency is extended until April 19, 2020. Mayor MacDonald stated that we are in the first wave of the pandemic and that it could possibly carry on through the summer months. Unfortunately, businesses are closed and depending on the length of time more business may stay closed. CAO Millett-Campbell updated Council on the weekly conference calls with staff. The Police checked in at the Winter Market and everything went smoothly this weekend.

Mayor MacDonald reviewed the letter from the Minister of Justice, Mark Furey, outlining paragraph four, direct the closing of all provincial and municipal parks and beaches. Council reviewed the Land Use By-Law Zoning map and outlined the Towns Parks and Open Spaces zones, which does not include the Boardwalk. Council discussed the pros and cons of amending the motion to keep the parking lots closed and allow the residents to walk on the trails. Council would like to get a legal opinion on the opening of the trails as being zoned Parks and Open Spaces.

Council discussed how this is a serious public health issue and Council needs to make the decision for public safety.

ii. Correspondence

Council discussed if they have the legal rights to open the trails under the direction of the Minister of Justice. Council is requesting clarification from the Minister on the Directive issued on March 30, 2020. Mayor MacDonald will reach out to Minister Furey and copy MLA MacNeil on the request for clarification if the Town has the option to open the trail systems.

**4. ADJOURNMENT:**

Deputy Mayor Power moved adjournment at 9:39 am.

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Chair William MacDonald

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CAO Millett-Campbell