Town of Annapolis Royal
Special Council Meeting
April 27, 2020
Approved Minutes

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

REGRETS: None

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor MacDonald called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
   MOTION #SC2020-APR-27-01
It was moved by Councillor Sanford, seconded by Deputy Mayor Power to approve the April 27, 2020 agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

3. **BUSINESS ARISING:**
   i. State of Emergency
Mayor MacDonald updated Council on the letters received and updated on the positive feedback received over the last couple of weeks. Mayor MacDonald reported that nothing in writing has been received from the Minister of Justice to date and will reach out again today for a response. Council discussed the option of reopening the trails and boardwalk. Council requested that CAO Millett-Campbell also reach out to the Minister of Justice for a response to the question if legally the trails can be open due to the zoning of the trails in the Parks and Open Spaces zone. Discussion ensued.

MOTION #SC2020-APR-27-02
It was moved by Councillor Sanford, seconded by Councillor Kinsella to direct CAO Millett-Campbell to seek legal advice in accordance to the Provincial State of Emergency that requires the Town of Annapolis Royal to closure the trails (French Basin Trail, Membertou Trail, Harvest Moon Trail) located in the Parks and Open Spaces zone. **Motion Carried.**

MOTION #SC2020-APR-27-03
It was moved by Deputy Mayor Power, seconded by Councillor Hafting that Council agrees to open the Sieur deMons Promenade boardwalk with the beach access being closed due to the Provincial directive. **Motion Carried**. 1 Nay Vote Councillor Sanford.

Council requested that staff put signage at the top of the stairs down to the beach as pursuant to the order of the state of emergency.

CAO Millett-Campbell will follow up with the residents that have voiced their concerns on the trail closures to let them know that the boardwalk will be open for exercise only, keeping in mind social distancing and staying in our own communities to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Council also discussed the usage of the trail at Fort Anne Historic Site and any inquiries received on the use of the Fort Anne trail be directed to the Parks Canada website.

ii. Heritage Approval – AR20-005-HER

CAO Millett-Campbell reviewed the application as requested by the applicant for an electronic vote from Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee (PHAC) due to timelines for the project. All members of PHAC approved and recommended the application to Council for their approval. Council reviewed the application.

MOTION #SC2020-APR-27-04

It was moved by Councillor Kinsella, seconded by Councillor Sanford that Council gives the applicant at 9 Church Street heritage approval to replace the current fence to match the existing wooden fence along the property, as detailed in application AR20-005-HER, providing the requirements of the Land Use By-Law are met. **Motion Carried.**

iii. Right of Way

CAO Millett-Campbell updated Council on the follow up with the property owners on the current Right of Way agreement presented to Council. The property owners are going to review the documents and present Council with a contract instead of a right of way.

iv. Facebook Live

Council discussed the option of using Facebook live for the meetings of Council. Council discuss only using Zoom and Facebook live for the Council meetings and all other advisory meetings of Council would use Zoom.

MOTION #SC2020-APR-27-05

It was moved by Councillor Sanford, seconded by Councillor Kinsella that Council will host Facebook live meeting only for Council, Committee of the Whole and Special Council meetings until the COVID-19 pandemic is over. **Motion Carried**.

4.ADJOURNMENT:

Councillor Kinsella moved adjournment at 10:14 am.

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Chair William MacDonald   CAO Millett-Campbell