

Town of Annapolis Royal
Approved Special Council Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2020 at 9:00 am

1. **PRESENT:** Mayor William MacDonald (Chair), Deputy Mayor Power, Councillor Holly Sanford, Councillor John Kinsella, Councilor Paula Hafting, CAO Sandi Millet-Campbell, and Taylor Robinson as recording secretary. All members joined by a Zoom meeting from home.
2. **REGRETS:** None
3. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor MacDonald called meeting to order at 9:00 am.
4. **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** Addition under 6. NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS ii. Correspondence
5. **APPROVAL TO AGENDA:**

MOTION #SC2020-05-11-01

It was moved by Councillor Sanford, seconded by Councillor Hafting to approve the May 11, 2020 agenda as amended. **Motion carried.**

6. NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

i. State of Emergency – May 17th, 2020

CAO Millet-Campbell has been sending out all relevant information and emails to Council to keep everyone updated as they are received. Mayor MacDonald stated that the province has been loosening some restrictions, but we still must keep social distancing practices in mind. He also noted that the province has decided to keep Nova Scotia Schools closed for the remainder of the school year and will follow up if there are any other considerations.

a) One-Way Directional Trails

Council discussed that the suggestions to put one-way directional signs may not be practical due to there being many access points. CAO Millet-Campbell spoke with the Active Living Coordinator, who feels that it is not feasible to make the Harvest Moon Trail one way, but possible for the French Basin Trail. Councillor Kinsella mentioned that it could make walking on the trails more difficult for community members. Councilor Hafting commented that it is unnecessary; it will cause more confusion and conflict and with social distancing measures catching the virus on the trail is very unlikely. Council agreed. Mayor MacDonald suggested that at this time there is no need for directional signage, but public safety information should be shared on social media.

ii. Correspondence

Mayor MacDonald received an email back from Lain Rankin, The Minister of Lands and Forestry, that relayed information of the adjustments in Nova Scotia's State of Emergency. Council promptly discussed the changes to the opening of Parks and Trails that was effective May 1, 2020. Mayor MacDonald also noted that the email had instructed that if anyone witnesses a

breach in provincial health directives then there is a non-emergency number to call. Council agreed that it will be helpful to advertise this information to the public.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

Councillor Sanford moved adjournment at 9:25 am.

Chair William MacDonald

Recording Taylor Robinson