

**Committee of the Whole  
Approved Minutes  
April 1, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

<b>1. Call to Order</b>	Mayor Boyer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
<b>2. Present</b>	Mayor Boyer (Chair) (left meeting at 6:25 p.m.), Deputy Mayor Power, Councillor Sanford, Councillor Hafting, Councillor Tompkins, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Sandi Millett-Campbell and Recording Secretary Taylor Robinson. One member from the public joined the meeting to provide a presentation. All members joined via Zoom.
<b>3. Regrets</b>	None
<b>4. Additions to the Agenda</b>	Under 12. IN CAMERA iv. Contract Negotiation Move 9. NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS v. Annapolis Royal Tartans to 12. IN CAMERA v.
<b>5. Approval of the Agenda</b>	<b>MOTION #CoW2021-04-01-01</b> It was moved by Councillor Tompkins, seconded by Councillor Sanford to approve the April 1, 2021 agenda as amended. <b>Motion carried.</b>
<b>Edits to the Minutes</b>	None
<b>6. Approval of the Minutes</b>	<b>MOTION #CoW2021-04-01-02</b> Regularly moved and seconded to approve the March 4, 2021 Committee of the Whole minutes as presented. <b>Motion carried.</b>

**7. PRESENTATIONS:**

- i. Soluna Energy Inc. Proposal for Tidal Power Pilot Project to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Fund – Bill Crossman  
Mr. Crossman presented his proposal for an affordable innovation which would allow coastal communities to deliver climate change solutions. The presentation outlined the design, function, and research behind vertical axis tidal turbines, as well as funding opportunities from various parties. Council asked questions and then thanked Mr. Crossman for his informative proposal.

**8. PUBLIC INPUT: None**

**9. NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- i. State of Emergency Update  
CAO Millett-Campbell informed Council that Dr. Strang reported that the cases of Covid-19 in Nova Scotia are remaining low with only 24 active cases right now. It was noted that the local drugstore in Town is participating in the vaccine rollout and individuals between the ages of 55 to 59 will be permitted to get the vaccine starting April 6, 2021.
- ii. Strategic Planning Update  
Mayor Boyer stated that staff have posted the second draft plan and a survey onto the Town's website for public input. Public participation in the survey is encouraged as both Council and staff want to see public feedback.
- iii. Meeting in Person  
Council discussed the option to meet in person. It was ultimately decided to continue with virtual meetings and revisit the matter in a couple of months.

- iv. Request for Decision for Donated Weather Station  
Council reviewed the report from staff recommending acceptance of the donation for the weather station. CAO Millett-Campbell mentioned that this would be beneficial as the data collected would be posted to the Town's website for the public to view. It would be the only weather station in Annapolis Royal and it would be installed on the water side of the Town Hall roof for accurate readings. Council discussed the matter and agreed that it would be useful to the Town to have a weather station.

**MOTION #CoW2021-04-01-03**

It was moved by Councillor Sanford, seconded by Councillor Hafting to recommend to Council acceptance of the donation of the weather station and install the unit. **Motion carried.**

- v. Notice of Intervention – NSURB Matter  
Council reviewed the draft notice outlining the reason why the Town has an interest in the application by Nova Scotia Power Incorporated (NSPI) to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSURB). Council agreed that the document was well written and should be sent.

**MOTION #CoW2021-04-01-04**

It was moved by Councillor Hafting, seconded by Councillor Tompkins that Council approve the Notice of Intervention as presented and authorize its signature by the Chief Administrative Officer to send to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board and other parties listed in the Notice. **Motion carried.**

- vi. NSPI Task Team Recommendations  
CAO Millett-Campbell explained that these recommendations are being presented to Council for approval. Council members asked some questions for clarification and agreed to support the recommendations. It was noted that a public forum should be included in the NSPI Task Team's communications plan as the public should be allowed a chance to ask questions on the matter. Council decided that this should take place after the NSURB hearing in September.

**MOTION #CoW2021-04-01-05**

It was moved by Councillor Sanford, seconded by Councillor Hafting to recommend to Council to accept and move forward with the 10 recommendations from the NSPI Task Team. **Motion carried.**

- vii. MEDC Mandate  
Discussion tabled until strategic plan is established.

- viii. Invasive Species Policy  
CAO Millett-Campbell stated that this updated policy has been reviewed and approved by the Environment Advisory Committee and is now being brought forward for Council for approval. It was noted that the main changes to the policy involved the resources list and Appendix A and that most of the work was completed by Katie McLean from Clean Annapolis River Project.

**MOTION #CoW2021-04-01-06**

It was moved by Councillor Hafting, seconded by Councillor Sanford to recommend to Council to approve the updated Invasive Species Policy as presented. **Motion carried.**

**10. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- i. New Minister of Municipal Affairs  
For information purposes.
- ii. Municipal Affairs – Changes to Support Making Nova Scotia Barrier Free  
For information purposes.
- iii. Municipal Affairs – More Accountability for Local Governments  
For information purposes.

**11. ROUND TABLE:**

**Mayor Boyer** stated that a meeting with the Board of Trade and Annapolis Investments in Rural Opportunity was postponed. She met with Acting CAO Coutinho of the County of Annapolis to discuss the possibility of working together in the future. She also noted that herself, CAO Millett-Campbell, Acting CAO Coutinho, and Deputy Warden Gunn were all invited to see the improvements at Kejimikujik National Park.

**Deputy Mayor Power** mentioned that she has been very busy with meetings and has heard complaints from the public on bicycle riders not using safety equipment and not following signage.

**Councillor Hafting** shared that she is excited for the upcoming Easter Eggstravaganza event and thanked all the organizers and volunteers for making the event possible.

**Councillor Sanford** agreed with Councillor Hafting and stated that it should be a great event with all the safety protocols in place.

**Councillor Tompkins** echoed Deputy Mayor Power's comment about the bicyclists. It was also noted that the newly opened Whiskey Teller pub looks great and has delicious food.

**MOTION #CoW2021-04-01-07**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Power, seconded by Councillor Tompkins to move into in-camera at 6:07 p.m. to discuss five contract negotiations. **Motion carried.**

**12. IN CAMERA:**

Under Section 22(2) of the Municipal Government Act:

**Approval of Minutes:**

- i. Committee of the Whole, In-Camera – March 4, 2021

**Business Items:**

- i. Contract Negotiation
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- iv. Contract Negotiation
- v. Contract Negotiation

**MOTION #CoW2021-04-01-09**

It was moved by Councillor Tompkins, seconded by Councillor Sanford to move out of in-camera at 6:47 p.m. **Motion carried.**

**MOTION #CoW2021-04-01-10**

It was moved by Councillor Sanford, seconded by Councillor Tompkins to accept staff's recommendation to approve option 2B from the HATCH Engineer report dated March 30, 2021 for the Pump Station No. 1. **Motion carried.**

**MOTION #CoW2021-04-01-11**

It was moved by Councillor Tompkins, seconded by Councillor Sanford to recommend to Council to provide a letter of support to the Fédération des Associations de Familles Acadiennes (FAFA). **Motion carried.**

**MOTION #CoW2021-04-01-12**

It was moved by Councillor Hafting, seconded by Councillor Tompkins to accept staff's recommendation and award the auditing contract to Kent & Duffett for a five-year term. **Motion carried.**

**MOTION #CoW2021-04-01-13**

It was moved by Councillor Sanford, seconded by Councillor Tompkins to rescind MOTION #C2021-03-15-05 to preapprove to extend the agreed amount to purchase the specified amount of Annapolis Royal tartan in the 2021-22 budget. **Motion carried.**

13. **ADJOURNMENT:** Councillor Tompkins moved adjournment at 6:52 p.m.

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Recording Secretary Taylor Robinson