

**Committee of the Whole
 Approved Minutes
 June 30, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

Call to Order	Mayor Boyer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
1. Present	Mayor Boyer (Chair), Deputy Mayor Power, Councillor Sanford, Councillor Hafting, Councillor Tompkins, Director of Finance (DoF) Melony Robinson, and Recording Secretary Taylor Robinson. All members joined via Zoom.
2. Regrets	Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Sandi Millet-Campbell
3. Additions to the Agenda	- Under 9. NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS add viii. Beyond Oqwa'titek Panel Notes - Under 12. IN-CAMERA add ii. Contract Negotiation
4. Approval of the Agenda	MOTION #CoW2021-06-30-01 It was moved by Councillor Tompkins, seconded by Councillor Hafting to approve the June 30, 2021 agenda as amended. Motion carried.
Edits to the Minutes	None
5. Approval of the Minutes	MOTION #CoW2021-06-30-02 It was moved by unanimous consent to approve the June 3, 2021 Committee of the Whole minutes as presented. Motion carried.

6. **PRESENTATIONS:** None

7. **PUBLIC INPUT:** None

8. **NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

ADHOC DISCUSSION: Mayor Boyer reminded the public of the water emergency that the Town of Annapolis Royal and County of Annapolis is currently experiencing. It was noted that all Town residents and business owners should be conserving water to the best of their ability.

- i. State of Emergency Update
 DoF Robinson informed Council that the State of Emergency has been extended to July 11, 2021. Currently, there are 4 new cases, 55 active cases, and 926,062 vaccine doses have been administered. Phase 3 of Nova Scotia's reopening plan starts June 30th. DoF Robinson noted that all up to date information is on the Nova Scotia Government website.
- ii. 2021-22 Capital Investment Plan
 DoF Robinson presented the capital investment plan to Council. She briefly went over each item in each year of the plan. Mayor Boyer mentioned that she and CAO Millett-Campbell have worked on and applied for a grant that could help with the lift station upgrades if the application is approved. Council understood and agreed to approve the capital investment plan for 2021-22.

MOTION #CoW2021-06-30-03

It was moved by Councillor Sanford, seconded by Deputy Mayor Power to recommend to Council to approve the 2021-2022 Capital Investment Plan. **Motion carried.**

- iii. Tax Rebate Listings

DoF Robinson explained that not for profit organizations apply for the tax rebate and asked Council to approve the reductions. Council asked that staff look into this matter for future years as members are unsure what the Town's financial situation will be.

MOTION #CoW2021-06-30-04

It was moved by Councillor Sanford, seconded by Deputy Mayor Power to recommend to Council to approve the rebate/reduction for the following nonprofit properties; roll #00479993 in the amount of \$2,311.50, roll #02355256 in the amount of \$2,820.00, roll #00092428 in the amount of \$768.00, roll #06445721 in the amount of \$1,938.00, roll #02045486 in the amount of \$178.50, roll #02045494 in the amount of \$1,999.50, roll #03611957 in the amount of \$1,255.50, roll #1033240 in the amount of \$805.50. **Motion carried.**

iv. Seasonal Tourist Business Tax Reductions

DoF Robinson clarified that the seasonal tourist business reductions are provincially mandated.

MOTION #CoW2021-06-30-05

It was moved by Councillor Tompkins, seconded by Councillor Sanford to recommend to Council to approve the following provincially mandated Seasonal Business Reduction for 2021 for roll #1408402 in the amount of \$856.80, roll #2466988 in the amount of \$3,845.60, roll #3144577 in the amount of \$1,663.20, and roll #4542975 in the amount of \$3,690.40 and roll #92274 in the amount of \$3,580.80. **Motion carried.**

v. Realigning the Twinning Committee

Mayor Boyer stated that the staff proposal would allow the restructuring to better align with the existing function of the Twinning Committee and would remove the need to submit minutes and reports, as the Council representative would report back on a regular basis. Council agreed not to make any decision until after discussion with the Twinning Committee directly.

vi. No Meetings in August

DoF Robinson requested that there be no meetings in the month of August as per usual so staff and Council can have some vacation time but can call for emergency meetings if needed.

MOTION #CoW2021-06-30-06

It was moved by Councillor Hafting, seconded by Councillor Tompkins to recommend to Council that there be no Council or Sub-Committee meetings for the month of August unless a Special Council meeting is required. **Motion carried.**

vii. NSPI Task Team Update

Mayor Boyer provided an update on the NSPI Task Team. It was reported that one piece of evidence has been filed and that the Team is waiting for a letter of evidence from local scientist Hague Vaughan who will share his opinion on the future climate change impacts at the Causeway. DoF Robinson briefly went over the preliminary 3-year budget. It was also noted that two grant applications have been submitted, for a technical intern to be hired to help with plans for climate change and the decommissioning of the Tidal Power Plant.

viii. Natal Day Street Closure

Councillor Sanford reported that the Natal Day Committee is planning a scaled down version of Natal Days as long as it is approved by the provincial government. The Committee is planning on

having live music at the Amphitheatre, kite flying, a picnic at Fort Anne, fireworks, and the street dance. Councillor Hafting stated that the street dance will be limited to 250 people and the event will be closely monitored by volunteers. Members of Council shared their excitement for the celebrations and thanked Councillor Sanford for the update.

MOTION #CoW2021-06-30-07

It was moved by Councillor Sanford, seconded by Councillor Hafting to recommend to Council to close St. George Street from the Royal Bank intersection at Victoria Street down to Drury Lane on July 30, 2021 from 5pm to 12am for the Natal Day Street Dance and will communicate the closure to Town residents and business owners. **Motion carried.**

ix. Beyond Oqwa'titek Panel Notes

Mayor Boyer stated that the Beyond Oqwa'titek virtual panel that was held on June 26th was very educational. There were three historians and one history student who explained the past history of the Mi'kmaw and early Scottish contact within the region.

11. ROUND TABLE:

Deputy Mayor Power shared that she was delighted to see the grad drive-by event and was happy to see all of the support for the AWEC graduates throughout the Town.

Councillor Hafting reported that she is pleased to be involved in the Pride Committee and to see things planned for August 7th for Pride Day. Councillor Hafting also mentioned that she was happy to see the pop-up vaccine clinic and the great turnout it had over the past couple days. It was noted that the Annapolis Royal Pool opens on July 1st and there will be free swimming offered to the public. Councillor Hafting shared that this is National Indigenous Month and reminded everyone to be respectful this Canada Day and to recognize the victims of the residential schools across the country.

Councillor Sanford mentioned that she was excited that Phase 3 of the reopening plan is starting and to see visitors to come to Town. She wished all businesses great success this summer. She also congratulated all 2021 graduates from AWEC. Councillor Sanford stated that the panel discussion for the Beyond Oqwa'titek event was unbelievable and the panelists were well spoken.

Councillor Tompkins shared his enthusiasm for the AWEC graduates and mentioned how proud he was that his son was valedictorian. It was noted that the Police did an outstanding job monitoring all grad events. Councillor Tompkins has received a few comments about the Yard Debris Drop-Off Policy which he will be following up on.

MOTION #CoW2021-06-30-08

It was moved by Councillor Tompkins, seconded by Councillor Sanford to move into in-camera at 5:49 p.m. to discuss two 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 – June 3, 2021

Business Items:

- i. Contract Negotiation
- ii. Contract Negotiation

MOTION #CoW2021-06-03-10

It was moved by Councillor Tompkins, seconded by Councillor Sanford to move out of in-camera at 6:05 p.m. **Motion carried.**

- 13. ADJOURNMENT:** Councillor Tompkins moved adjournment at 6:06 p.m.

Mayor Amery Boyer

Recording Secretary Taylor Robinson