

Committee of the Whole
APPROVED MINUTES
March 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order	Deputy Mayor Power called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people and read the live streaming statement.
2. Present	Deputy Mayor Power (Chair), Councillor Sanford, Councillor Tompkins, Councillor Hafting, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Sandi Millett-Campbell, Recording Secretary Krista Gear. Julia Merrit, Aimee Daigle and Anna Kate Newman joined and exited after their presentations. Members of the public: Danny McClair
3. Regrets	Mayor Boyer
4. Additions to the Agenda	In Camera Business Item ii. Contract negotiations In Camera Business Item iii. Contract negotiations
5. Approval of the Agenda	MOTION #CoW2023-03-01-01 It was regularly moved and seconded to approve the agenda with additions. Motion carried.
Edits to the Minutes	
6. Approval of the Minutes	MOTION #CoW2023-03-01-02 It was regularly moved and seconded to approve the minutes of February 1, 2023. Motion carried.

7. PRESENTATIONS:

Annapolis Valley Regional Library, Julia Merritt

Ms. Merritt gave a presentation highlighting library updates and answered questions.

Friends of Annapolis Pool Society, Aimee Daigle and Anna Kate Newman

Ms. Daigle gave a presentation highlighting the 2022 pool season and answered questions.

8. PUBLIC INPUT

Danny McClair spoke regarding the Orderly and peaceful Conduct By-law noting that he believed that there needed to be more public consultations and information/education regarding the purpose/goal of the By-law and proposed changes. Deputy Mayor Power noted that the Town had taken the input from the previous Public Hearing and incorporated it into the new iteration of the proposed by-law.

9. NEW / UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- i. Request for Decision: CanadaHelps.org Fundraising Campaigns

Discussion held. CAO Millett-Campbell noted that Mayor Boyer had asked Staff to investigate CanadaHelps.org, the fundraising platform that was used for the clock project and that it is a simple and smooth process. Based on previous conversations and

meetings, Staff suggested wharf, playground, and twinning as possible campaigns. Councillor Tompkins noted that any fundraising campaign should be project based. It was also noted that the Town can add new campaigns as needed and when there is a plan/direction/clear project.

MOTION #CoW2023-03-01-03

It was regularly moved and seconded to recommend to Council approval of the creation of a CanadaHelps.org fundraising campaign for the Grant Potter Memorial Playground. **Motion carried.**

- ii. Request for Decision: Grants for Encouraging New and Interesting Events (GENIE) Policy #2023-05 and Projects to Improve Quality of Life Fund (PIQL) Policy #2023-06

Discussion held noting that Community Development Coordinator Ken Knox had previously attended a meeting and gave an overview and rationale of the proposed policies. It was noted that the limits of \$10,000 for GENIE and \$5000 for PIQL were recommended by the Marketing and Economic Development Committee based on the assumptions that new events/startups may need more money and established groups may only need a small boost. Deputy Mayor Power noted that her only concern is with the new names of the policies and that the Town will need to make it clear to the community what and how the new policies differ from the previous Grants and Donations Policy.

MOTION #CoW2023-03-01-04

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council recommend approval of the Policy to Encourage New and Interesting Events # 2023-05 dated February 2023. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #CoW2023-03-01-05

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council recommend approval of the Projects to Improve Quality of Life Policy #2023-06 dated February 2023. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #CoW2023-03-01-06

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council recommend repeal of the Donations and Grant Policy #2021-03 to be replaced with Encourage New and Interesting Events Policy and Improve Quality of Life Policy. **Motion carried.**

- iii. Request for Decision: Orderly and Peaceful Conduct By-law

Discussion held noting that the meeting package Tab includes the recommendations and draft by-law and that these can also be found on the Town's website Engage Page. CAO Millett-Campbell noted that because changes were made, the process starts anew. Staff met with Council to clarify direction and made changes accordingly. Decibel levels were removed from daytime hours, quiet time starts at 11:00 pm vs 9:30 pm. Removed loitering section because there is an existing and approved loitering by-law. Sundays and stat holidays quiet time starts at 9 pm (frequent complaints on these days regarding early start of construction work). It was noted that there are a few minor inconsistencies to

correct. The 55-decibel level remains a concern to Councillor Hafting who also noted that begging should be removed as it criminalizes poverty. She also maintains concerns regarding mixed use areas of Town e.g., residence beside the amphitheatre.

Council directs staff to change quiet time hours on Sundays and Statutory holidays from 11 pm to 9 am. Will need to update Section 2q and table with the times.

MOTION #CoW2023-03-01-07

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council recommend first reading of the Orderly and Peaceful Conduct By-Law* dated March 15th, 2023. **Motion carried.** 1 nay Councillor Hafting

*To include the updated quiet hours on Sundays and statutory holidays.

MOTION #CoW2023-03-01-08

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council set the date for the Public Hearing and Second Reading as April 19, 2023. **Motion carried.** 1 nay Councillor Hafting.

iv. School Food Draft Letter

It was noted that Council had agreed that the Town should join the Healthy School Food Coalition. This letter campaign request came from the Coalition.

MOTION #CoW2023-03-01-09

It was regularly moved and seconded to recommend Council approval and that a letter to MP Chris d'Entremont be sent to support funding for a national school food program in Budget 2023. **Motion carried.**

v. Meeting Procedures: Debate

Tabled until Mayor Boyer returns as this was brought forward by her and Council feels it important that she be a part of the conversation.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- i. None

11. ROUND TABLE:

- i. Mayor Boyer
Away on vacation
- ii. Deputy Mayor Power
Noted that she enjoyed the Dugua film event and that it was pleasure and privilege to meet and introduce the Lieutenant Governor and his wife.
- iii. Councillor Hafting
Noted that she attended the Dugua film event and gave an ice rink update: Staff tried to install the rink last week but the tanker truck at the Fire Hall was in for repairs and it was

supposed to be fixed by the end of last week. Staff has followed up with Fire Hall today and the truck must be recertified and should be back to the Department this Thursday night. Staff is away on a conference on Thursday but if the weather looks nice and cold, they could put it together on Friday. Staff did say that the Fire Department and the volunteers are ready to go but need the tanker truck to get things moving forward. Last year, the rink used 17,500 gallons of water and using the Fire Department for water supply makes it so much more manageable. The weather is also something to watch as it looks like some days will be above zero.

- iv. Councillor Sanford
Noted that she attended the Dugua film event and that it was interesting, educational and the whole event was well done.
- v. Councillor Tompkins
Noted he was unable to attend the Dugua film screening but plans to watch on YouTube.

MOTION #CoW2023-03-01-10

It was regularly moved and seconded to move in camera at 7:47 pm to discuss the previous in-camera meeting minutes and three contract negotiation items. **Motion carried.**

MOTION CoW#2023-03-01-13

It was regularly moved and seconded to recommend to Council to agree to direct staff to sign the lease agreement with FAPS and add the pool and buildings to the list of town assets. **Motion carried.**

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm

Pat Power, Deputy Mayor

Krista Gear, Recording Secretary