

**Committee of the Whole Meeting
 Approved Minutes
 October 2, 2024 at 6:00 pm**

1. Call to Order	Deputy Mayor Tompkins gave the land acknowledgement and called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm
2. Present	Deputy Mayor Michael Tompkins, Mayor Amery Boyer, Councillor Holly Sanford, Councillor Paula Hafting, Councillor Paul Wear, CAO Sandi Millett-Campbell and Recording Secretary Kim Dunning
3. Regrets	None
4. Absents	None
5. Additions to Agenda	Removal of New Business i. Request to Change Date for October 16, 2024 Council Meeting to October 23, 2024 Addition of New Business ii. New Councillor Orientation Training in Halifax
6. Approval of Agenda	MOTION #CoW2024-10.02-01 It was regularly moved and seconded to approve the agenda with the above changes. Motion carried.
Edits to the Minutes	None
7. Approval of Minutes	MOTION #CoW2024-10-02-02 It was regularly moved and seconded to approve the September 4, 2024 minutes as presented by unanimous consent. Motion carried.

8. Presentations

None.

9. Public Input

None.

10. Unfinished Business

i. Recreational Structure Fee

CAO Millett-Campbell advised that this was discussed during the Committee of the Whole (CoW) meeting in September 2024. Councillor Hafting disagrees with the increase in rates as they stated in the September meeting. Councillor Wear thinks that the motion is a bit unclear; as previously discussed during the last meeting, the Town should increase participation as this would be a better alternative. Deputy Mayor Tompkins is still for the fee increase, and if the Town is going to maintain the facility, the participants should be subject to user pay, and the increases aren't that high. Councillor Sanford agrees, and hates to see increases, but added that there are programs in place for people who are struggling financially. Mayor Boyer also agrees with the increase.

MOTION #CoW2024-10-02-03

investigated with the new Council.

- ii. **New Councillor Orientation in Halifax**
CAO Millett-Campbell advised that there will be a New Council Orientation Training event in Halifax on November 4 and 5, 2024 and would like to request permission to attend. This would allow them to be aware of the training provided and to assist with introductions to representatives of the various municipalities and others. They added that there hasn't been a list of hotels released yet, but they have an approximate amount for costs (meals, travel, accommodation, etc.), They added that after talking with other CAOs at a different meeting, it was suggested that they should attend this training. All agreed that it was a good idea for them to attend.

MOTION #CoW2024-09-04-05

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve CAO Millett-Campbell's attendance at the New Councillor Orientation Training sessions on November 4 and 5, 2024 in Halifax for the approximate cost of \$800. **Motion carried.**

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- i. **Thank You Letter – Mayor and Councillors**
All agreed that this was a very nice and thoughtful letter from the Town Crier. CAO Millett-Campbell advised that this will be their last meeting with this Council and wanted to thank Council for all their hard work and dedication to the residents of Annapolis Royal. The time spent serving on Council has made an impact for Town residents and they would like to thank each member of Council for the time spent working together over the years. They thought back to the time when we started, during the pandemic, and the Town made it through to the sunny days of 2024. They also hoped that Council enjoyed working with the staff here.

11. IN-CAMERA

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

MOTION #CoW2024-09-04-06

It was regularly moved and seconded to move in camera at 6.29 pm to approve the in-camera minutes of September 4, 2024. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #CoW2024-09-04-08

It was regularly moved and seconded to move out of camera at 6.30 pm. **Motion carried.**

12. Next Meeting

October 4, 2024

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6.31 pm.