

# APPROVED MINUTES

## *Regular Council Meeting – Rural Municipality of North Shore*

*Thursday June 19, 2024 at 6:30 pm*

*North Shore Community Centre*

PRESENT:

Mayor Gerard Watts, Councilor Cook, Councilor McLaine, Councilor MacDonald, Councilor MacKinnon, Councilor Paquet, CAO Sarah Wheatley

Three public members present.

Absent Councilor Doyle

### **1 CALL TO ORDER**

Called to order 6:30 pm by Mayor Gerard Watts.

### **2 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

*It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved.*

*Moved by Councillor McLaine; seconded by Councilor Cook.*

*All in favor*

*MOTION CARRIED*

*2024-06-71*

#### **2.1 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY (Financial) or other CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

### **3 Approval Of the Minutes**

#### **3.1 Special council meeting on May 15, 2024.**

*It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes be approved from Special Council Meeting on May 15, 2024.*

*Moved by Councillor McLaine; seconded by Councilor MacKinnon*

*All in favor*

*MOTION CARRIED*

*2024-06-72*

#### **3.2 Public Meeting on June 10, 2024.**

*It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes be approved from Public Meeting on June 10, 2024.*

*Moved by Councillor Cook; seconded by Councillor Paquet*

*All in Favor*

*Motion Carried*

*2024-06-73*

#### **3.3 Business arising from the minutes.**

- None

## **4 Delegations, Speakers, and Public Input**

None

## **5 Reports**

### **5.1 CAO Report**

- Working on rezoning process including recent public meetings, and several other development files.
- New Recreation Coordinator is getting started and working on all the different tasks.
- Preparing for Canada Day events, including maintenance tasks to ensure properties are safe for all visitors.
- We have submitted a grant application to Rural Growth Initiative and total was about \$107,000. Funding range was 75%-100% depending on the item.
- Working on new project grant before for next council meeting.
- Capital projects progress: IT upgrade in progress and maybe 2-3 weeks away from completion.
- Clean up after Hurricane Fiona: ground cleanup completed, progress made with the outbuilding.
- Space allocation project: quotes for Stanhope Place key fob system for greater security with rentals.
- Attended training for women in municipal government and councillors and CEOs.

### **5.2 Finance and Infrastructure Report**

- We have \$130,000 in Revenue and \$126,0000 in YTD expenditure as of May 31, 2024.

### **5.3 Planning Board and Development Permit Report**

- There has been public meeting regarding two properties and one more planned.
- Development department has been very busy with various items.

### **5.4 Emergency Measures Organization Report**

- Meeting planned for this month (June 24th)

### **5.5 Recreation and Community Engagement Report**

- Canada Day Festivities have been planned with various events involved: Cake and ice cream, Bouncy castles, face painter, band Gypsy Soul, Fire Dept, RCMP, Parks Canada, MP Heath MacDonald, MLA Bloyce Thompson.
- Fire Works purchased from Fireworks FX for display at Grand Tracadie at 10:00pm.
- Will collect donations for the community fridge at afternoon event. Volunteers are needed.
- Soccer for the under-7, 5 & 3 begun June 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Organized ball hockey not running this 2024 season.
- Rink is being used by residents for biking or playing ball hockey.

### **5.6 Water, Bays & Environment Report**

- Need to meet soon.

### **5.7 Stanhope Potable Update**

- Need to schedule a meeting for July. Consider collecting of information regarding septic systems, water issues.

**It was duly moved and seconded for the approval of reports.**

*Moved by Councillor MacKinnon; seconded by Councillor Cook  
All in Favor*

*Motion Carried*  
2024-06-74

## **6 New Business**

### **6.1 RFD-2024-020 Aluminum stairs project**

- Upgrading three sets of stairs from wood to aluminum to provide shore access.
- We have four quotes - Two businesses quotes included building, transporting, and installing.
- This is coming from Gas Tax and insurance money which will require a Council resolution to move forward.
- Discussion of lead time and goals for the summer 2024.
- Top quotes: TriCounty Metal works \$28,770, WeldTech \$29,500. Make both quote on safety tread version.

**It was duly moved and seconded to award the contract to the constructed and installed three sets of aluminum stairs to Tri County or Weld Tech, whichever can get job complete earliest.**

*Moved by Councillor MacDonald; seconded by Councillor McLaine*  
*All in Favor*  
*Motion Carried*  
2024-06-75

### **6.2 Grand Tracadie Road Re-alignment**

- Changes planned this summer for Rink Road and Harbour Drive. Change Harbour Road into a cul-de-sac and redirect traffic to Rte 6 via Rink Road.
- The province needs to buy some RMNS property by school and rink to make cul-de-sac and turning lanes.
- This will impact the walking trail, so consider proposing a new design that is safe but less impactful on assets.
- CAO will collect any opinions from Councillors to review by email to plan any other possible options.

## **7 In Camera Session: MGA – 119. Closed meetings**

*Despite subsection 118(1), a council or council committee may, by resolution, close all or part of a meeting to the public, either in advance or at the meeting, where the matter to be discussed is, in relation to an of the following, confidential:*

(d) human resource matters, including labour relations or employee negotiations;

(e) a matter still under consideration, on which the council has not yet publicly announced a decision, and about which discussion in public would likely prejudice a municipality's ability to carry out its negotiations.

(f) the review of legal advice;

**It was duly moved and seconded to close the meeting to the public at 7:06 pm for a discussion with our lawyer.**

*Moved by Councillor MacKinnon; seconded by Councillor Paquet*  
*All in Favor*  
*Motion Carried*  
2024-06-76

**It was duly moved and seconded to reopen the meeting at 8:54pm.**

*Moved by Councilor Cook, seconded by Councillor Paquet.*  
*All in Favor*  
*MOTION CARRIED*  
2024-06-77

**8 New Business (continued)**

**8.1 Appointments to Committees**

- New members to join the Finance Committee.

**It was duly moved and seconded to nominate Annie Perry to join on the Finance Committee.**

*Moved by Councillor Cook; seconded by Councillor MacDonald*  
*All in Favor*  
*Motion Carried*  
 2024-06-78

**It was duly moved and seconded to nominate Councillor Melissa Paquet to join the Finance Committee.**

*Moved by Councillor MacDonald; seconded by Councillor MacKinnon*  
*All in Favor*  
*Motion Carried*  
 2024-06-79

**8.2 MEO report on By-Election**

- Marie McInnis (MEO) submitted an overview of by-election, noting that 65 People were in attendance to vote.

**8.3 Grant Bylaw**

- Reviewed some items that will need updating. Rewrite bylaw in fall.

**9 NEXT MEETING: Council meeting July 10, 2024 – 6:30pm at North Shore Community Centre**

**10 ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.**

*Moved by Councilor Cook, second by Councilor MacKinnon*  
*All in favor*  
 MOTION CARRIED  
 2024-06-80

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SIGNED: Gerard Watts, Mayor

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SIGNED: Sarah Wheatley, CAO

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