



**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF YARMOUTH  
Thursday, January 9, 2025**

A Committee of the Whole Meeting for the month of January 2025 was held in the Council Chambers on Thursday, January 9, 2025.

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Warden John Cunningham with the following in attendance: Deputy Warden Trevor Cunningham, Councillor Jim Baxter, Councillor Loren Cushing, Councillor Daniel Muise, Councillor Phil Mooney, CAO Victoria Brooks, and Jenny Porter, Deputy Municipal Clerk.

Also in attendance for a portion of the meeting was Darlene LeBlanc, Deputy CAO.

2. **Land Acknowledgement** – I would like to begin by acknowledging that we are on the traditional lands of the Wasoqopa’q First Nation, part of Mi’kma’ki (meeg-ma-gee), the ancestral territory of the Mi’kmaq people.

3. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**

CAO Brooks requested to add items 9.4 and 11.2.

***It was moved by Councillor Daniel Muise, seconded by Councillor Loren Cushing to add items 9.4 Community Support Letter for Trail Project Application and 11.2 Personnel – MGA 22:2 (c).***

***Motion carried.***

Councillor Mooney requested to add items 9.5 and 7.3.

***It was moved by Councillor Jim Baxter, seconded by Councillor Phil Mooney to add items 9.5 Letter of Congratulations to Coach Laurie Barron and 7.3 Non-Profit Housing Seminar in Halifax.***

***Motion carried.***

4. **Approval of the Agenda**

***It was moved by Councillor Phil Mooney, seconded by Councillor Jim Baxter to approve the agenda as amended.***

***Motion carried.***

## 5. Declarations of any conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of any conflicts of interest.

## 6. Presentations

## 7. Correspondence

### 7.1 For Action

### 7.2 For Information

#### 7.2.1 2024 Municipal Elections Report

#### 7.2.2 Congratulatory Letter for Adopting Code of Conduct from Honourable John Lohr

#### 7.2.3 Congratulations from Nova Scotia Association of REALTORS® (NSAR)

### 7.3 Non-Profit Housing Seminar in Halifax

## 8. Old Business

## 9. New Business

### 9.1 Hospitality Policy H-068-17

CAO Brooks indicated the policy was reviewed and that there are no recommended amendments.

***It was moved by Councillor Daniel Muise, seconded by Councillor Jim Baxter to recommend to Regular Council that Hospitality Policy H-068-17 be approved as presented.***

***Motion carried.***

### 9.2 2025 Legislative Agenda

*Darlene LeBlanc, Deputy CAO joined the meeting at 5:12 p.m.*

Deputy CAO LeBlanc reviewed the draft legislated agenda for 2025.

Council discussed the Resolution made for Public Comments.

***It was moved by Councillor Phil Mooney, seconded by Councillor Jim Baxter to add the Public Comments Resolution to Regular Council Meeting agenda on January 22, 2025 meeting for discussion.***

***Motion carried.***

***It was moved by Deputy Warden Trevor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Loren Cushing to recommend to Regular Council that the 2025 Legislative Agenda be approved as presented.***

***Motion carried.***

*Deputy CAO LeBlanc left the meeting at 5:25 p.m.*

### **9.3 Cheboque Meadows Trail**

Councillor Mooney shared community concerns with the condition of the Provincially owned Cheboque Meadows Trail.

### **9.4 Community Support Letter for Trail Project Application**

***It was moved by Councillor Phil Mooney, seconded by Councillor Daniel Muise to recommend to Regular Council that a letter of support be provided to the Yarmouth County Trail Development Association regarding their trail project application and to preapprove \$2,300.00 from the Grants to Organizations 2025-2026 program subject to receipt of a completed application pursuant to Grants Policy G-068-09.***

***Motion carried.***

### **9.5 Congratulations to Yarmouth Mariners Coach Lorie Barron**

***It was moved by Councillor Phil Mooney, seconded by Councillor Loren Cushing, to recommend to Regular Council that a letter of congratulations be sent to Coach Laurie Barron, of the Yarmouth Jr. A Mariners, for achieving 500 victories and for raising the profile of the team.***

***Motion carried.***

## **10. Public Comments**

Comments were received from the public.

***It was moved by Councillor Phil Mooney, seconded by Councillor Jim Baxter to hold a 5-minute recess.***

***Motion carried.***

*The Chair called the meeting back to order at 5:43 p.m.*

## **11. In-Camera**

***It was moved by Councillor Daniel Muise, seconded by Councillor Phil Mooney to move in-camera at 5:45 p.m.***

***Motion carried.***

**11.1.1 Contract Negotiations – MGA 22:2 (e)**

**11.1.2 Personnel – MGA 22:2 (c)**

***Consensus was reached by Council at 6:12 p.m. to move out of in-camera.***

*The Chair called the meeting back to order at 6:12 p.m.*

**12. In-Camera Recommendations**

There were no in-camera recommendations.

**13. Adjournment**

***The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.***

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Warden John Cunningham

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Victoria Brooks, CAO

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Jenny Porter, Deputy Municipal Clerk