



**REGULAR MEETING  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF YARMOUTH  
Wednesday, November 20, 2024**

A Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth was held in Council Chambers on Wednesday, November 20, 2024.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Warden John Cunningham with the following in attendance: Deputy Warden Trevor Cunningham, Councillor Jim Baxter, Councillor Daniel Muise, Councillor Loren Cushing, Councillor Nick Hilton, Councillor Phil Mooney, Victoria Brooks, CAO, and Jenny Porter, Deputy Municipal Clerk.
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. **Singing of O Canada**

4. **Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)**

*With no amendments, the Chair declared the agenda approved.*

5. **Declarations of any conflicts of interest**

Councillor Nick Hilton declared a conflict for item 8.1.7 Free Transit Backgrounder.

6. **Approval of Minutes**

6.1 **October 3, 2024 Regular Council**

6.2 **October 30, 2024 Special Council**

*It was moved by Councillor Nick Hilton, seconded by Councillor Loren Cushing to approve the minutes as presented.*

*Motion carried.*

7. **Old Business**

None.

## **8. New Business**

### **8.1 Recommendations from COTW**

#### **8.1.1 Library Funding Review Committee Update**

*It was moved by Deputy Warden Trevor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Daniel Muise that a letter be sent, following the General Provincial election, to the new Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage, thanking them for the work of the Funding Review Committee and indicate the Municipality's expectation that one year's notice will be given regarding any new and or increased municipal funding.*

*Motion carried.*

#### **8.1.2 Request to Pave Park Drive**

*It was moved by Deputy Warden Trevor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Phil Mooney that staff include exploration of the cost for paving Park Drive, Seeland Avenue and Lake Estate Court and that it be discussed during the 2025-2026 Capital Budget discussion.*

*Motion carried.*

#### **8.1.3 CCBF Renewal-Municipal Funding Agreement**

*It was moved by Councillor Nick Hilton, seconded by Councillor Loren Cushing that the Canada Community Building Fund, Municipal Funding Agreement be approved, and that the CAO and Warden be authorized to sign it.*

*Motion carried.*

#### **8.1.4 PACE Administrative Program**

*It was moved by Councillor Phil Mooney, seconded by Councillor Daniel Muise that the Agreement for Services with Clean Nova Scotia Foundation be approved and extended to March 31, 2026.*

*Motion carried.*

#### **8.1.5 Cost of Living Adjustment Management Policy**

*It was moved by Deputy Warden Trevor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Daniel Muise that the Cost of Living Adjustment Management Policy C-286-22 amendments be approved.*

## **Part 4 Review**

This policy shall be reviewed annually no later than January 31 following a General Municipal election.

*Motion carried.*

### **8.1.6 Date of December Regular Council Meeting**

*It was moved by Councillor Daniel Muise, seconded by Councillor Loren Cushing that the December Regular Council meeting, which will include Committee of the Whole, be held Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.*

*Motion carried.*

### **8.1.7 Free Transit Backgrounder**

*Councillor Nick Hilton declared a conflict and exited the meeting at 6:13 p.m.*

*It was moved by Deputy Warden Trevor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Jim Baxter that a letter be sent to Premier Houston, MLA Claudia Chender, and MLA Zach Churchill requesting their plan for transit services in rural Nova Scotia, specifically for the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth.*

*Motion carried.*

*Councillor Hilton returned to the meeting at 6:18 p.m.*

## **8.2 Committee & Board Appointments**

CAO Board read the Committee and Board appointments into the record.

*It was moved by Deputy Warden Trevor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Loren Cushing to approve the appointments as circulated.*

*Motion carried.*

## **9. Correspondence**

### **9.1 For Action**

#### **9.1.1 Dangerous Intersection - Hardscratch/Greenville (Brooklyn)**

*It was moved by Councillor Daniel Muise, seconded by Councillor Phil Mooney that a letter be sent to the local Department of Public Works & Transportation forwarding concerns at the intersection of Hardscratch Road and Greenville Road and request they investigate.*

**Amendment**

*Councillor Nick Hilton, seconded by Councillor Phil Mooney to amend the motion to include that the resident be copied on the letter to the NS Department Public Works & Transportation.*

*Motion carried.*

**Amended Motion**

*It was moved by Councillor Daniel Muise, seconded by Councillor Phil Mooney that a letter be sent to the local Department of Public Works & Transportation forwarding concerns at the intersection of Hardscratch Road and Greenville Road and request they investigate and further the resident be copied on the correspondence.*

*Motion carried.*

*It was moved by Councillor Phil Mooney, seconded by Councillor Loren Cushing to direct staff to schedule a meeting with the NS Department of Public Works to discuss their 5 year Capital Plan.*

*Motion carried.*

**9.1.2 Valley & District Volunteer Fire Department - Loan Application**

*It was moved by Councillor Phil Mooney, seconded by Councillor Daniel Muise that staff provide a recommendation to Council as soon as possible, on the Valley & District Volunteer Fire Department loan application under the Policy V-108-19.*

*Motion carried.*

**9.2 For Information**

**9.2.1 Forest Glen Community Centre 2024 Grant Report**

**9.2.2 Open House Information Session - High School Redevelopment**

## 10. Reports

### 10.1 CAO Report

*It was moved by Councillor Loren Cushing, seconded by Councillor Daniel Muise to accept the CAO's Report as presented.*

*Motion carried.*

### 10.2 Warden's Report

The Warden provided a verbal report.

### 10.3 Legal Entities

- 10.3.1 Mariners Centre Expansion Board
- 10.3.2 Mariners Centre Management Authority
- 10.3.3 Regional Solid Waste Authority
- 10.3.4 Western Counties Regional Library
- 10.3.5 Yarmouth Area Industrial Commission
- 10.3.6 Yarmouth and Acadian Shores Tourism Association
- 10.3.7 Yarmouth International Airport Corporation
- 10.3.8 Western Regional Enterprise Network Liason and Oversight Committee

### 10.4 Advisory

- 10.4.1 Audit Committee
- 10.4.2 Accessibility Advisory Committee
- 10.4.3 CAO Committee
- 10.4.4 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Committee
- 10.4.5 Doctor Recruitment and Retention Committee
- 10.4.6 REMO Executive Committee
- 10.4.7 Joint Green Energy Committee
- 10.4.8 Joint Police Advisory Committee
- 10.4.9 Planning Advisory Committee
- 10.4.10 Marketing Promotions Levy Advisory Committee
- 10.4.11 Yarmouth Recreation Committee

### 10.5 Ad-Hoc

- 10.5.1 Fence Arbitration Committee

## 11. Public Comments

*It was moved by Councillor Nick Hilton, seconded by Councillor Daniel Muise to hold a 5-minute recess.*

*Motion carried.*

## 12. In-Camera

***It was moved by Councillor Daniel Muise, seconded by Councillor Nick Hilton to move in-camera at 7:07 p.m.***

***Motion carried.***

**12.1 Parkland Dedication – MGA 22:2 (a)**

**12.1.1 File 9987**

**12.1.2 File 9989**

**12.1.3 File 9991**

**12.1.4 File 9993**

**12.1.5 File 9994**

**12.2 Potential Ligation – MGA 22:2 (f)**

**12.3 Personnel – MGA 22:2 (c)**

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

***Consensus was reached by Council at 8:09 p.m. to move out of in-camera.***

*The Chair called the meeting back to order at 8:09 p.m.*

**13. In-Camera Recommendations**

**File 9987**

***It was moved by Councillor Nick Hilton, seconded by Councillor Loren Cushing that the Municipality accept \$5,140.00, 5% of the market value of Lot SJ-1 as Parkland Dedication for File 9987, PID 90173931.***

***Motion carried.***

**File 9989**

***It was moved by Councillor Nick Hilton, seconded by Deputy Warden Trevor Cunningham that the Municipality accept \$2,750.00, 5% of the market value of Lot RL-1 as Parkland Dedication for File 9989, PID 90328949.***

***Motion carried.***

**File 9991**

***It was moved by Councillor Nick Hilton, seconded by Councillor Phil Mooney that the Municipality accept \$1,425.00, 5% of the market value of Lot PD-1 as Parkland Dedication for File 9991, PID 90148669.***

**Motion carried.**

**File 9993**

***It was moved by Councillor Nick Hilton, seconded by Councillor Jim Baxter that the Municipality accept \$1,000.00, 5% of the market value of Lot RK-1 as Parkland Dedication for File 9993, PID 90163114.***

**Motion carried.**

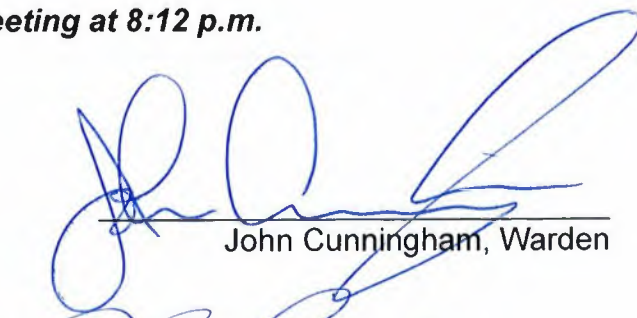
**File 9994**

***It was moved by Councillor Nick Hilton, seconded by Councillor Daniel Muise that the Municipality accept \$2,750.00, 5% of the market value of Lot JR-1, JR-2, and JR-3 as Parkland Dedication for File 9994, PID 90163544.***

**Motion carried.**

**15. Adjournment**

***The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.***



John Cunningham, Warden



Victoria Brooks, CAO



Jenny Porter, Deputy Municipal Clerk