



**REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF YARMOUTH
Wednesday, January 22, 2025**

A Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth was held in Council Chambers on Wednesday, January 22, 2025.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:14 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 Phil Mooney, Darlene LeBlanc Deputy CAO, and Jenny Porter, Deputy Municipal Clerk.

Derek Robertson, Director of Development Services was also in attendance for a portion of the meeting.

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)**

Councillor Cushing asked to add item 8.4 Fish Point Request.

It was moved by Councillor Phil Mooney, seconded by Councillor Daniel Muise to add item 8.4 Fish Point Request.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Daniel Muise, seconded by Councillor Loren Cushing to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion carried.

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

Councillor Daniel Muise declared a conflict on item 7.1 Second Reading of Land Use By-law re: Short-Term Rentals.

6. Approval of Minutes

6.1 December 2, 2024, Emergency Council

6.2 December 4, 2024, Special Council

6.3 December 18, 2024, Regular Council

It was moved by Councillor Daniel Muise, seconded by Councillor Jim Baxter to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion carried.

7. Old Business

7.1 Second Reading of Land Use By-Law re: Short-Term Rentals

Councillor Daniel Muise declared a conflict of interest and stepped out of the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Trevor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Phil Mooney to approve second reading of amendments to the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law to accommodate short-term rentals in a manner substantively the same as set out in Appendix A of the Public Participation Meeting report dated October 24, 2024.

Motion carried.

Councillor Daniel Muise returned at 6:23 p.m.

7.2 Second Reading of Land Use By-Law re: Accessory Dwellings

It was moved by Deputy Warden Trevor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Jim Baxter to approve second reading of amendments to the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth Land Use By-Law to allow accessory dwellings in the front yard of a lot by removing Land Use By-Law Subsection 7.1 (d) “ii. The accessory dwelling shall be located in the rear or side yard.”.

Motion carried.

8. New Business

8.1 February Regular Council Meeting Date

It was moved by Councillor Phil Mooney, seconded by Councillor Daniel Muise that the February Regular Council date and time be changed to Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion carried.

8.2 Public Comments

8.2.1 Public Comments Resolution

8.2.2 Draft Amendments to Council Procedural Policy C-028-19

It was moved by Deputy Warden Trevor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Loren Cushing that the Council Procedural Policy C-028-19 amendments, to allow the continuation of public comments, be forwarded for approval to the Regular Council Meeting on March 5, 2025.

Motion carried.

8.3 Recommendations from COTW

8.3.1 Hospitality Policy H-068-17

It was moved by Deputy Warden Trevor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Phil Mooney to approve Hospitality Policy H-068-17 as presented.

Motion carried.

8.3.2 2025 Legislative Agenda

It was moved by Councillor Jim Baxter, seconded by Councillor Loren Cushing to approve the 2025 Legislative Agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

8.3.3 Request for Support Letter for Trail Project Application

It was moved by Councillor Daniel Muise, seconded by Councillor Phil Mooney 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.

8.3.4 Letter of Congratulations to Coach Laurie Barron

It was moved by Councillor Phil Mooney, seconded by Councillor Daniel Muise 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.

8.4 Fish Point Request

It was moved by Councillor Loren Cushing, seconded by Councillor Phil Mooney that a letter of support be provided to the Historic Sites Committee of the Yarmouth County Historical Society and Museum in support of their application for the Fish Point Project in the Next Great Save Competition.

Motion carried.

Derek Robertson left the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

9. Correspondence

9.1 For Action

9.1.1 Moving Towards Consistent and Impactful Emergency Response

It was moved by Deputy Warden Trevor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Phil Mooney that the Municipality supports the request and forward Minister Masland's letter to the REMO Executive Committee for review, and request that an update be provided.

Motion carried.

9.2 For Information

9.2.1 Response re: Free Transit Services in Rural Nova Scotia

10. Reports

10.1 CAO's Report

It was moved by Councillor Loren Cushing, seconded by Councillor Phil Mooney 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 Wester 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

There were no public comments.

It was moved by Councillor Loren Cushing, seconded by Councillor Daniel Muise to hold a 5-minute recess.

Motion carried.

Daniel Muise left the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

The Chair called the meeting back to order at 6:50 p.m.

12. In-Camera

It was moved by Councillor Phil Mooney, seconded by Deputy Warden Trevor Cunningham to move in-camera at 7:02 p.m.

Motion carried.

12.1 Contract Negotiations – MGA 22:2 (e)

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12.3 Parkland Dedication – MGA 22:2 (a)

Consensus was reached by Council to move out of in-camera at 7:21 p.m.

The Chair called the meeting back to order at 7:21 p.m.

13. In-Camera Recommendations

Parkland Dedication

It was moved by Councillor Phil Mooney, seconded by Councillor Jim Baxter that the Municipality accept the sum of \$750.00, equivalent to 5% of the market value of Lot BG-1 as Parkland Dedication, PID 90146051, File 9999.

Motion carried.

14. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Warden John Cunningham

Darlene LeBlanc, Deputy CAO

Jenny Porter, Deputy Municipal Clerk