



**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 Chebogue Meadows Trail

Councillor Mooney shared community concerns with the condition of the Provincially owned Chebogue 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.

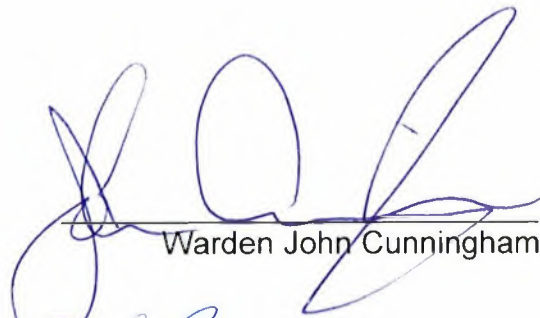
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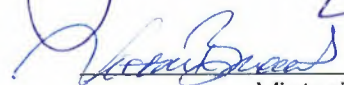
12. In-Camera Recommendations

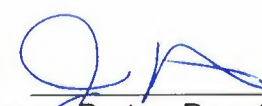
There were no in-camera recommendations.

13. Adjournment

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


Warden John Cunningham


Victoria Brooks, CAO


Jenny Porter, Deputy Municipal Clerk