

A Committee of the Whole meeting was in Council Chambers in Baddeck, on April 14, 2025, at 2:00pm with Deputy Warden MacLeod in the Chair.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

District #1- Donna Matheson-Lefort

District #2- Perla MacLeod, Deputy Warden

District #4- Rosella Born

District #5- Fraser Patterson

District #6 – Tim Donovan

District #7- Jackie Organ, Warden

District #8 – Wanda Hennick

STAFF PRESENT

Leanne MacEachen, CAO

Alix Redden, CFO

Steff MacLeod, Municipal Clerk and Executive Assistant, Recorder

ABSENT

District #3- Jess Kerr

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Warden MacLeod called the meeting to order and presented the agenda for approval and noted that the presentations by the Municipal Clerk would be moved to a continued COW meeting at 3pm the next day (April 15, 2025) due to time constraints.

On Motion of Warden Organ seconded by Councillor Donovan that the Agenda for April 14, 2025, be approved with the noted changes.

Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 24, 2025, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

On Motion of Warden Organ seconded by Councillor Matheson-LeFort to approve the March 24, 2025, Minutes.

Motion Carried.

LAND USE AND MUNICIPAL PLANNING STANDARDS BYLAW UPDATE – JOHN BAIN

Mr. Bain, the Director for Eastern District Planning Commission (EDPC) provided an overview of the historical background and development of the Land Use and Municipal Planning Standards leading up to this point.

Mr. Bain requested direction from Council for next steps and expressed that the most recent issues were just misunderstandings and thinks having an open house prior to the next Public Hearing would be beneficial.

Council agreed have the First Reading on May 5th, 2025, to be followed by an information session facilitated by the Eastern District Planning Commission (EDPC). A Public Hearing will then be held, with the second reading scheduled for May 26th, 2025.

SENIOR SAFETY NETWORK PILOT PROJECT – CASSANDRA YONDER

Ms. Yonder, the Senior Safety Officer for Victoria County explained the project and thanked Councillors for their support of \$80,000.00 (\$10,000.00 per district) for this project.

On Motion of Councillor Donovan seconded by Councillor Born to resume the Committee of the Whole meeting from April 14, 2025.

Motion Carried.

BYLAW REPEALS – STEFF MACLEOD

Ms. MacLeod, Municipal Clerk and Executive Assistant provided Council with a list of Bylaws that are up for repeal at next Council and there were no objections. The following Bylaws will be repealed at the next meeting Regular Council meeting

- 1. AUCTIONEERS, PEDDLERS, HAWKERS AND TRADER OF GOODS BYLAW (1982)**
 - A Vendors Bylaw is recommended to replace this bylaw.
- 2. BUILDING PERMIT FEES BYLAW (2010)**
 - Should be moved and included in the Municipal Fee Policy.

3. 2020 ELECTRONIC VOTING BYLAW (2020)

- No longer relevant.

4. EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW (2014)

- Is already part of the Municipal Grants Policy.

5. SMOKING BYLAW (2002)

- No longer need as this is a Provincial law.

STAFF REPORT QUESTION PERIOD AT COUNCIL MEETINGS – STEFF MACLEOD

Ms. MacLeod, Municipal Clerk and Executive Assistant went over her Staff Report as requested by Council to provide recommendations to Council for a structured format for public question period at Council meetings.

Council discussed and decided that they will allow five (5) minutes at the end of every presentation for question period pertaining to the presentation and then ten (10) minutes at the end of Council for questions pertaining to other Agenda items.

INCIVILITY TRAINING PROPOSAL – CAO MACEACHEN

CAO MacEachen proposed training opportunities to Council for consideration and Council discussed and agreed training in this area would be beneficial and requested CAO MacEachen to provide Council with quotes and travel costs for the training.

HEAVY GARBAGE DISCUSSION

Council discussed resident concerns regarding the announcement of Heavy Garbage, concerns that were discussed included the short notice given to residents and having it start on Easter Monday.

Discussions over cost and schedule also took place and a further discussion on this will take place at a later date.

NEXT MEETING

May 5th, 2025

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 4:10pm.