Town of Wolfville
Minutes, Committee of the Whole Meeting
Tuesday, April 4, 2017

ATTENDING
Mayor Jeff Cantwell, Deputy Mayor Carl Oldham, Councillor Mercedes Brian, Councillor Wendy Donovan, Councillor Wendy Elliott, Councillor Jodi MacKay, Councillor Oonagh Proudfoot, Chief Administrative Officer Erin Beaudin, and Recording Secretary Dan Stovel

ALSO ATTENDING
Director Corporate Services Jen Boyd, Director Finance Mike MacLean and interested members of the public

CALL TO ORDER
Chair, Mayor Cantwell, called the meeting to order at 8:35 am

1. AGENDA APPROVAL
01-04-17 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED
Amendments:
• Chair added 4b. Mayor’s Remarks for Upcoming events
THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED WITH THE ABOVE NOTED CHANGES CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
a. 02-04-17 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF MARCH 7, 2017 BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED CARRIED

3. PRESENTATIONS:
a. Quiet Park – Mud Creek Rotary Club, Wendy Donovan (Director of Vocational Services)
• Focus of presentation is to update Council on Seymour Gordon Quiet Park, Wolfville – a friendly design for all ages and abilities
• Viewed as a Partnership between Mud Creek Rotary and the Town of Wolfville
• An initiative that will focus on developing a park to support older adults
• Society benefits when more of its citizens enjoy health and well-being
• Health and well-being are affected by our physical and social environments including neighbourhoods and public spaces
• Creating age friendly environments requires participation of many sectors of the community
• “Quiet Park”, corner of Main St and Earnscliffe Ave, on land managed by the Town of Wolfville and owned in part by the Town and part of the Hospital Foundation
• Age friendly park elements:
  o Physically accessible – sidewalks free of obstruction, wide enough for wheelchairs, curb cuts, paths managed by wheelchairs, walkers, those with unstable mobility
  o Shaded areas and paths to avoid overexposure to heat and the sun
  o Signage large enough with clear lettering
  o Program opportunities to engage the senses
  o Program and spatial opportunities to encourage intergenerational play and communication
• Timings and Activities:
  o Mud Creek Rotary has initiated a project to develop “Quiet Park” as an Age Friendly Park
2017 – Develop formal long term agreement with the owner of the park to develop as an Age Friendly Park
2017 – Stakeholder consultation
2018 – Kingstec Horticultural Students/Faculty have chosen this project as their design project for 2018
2018 and beyond include:
- Creation of a formal design by accredited Landscape Architect
- Submission of grant applications (e.g., Age Friendly Grants, perhaps Canada 150 grants)
- Construction; and
- Programming – including a role for Mud Creek Rotary

b. Valley Ground Search & Rescue (GSAR), Ashley Perry
- Valley Search and Rescue is a volunteer, non-profit organization serving the citizens of Kings County and has been in operation since 1971
- Focus of presentation is to raise awareness of Valley GSAR, an agency that is under the jurisdiction of the RCMP and supported by EMO NS
- Valley GSAR searches for anyone in need of assistance in a wilderness setting
- Search expenses are generally covered by the RCMP, and GSAR’s budget is about $70,000/year
- Valley GSAR is seeking funding in support of building a garage (2017 estimated cost $347,600).
  Funding request calculated on a cost per person of municipal population evaluation of $4.74587 per person:
  - Town of Kentville Pop 6271 Funding Request $29,761.35
  - Town of Berwick Pop 2509 Funding Request $11,907.39
  - Town of Wolfville Pop 4195 Funding Request $19,908.93
  - Municipality of Kings Pop 47625 Funding Request $226,022.06
- There has been no funding commitment as of yet from the municipalities

Council Questions:
- What is timeline for feedback for funding? Ideally, the garage for GSAR should be built before next winter

4a. CAO REPORT:
The CAO’s report was presented to Council as part of the Agenda Package

CAO highlighted the following issues from the report:
- The Town was not successful in finding a candidate this year for the Apple Blossom Leadership program
- Cheaton Cup and St Patrick’s Day debrief conducted at the RCMP Advisory Board meeting
- The Town received a complaint to the Ombudsman in February related to the Development Agreement Fees that Council waived pertaining to 336 Main Street Development and that has been closed off from the Ombudsman who conducted an investigation through the file and did not find anything
b. MAYOR’S REMARKS

- There is a Spring into Action challenge from Horizons Community Development Associates Inc that the Mayor would like to do something as a group of Councillors representing the Town of Wolfville
- Michelin® is celebrating 35 years in the Valley and on May 23rd at 12:00pm are conducting a walk-around tour to celebrate – Deputy Mayor Oldham will attend
- Council will need to decide on a time to get together within next week or two beyond Council meeting schedule to discuss administrative issues

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. EXTERNAL

(1). VALLEY WASTE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (VWRM), Councillor Wendy Elliott
- Councillor Mercedes Brian as alternate Councillor representative attended the last meeting of the Valley Waste Resource Management
- Nothing significant to report

i. RFD 025-2017: VALLEY WASTE REGIONAL MANAGEMENT BUDGET
03-04-17 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FORWARD THE FOLLOWING MOTION TO COUNCIL FOR DECISION: THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE VALLEY WASTE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT 2017/18 OPERATING & CAPITAL BUDGETS CARRIED

(2). KINGS TRANSIT AUTHORITY (KTA), Councillor Mercedes Brian
- The Federal Infrastructure funds roll-out continues and is matched by the Province
- Buses continue to be renovated
- Urban transit issues are significantly different than larger city transit issues
- Developing a communications plan to support a culture of youth ridership
- The next meeting of the Kings Transit Board of Directors will be held April 26th

a. RFD 024-2017: KINGS TRANSIT BUDGET
04-04-17 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FORWARD THE FOLLOWING MOTION TO COUNCIL FOR DECISION: THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE KINGS TRANSIT AUTHORITY 2017/18 OPERATING & CAPITAL BUDGETS AS PRESENTED AT THE JOINT COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 8, 2017 CARRIED

(3). VALLEY COMMUNITY FIBRE NETWORK (VCFN), Mayor Jeff Cantwell
- Nothing significant to report

(4). ANNAPOLIS VALLEY TRAILS COALITION (AVTC), Councillor Jodi MacKay
- Nothing significant to report

(5). WOLFVILLE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (WBDC)
- The WBDC Board of Directors met on March 15th, 2017
- Topics included the area rate (now confirmed at the March 21st Council meeting as part of the 2017-18 budget); further discussion of the 4-way stop; the Valentine Business Promotion “Give us your heart, and we’ll give you kisses” in which 40 local businesses participated; and plans for a themed event video with a Springtime Spruce Up theme
b. INTERNAL

(1). RCMP ADVISORY BOARD, Councillor Wendy Donovan
- The RCMP Advisory Board met on March 28, 2017
- An overview of the RCMP quarterly update report covering the period December 12, 2016 to March 27, 2017 was presented highlighting a total calls for service in the Town of Wolfville of 404
- Key issues discussed:
  - Cheaton Cup / St Patrick’s Day Debrief
  - Potential use of RCMP Space by Town Staff
  - 4-way stop traffic control at Main Street & Gaspereau Avenue
- The next regularly scheduled meeting of the RCMP Advisory Board is Tuesday, July 11, 2017

(2). TOWN & GOWN COMMITTEE, Councillor Oonagh Proudfoot
- The Town & Gown Committee met on March 21, 2017 but there was not a quorum present
- Key issues put forward for discussion were:
  - Welcome Week Update
  - Acadia Student Union – Community Relations Officer
  - Innovative Housing Symposium – Summary Report
- CAO will be presenting at the International Town & Gown Association (ITGA) Conference in Eugene, Oregon, May 30 to June 2, 2017
- The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Town & Gown Committee is Tuesday, May 16, 2017

(3). PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC), Deputy Mayor Carl Oldham
- The Planning Advisory Committee met on March 22, 2017
- Parts 1 & 2 of the Draft Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) were presented to the Committee for commentary
- The MPS is to be completed within the next year
- The process going forward is that staff will bring forward sections of the amended MPS forward to the PAC. The PAC will provide feedback to the amendments and then the draft of the amended MPS will be posted to the Town’s website so that the Town can view the proposed amendments. PAC will again see the full document in January 2018 for final comments before being presented to Council
- The PAC role in amending the MPS will be critical. It will be important for PAC to identify those sections of the MPS that they desire to have staff further delve into so that the issues can come to Council for decision
- The MPS is a living document that will undergo further amendments and changes in the future
- The next regularly scheduled meeting of the PAC is Wednesday, April 19, 2017
6. STAFF REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION:

a. RFD 023-2017: LIGHTFOOT & WOLFEVILLE SERVICING AGREEMENT

- The servicing is only for the development approved by the Development Agreement, and any change of use on the property would have to come back to Council and would require permission of the Town
- No other properties can be serviced
- The property owner will pay the regular sewer rate and comply with the Sewer Bylaw
- Installation of the services are at the Lightfoot’s expense and must be acceptable to Director Public Works

05-04-17 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FORWARD THE FOLLOWING MOTION TO COUNCIL FOR DECISION: THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR D & M LIGHTFOOT FOR THE PROVISION OF SEWER SERVICES, AS ATTACHED IN APPENDIX A OF RFD 023-2017

CARRIED

7. QUESTION PERIOD

- Councillor Proudfoot presented the following issues to Council:
  - The Race Relations and Anti-Discrimination Committee (RRADC) met Monday, April 4 during which it was discussed that the three representatives from the Towns be Councillors
  - April 28th is National Day of Mourning for Injured Workers, and there will be a ceremony in Kentville during which a wreath will be presented on behalf of the RRADC
  - Contact from community members on different issues:
    - Request for “Children Playing” sign on Pleasant St
    - Installation of street lights on Willow St
    - Suggestion that there should be something on the back of the “Welcome to Wolfville” signs such as “Thank you Come Again”
  - Dr Peter Ricketts is the new President of Acadia University as of July 1, 2017
  - On May 26th, there will be an Annual Alumni Gala, which is being called the President’s Gala to celebrate Dr Ray Ivany’s retirement
  - May 26th is the Cannabis legalization seminar in Halifax

8. ADJOURNMENT TO IN-CAMERA MEETING

06-04-17 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 10:07 AM TO AN IN-CAMERA MEETING UNDER THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT SECTION 22(2)(C) TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER

CARRIED

9. IN-CAMERA ADJOURNED

07-04-17 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE IN-CAMERA MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BE ADJOURNED AT 10:40 AM

CARRIED

10. REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING RECONVENED

08-04-17 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BE RECONVENED AT 10:40 AM

CARRIED
11. ADJOURNMENT
07-04-17 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BE ADJOURNED AT 10:43 AM
CARRIED

Approved by Committee of the Whole Motion 02-05-17, May 2, 2017

As recorded by Dan Stovel, AA Corporate Services/Town Clerk