
ATTENDING

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

ALSO ATTENDING

- Director of Finance, Mike MacLean
- Director of Public Works, Kevin Kerr
- Director of Parks and Recreation, Kelton Thomason
- Director of Planning and Development, Devin Lake;
- Climate Mitigation Coordinator, Omar Bhimji, and
- Coordinator of Administrative Services, Vanessa Pearson

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- Cayle Eagles,
- Kirk Fredericks
- George Lohnes
- Emma Stultz
- Elisabeth Kusters
- John Gordon
- Darlene Brodeur
- Glen Pavelich
- Andrea Wyle

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Mayor Cantwell, called the [Town Council Meeting](#) to order at 6:32 p.m.

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| 1. Approval of Agenda | 06-06-20 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED. |
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2. Approval of Minutes

07-06-20 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF VIRTUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 16, 2020, BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Mayor

- Advised Public wishing to speak they will have 3 minutes for questions and comments.

4. Public Input/Question Period

- **George Lohnes** – Wolfville has a significant number of individuals who fall into one or more of COVID 19's so-called vulnerable population categories:

27.4% of Wolfville's population is 65 years and older – others are at risk due to underlying medical conditions or to a compromised immune system.

Acadia has adopted a hybrid model which includes the return of students to campus in early September.

If Acadia's framework plan is comparable to the one just announced by St. FX, we may assume the focus will be on campus issues and on campus students living in university residences.

There will be limited material in the plan dealing with COVID 19 challenges arising from off campus students living in the community. We know only all too well the issues that exist with unregulated off campus parties and binge drinking. I hope I am wrong in that assumption.

COVID 19 adds complexity and potential life threatening consequences to the social harms of binge drinking.

Although we are in this together - Town & University - to my knowledge, there were no formal public consultations with residents of the Town, whether initiated by the University, or the Town dealing with the impact of Acadia's operational plans on the Town and its residents.

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- **Glenda Pavelich** – An appeal is being made to the Town of Wolfville to follow and put a ban on 5G. The public is being misled that radiation is safe. The truth is very much to the contrary. A formal appeal was signed by scientists to the UN. There has been no testing to determine if 5G is safe. More information can be obtained at the site saynoto5g.ca.
- **Elisabeth Kusters** – Lives at 210 Main Street of Wolfville for 18 years. Elisabeth has seen and heard the increase of traffic. Strongly support local economy. There is a painted bicycle lane but none in the downtown area. The number of cyclists has been increasing. Imagine how many more would bike into town if they felt safe. There are little motorists that drive the required 50 km through town. Elisabeth applauds the Town for this initiative and the route is 250 meters long which is the same as Mic Mac Mall and she has never heard of anyone wanting to drive in the mall. Elisabeth is sure the Town would accommodate for deliveries.
- **Cayle Eagles** - Started the petition of changing Main Street into a one-way street. Would basically like to know what will Councils plan be. If you take a day where the 101 was shut down and traffic was increased. If a fire truck had to turn with this traffic they would not be able to make the turn. This is a point about the congestion. Wolfville is congested on a good day. What is the plan to address the congestion? Wolfville is a great tourist town and it appears a lot of business is going to be lost based on the comments.
- **Andrea Schwenke Wyle** – Lives on Ridge Road and have been sending council the odd thing about smart meters and the 5G roll out. Wolfville is a great town that has done so many things first and she would like to see Wolfville take a stand and take the initiative and study the materials that were sent. The website is a great resource for the Town to look at as well. When the tower went up in around 2001 one of her neighbours became gravely ill and had to move 14 times and she has since

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met many others with illnesses linked to the radiation. Requesting the safeguard of our children and seniors. It seems to be up to citizens to prove the technology is not safe and there has been no testing on 5G.

- **John Gordon** – Town Council meetings are very interesting and it makes you want to comment on so many things. Tonight however, he wants to ask questions regarding the one- way street pilot project. Due to it being called a pilot project he assumes it is being tested. He assumes there are outcomes and objective Council is testing, with that he has a 4 part question as follows:

- (a) what are your outcomes and objectives?
- (b) what metrics are you using to assess the success of the project and he assumes there is a plan?
- (c) How are you planning to measure these?
- (d) This is a project taking place in a summer in a time like no other, why was this decided and planned this summer when tourism and everything in general will be very different?

- **Kirk Fredericks** - Retired Fire Chief. Concerned about the delay from EHS and fire this new Street will cause. Were Fire, Police and EHS consulted and if not why were they not.

CAO Beaudin – Advised discussions were held with emergency services providers and suggested improvements were made based on a drive and the feedback received. If there are more questions from the public Director Lake and CAO Beaudin are available for additional questions and meetings if requested.

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5. New Business

Motions/Recommendations from Virtual Town Council Meeting, June 30, 2020.

**a. RFD 027-2020:
MPS/LUB-
Second
Reading**

- Mayor Cantwell acknowledged and thanked Director Lake and his staff for all their hard work on the documents over the past five years. The efforts made by staff and the Town is remarkable and he feels it will promote further growth to the Community.
- Director Lake reviewed a supplemental report for Council to make decisions regarding the second reading.
- The review surrounded feedback from the Public Hearing. Comments from the public surrounded the following: affordable housing, R1 zone, Healthy Main Street, Bill 177 – Part 11.8 of the MPS, 192 Pleasant – Request for R4 zoning (change from R-3 zoning proposed in documents), R-2 Zone – questions around permitted uses, Parking concern and strengthening section 6.4 of the LUB, Commercial development, Concern over Nano Breweries in the C-2 Zone. Options have been presented and Council will need to address. Landmark East School there were some concern around Institutional use or neighbourhood commercial zoning. A discussion was held with the representative from Landmark East surrounding this. Whispering Creek there were concerns with the changes in the Neighbourhood.

08-06-20 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED:

- 1) That Council give 2nd Reading to the Planning Documents (Municipal Planning Strategy, Land Use By-law, Stormwater and Urban Design Guidelines, Subdivision By-law and Public Participation Program Policy) subject to the final recommended amendments outlined in the updated RFD 027-2020 with one exception that C-2 allow Nano Breweries by site plan except for properties that front on Acadia Street, Linden Avenue and Summer Street and add wording that limit advertising of nineteen (19) plus products in the above noted locations due to the proximity of the Wolfville School.
- 2) That Council, in support of the new Planning Documents, approve the amendment to the System of Municipal Fire Inspections, as per Attachment 2.

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- 3) That Council, in support of the new Planning documents, approve the amendments to the Town’s Fees Policy as per Attachment 1.
- 4) That Council, in support of the new Planning documents, give First Reading to a by-law as per Attachment 3 to repeal the Existing Planning Documents (Municipal Planning Strategy, Land Use By-law, Subdivision Bylaw, Design Guidelines, and Public Participation Program Policy), the Swimming Pool By-law and Sidewalk Café By-law.
- 5) That Council acknowledges Discharges of existing Development Agreements are forthcoming and that updates to the Design Review Committee Policy/Terms are forthcoming, as outlined in this report.

CARRIED

**b. RFD 031-2020:
Financial
Update –
Decision Points**

- This update is a follow up to the last information report provided to Council.
- There is uncertainty surrounding the fall and what it will bring in terms of a second wave. Due to this, Council is being asked if they would like to make provisions to accommodate and defer some projects
- There has been a request to provide \$4,000 for a Physician Navigator position and a decision will need to be made.
- Requested an update be provided in September or October.

09-06-20 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO DEFER ALL ITEMS CONTAINED IN RFD 031-2020 FROM THE APPROVED 2020/21 OPERATING BUDGET, AND THAT STAFF WILL CONTINUE TO BRING REGULAR UPDATES TO COUNCIL ON EVOLVING FINANCIAL TRENDS.

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10-06-20 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE \$4,000.00 TO BE PROVIDED FOR THE NAVIGATOR POSITION.

CARRIED

**c. RFD 030-2020
– PACE
Property
Assessed Clean
Energy)**

- Climate Mitigation Coordinator Omar Bhimji provided information surrounding Property Assessed Clean Energy.
- Financing mechanism for home energy improvements is provided in the forms of loans towards the property and not the individuals. A PACE Loan is repaid through the property assessment.

11-06-20 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL

- **CONFIRM ITS APPROVAL OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PACE PROGRAM FOR WOLFVILLE;**
- **APPROVE DEVELOPMENT OF A PACE BYLAW, UNDER SECTION 81A OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT, TO FINANCE CLEAN ENERGY PROJECTS ON PRIVATE BUILDINGS AND OUTLINE THE PROCESS FOR DOING SO; AND**
- **FORMALIZE WOLFVILLE’S ENTRY INTO THE PACE ATLANTIC CONSORTIUM, AFFIRMING THE TOWN’S INTENT TO WORK WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CONSORTIUM TO DEVELOP AN INTEGRATED PACE PROGRAM AND DEVELOP AND SUBMIT A JOINT FUNDING APPLICATION TO FCM, THROUGH SIGNING THE *MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: PACE ATLANTIC – MUNICIPAL REGIONAL COOPERATIVE PROGRAM.***

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6. Correspondence

- Correspondence as noted in the Agenda package. CAO Beaudin noted additional correspondence was received since the Agenda package went out and will be included in the July package.
- Director Thomason provided an update regarding Canada Day activities and noted the activities list is located on The Town of Wolfville’s website as well as social media.

7. Adjournment of Regular Meeting

12-06-20 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL BE ADJOURNED AT 8:55 PM.

CARRIED

**Approved by Council Motion 02-07-20, July 21, 2020
As recorded by Amanda Brown, Assistant, Office of the CAO**