



The Town of Yarmouth
Committee of the Whole Minutes

February 24, 2022, 3:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Mayor Pam Mood, Deputy Mayor Steve Berry, Councillor Wade Cleveland, Councillor Gil Dares, Councillor Heather Hatfield, Councillor Derek Lesser, Belle Hatfield

Staff Present: Jeff Gushue - CAO, Lindsay MacKinnon - Municipal Clerk, Gerry Verran - Director of Finance, Marc Brophy - Town Engineer, Frank Grant - Director of Recreation, Mike Deveau - Fire Chief

1. Call to Order

The Deputy Mayor called the meeting to order at 3:31pm.

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Record of Attendance

4. Absent with Regrets

5. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

6. Approval of Agenda – Additions & Deletions

It was duly moved and seconded

that the agenda be approved with the following additions:

- A. Rescind Covid Vaccination Policy
- B. Grants to Organizations

MOTION CARRIED

7. Presentations

7.a Accessibility Action Plan

Stephen Nicoll presented the Accessibility Action Plan.

It was duly moved and seconded to recommend that Council adopt the Accessibility Action Plan as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

7.b Facade Society

David Gorman presented the Facade and Mural Program.

It was duly moved and seconded to recommend that Council refer the Facade Society request of \$35,000 to budget.

MOTION CARRIED

8. Staff Reports

8.a CAO Report (Jeff Gushue)

8.b Fire Department Report (Mike Deveau)

8.c Operational Services Report (Chad LeBlanc)

8.d Planning & Economic Development Report (Natalie Smith)

8.e Engineering Report (Marc Brophy)

8.f Finance Department Report (Gerry Verran)

8.g Yarmouth Recreation Report (Frank Grant)

It was duly moved and seconded to recommend that Council send a letter of thanks to Sarah LeBlanc.

MOTION CARRIED

9. Business

9.a Splash Park Site Selection

It was duly moved and seconded to recommend that Council support the site selected for the Splash Park at the Mariners Centre.

MOTION CARRIED

9.b Mariners Centre Expansion Committee

It was duly moved and seconded to recommend that Council, in anticipation of a comprehensive budget submission for 2022/2023, move to immediately advance an amount of \$20,000 to the Mariners Centre Expansion project to allow for the awarding of a contract to proceed with phase 1 of a fundraising plan.

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9.c ICIP 2022 Grant Application, Selection of Projects

It was duly moved and seconded to recommend that Council commit to the municipal contribution of \$800,100 (26.67%) of the total project budget of \$3,000,000 for the Town of Yarmouth's application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) for the Vancouver and Central Street underground, and Gardner Street Lift Station.

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It was duly moved and seconded to recommend that Council refer the Waste Water Treatment Plant Assessment Phase 1 to budget.

MOTION CARRIED

10. Correspondence

10.a Tri-County Pregnancy Care Centre - Thank You

10.b Municipal Affairs - NSCC Housing

10.c Autism NS - Thank You

11. Additions

11.a Rescind Covid Vaccination Policy

11.b Grants to Organizations (Councillor Dares)

It was duly moved and seconded to recommend that Council increase the grants to organizations budget to 1 cent of the tax rate, approximately \$44,000.

MOTION CARRIED

12. In Camera

It was duly moved and seconded that Council move to an In Camera session.

13. Coal Shed Music Festival

14. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.

Mayor

Clerk