



The Town of Yarmouth

Town Council Minutes

**February 10, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting**

Council 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, Greg Barro - Town Solicitor, Natalie Smith – Director of Planning & Economic Development

1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. O Canada

4. Record of Attendance

5. Absent with Regrets

6. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

a. Councillor Dares - Meadowfields Community School Playground Replacement Project

Member of committee.

b. Councillor Cleveland - 2022 We Care Radiothon

Member of committee.

7. Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)

It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with the following additions:

A. Discussion re Grants

- B. Garden Party
- C. Letter of Support Southwest Nova Biosphere

MOTION CARRIED

8. Approval of Minutes

a. Town Council - January 13, 2022

It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes of Town Council on January 13, 2022 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Committee of the Whole - January 27, 2022

It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes of Committee of the Whole on January 27, 2022 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

9. Public Hearing

10. Business Arising

a. National Curling Championship (Councillor Cleveland)

TOY-2022-02-10-001

It was duly moved and seconded that Council grant \$10,000 to the National Curling Championship.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Fishing Gear Coalition

TOY-2022-02-10-002

It was duly moved and seconded that Council support, in principle, the Fishing Gear Coalition and refer to the Yarmouth County Solid Waste Park.

MOTION CARRIED

11. New Business

a. Procurement Policy

TOY-2022-02-10-003

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the amendments to the Procurement Policy as recommended by staff.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Taxi Rates Comparison

TOY-2022-02-10-004

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve first reading of the Taxi Bylaw which increases rates for each additional passenger by \$1.00.

MOTION CARRIED

c. Schedule of Fees Policy Amendment

TOY-2022-02-10-005

It was duly moved and seconded that Council approve the amendments to the Schedule of Fees Policy as recommended by staff.

MOTION CARRIED

12. Reports

a. Council Advisory Committees

1. Committee of the Whole (Deputy Mayor Berry)

1. Cameras

TOY-2022-02-10-006

It was duly moved and seconded that Council request the Police Advisory Board to investigate the feasibility of putting up cameras in select positions within the Town.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Snow Operations (Councillor Cleveland)

TOY-2022-02-10-007

It was duly moved and seconded that Council direct staff to investigate how we can improve the service level for snow removal from accessible parking spaces, including consideration of the timing, equipment and manpower required to meet a higher standard.

MOTION CARRIED

3. 2022 We Care Radiothon

Councillor Cleveland declared a conflict on this item. (Member of committee.)

TOY-2022-02-10-008

It was duly moved and seconded that the Town of Yarmouth donate \$1000 to the 2022 Yarmouth Hospital Foundation's We Care Radiothon.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Meadowfields Community School Playground Replacement Project

Councillor Dares declared a conflict on this item. (Member of committee.)

TOY-2022-02-10-009

It was duly moved and seconded that Council provide a letter of support to Meadowfields School for their Playground Replacement Project.

MOTION CARRIED

5. Deer Management Hunt

TOY-2022-02-10-010

It was duly moved and seconded that Council direct staff to investigate the managed deer hunt happening in Truro and contraceptive methods used in other jurisdictions.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Citizen Advisory Committees

1. Planning Advisory Committee (Councillor Cleveland)

1. Commercial Vehicle Parking

TOY-2022-02-10-011

It was duly moved and seconded that Council deny an application to text amendments to the Land Use Bylaw which would enable residentially-zoned lots larger than 15,000 square feet in area the ability to have a commercial van up to 20,000 lbs in gross vehicle weight.

MOTION CARRIED

c. Reports for Information

d. Mayor's Report

13. Questions for Committee Chairs

14. Additions

- a. Discussion re: Grants

TOY-2022-02-10-012

It was duly moved and seconded that Council refer the discussion of grants to the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

- b. Garden Party

TOY-2022-02-10-013

It was duly moved and seconded that Council partner with Government House to host a garden party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

MOTION CARRIED

- c. Letter of Support - Southwest Nova Biosphere

TOY-2022-02-10-014

It was duly moved and seconded that Council provide a letter of support to the Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve for their grant application to the federal government's 2 Billion Trees Initiative.

MOTION CARRIED

15. Correspondence

- a. Fibromyalgia Awareness Day

TOY-2022-02-10-015

It was duly moved and seconded that Council light up Town Hall on May 13, 2022 in support of Fibromyalgia Awareness Day.

MOTION CARRIED

- b. Coal Shed Music Festival

TOY-2022-02-10-016

Whereas the Coal Shed Festival is an established organization in the Town of Yarmouth whose outdoor music festival entertains residents and visitors, provides a venue for emerging and established musical artists, and makes significant contributions to the School Breakfast Program, and

Whereas the Coal Shed Festival sent notice to councillors in November 2021 of its intention to host a festival in 2022, and

Whereas Yarmouth Town Council has not yet met to allocate its 2022-23 grants to organizations,

It was duly moved and seconded that council accept for consideration in its grants allocation process a completed application from the Coal Shed Festival if it is received by 5 pm. Monday, February 14, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED

16. Approval of Invoices

It was duly moved and seconded that the various invoices be approved for payment.

MOTION CARRIED

17. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is March 10, 2022.

18. In Camera

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

19. Fire Services

TOY-2022-02-10-017

It was duly moved and seconded that Council send a letter to the Municipality of Yarmouth regarding Fire Services negotiation.

MOTION CARRIED

20. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22pm.

Mayor

Clerk