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**REGULAR SESSION OF THE 52nd COUNCIL
OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF SHELBURNE
Wednesday, March 27, 2024**

The Regular Session of the 52nd Council of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne was held on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 6:00 pm in the Municipal Council Chambers.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:

Warden Penny Smith
Deputy Warden Dale Richardson
Councillor Doris Townsend
Councillor Sherry Thorburn Irvine
Councillor Heidi Wagner
Councillor Ron Coole
Councillor Anthony Gosbee

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Warren MacLeod, CAO
Erin Hartley, Deputy CAO
Michelle Williams, Director of Finance
Marcia d'Eon, Director of Operations & Protective Services
Carolann Atwood, Recording Secretary
Darrell Locke, By-Law Enforcement Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Warden Smith.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

a. March 27, 2024

2(a) MOTION: APPROVAL OF AGENDA – March 27, 2024

Being duly moved and seconded, be it resolved that the Agenda for March 27, 2024, be approved.

- **MOTION CARRIED**

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. March 13, 2024

3(a) **MOTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 13, 2024**

Being duly moved and seconded, be it resolved that the Minutes of March 13, 2024, be approved as circulated.

- **MOTION CARRIED**

4. BUSINESS ARISING:

There was no business arising.

5. OPERATIONS & PROTECTIVE SERVICES

- a. Property located at 4625 Hwy. 103, Jordan Falls - Darrell Locke

5(a) Darrell Locke, By-Law Enforcement Officer, presented to Council the Dangerous & Unightly Property located at 4625 Hwy. 103, Jordan Falls staff report.

Mr. Locke advised Council that the property is in violation of the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, S.N.S. 1998, c.18. Mr. Locke also advised council that an information package was prepared and sent by registered mail to John Alliker. The package was returned undelivered by Canada Post. The package was subsequently personally served on Mr. Alliker on October 4, 2023. There was no response from Mr. Alliker to enter into an agreement with the Municipality outlining the details of the time extension that he had requested. There has been no response by Mr. Alliker to any correspondence sent by the Administrator other than to attend at the September 13, 2023, Council meeting.

MOTION: PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4625 HWY. 103, JORDAN FALLS

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Shelburne hereby issue an order as per Section 507 of the Municipal Government Act: and authorizes the Warden to sign off on this demolition and clean up order for the property located at 4625 Hwy. 103, Jordan Falls.

- **MOTION CARRIED**

6. FINANCE

- a. 2024/2025 Budget - Warren MacLeod

6(a) Warren MacLeod, CAO, presented Council with the 2024-2025 Budget staff report.

Mr. MacLeod advised Council of the 2024-2025 Budget process and how it utilizes a dynamic economic model that provides Council with the ability to adjust a range of key financial metrics to project the financial impacts 15 years into the future. This process was broken down into operating, Capital, Non-capital and projections. Mr. MacLeod advised council of the two tax rate scenarios they requested including maintaining the current tax rate and a reduction. The CAO emphasised his opinion that a reduction in taxes should not be implemented due to decreased Reserve amounts. Council debated the two scenarios. It was decided that Council would like to entertain further budget adjustments which will take place at a Special Council meeting on April 9, 2024 at 2:00 pm.

7. Other

- a. Town of Shelburne – Exploration of Consolidation
b. Condition of Gravel Roads - Response from Minister MasLand
c. ER closures – Response Tanya Nixon, Vice President Operations - Western Zone

7(a) Warden Smith advised Council of the letter received from the Town of Shelburne regarding exploration of consolidation.

7(b) Warden Smith advised council of the letter received in response to the condition of gravel roads in the Municipality of Shelburne. Discussion was held regarding the letter and Council decided they would like to invite the local Public Works Department back to Council for a presentation/discussion.

7(c) Warden Smith advised Council of the letter received in response to the Emergency Department closures at Roseway Hospital. Discussion was held regarding the matter.

MOTION: EMERGENCY ROOM CLOSURES

Be it resolved that Council of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne write a letter to Nova Scotia Health asking them to commission a third part internal review of health care services being provided to residents of Shelburne County.

- **MOTION CARRIED**

8. Committee Reports/Warden's Update:

- a. Committee Reports
- b. Warden's Update 2023

10(a) Councillor Thorburn Irvine advised that she attended and provided updates on, the following:

- Western Regional County Library

10(b) Warden Smith advised she attended, and provided updates on, the following:

- March 23, 2024 – Shelburne County Special Olympics Parade
- March 26, 2024 – Water Utilities discussion
- March 26, 2024 – Mix & Mingle at the Osprey Arts Center

9. IN-CAMERA

- a. Acquisition, Sale, Lease and Security of Municipal Property as per MGA 22 (2)(a)
- b. Contract Negotiations as per MGA 22 (2)(e)

MOTION: ENTER "IN-CAMERA"

Being duly moved and seconded, be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne enter "In-Camera" at 7:39 pm.

- **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION: EXIT "IN-CAMERA"

Being duly moved and seconded, be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne exit "In-Camera" at 7:59 pm.

- **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION: CN SPURLINE - SALE OF PID 82506445 TO SIELIAKUS

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne offer John Sieliakus purchase of PID 8250445/AAN 10871281 as per MGA S.51 (a); and
That should Mr. Sieliakus agree to conditions set forth by the Municipality, the Warden and CAO be authorized to finalize the sale.

- MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: REGION OF QUEENS – RECYCLABLES AGREEMENT

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne approve the Recyclable Agreement between the Region of Queens Municipality and the Municipality of the District of Shelburne, as presented; – AND –

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne authorize the Warden and Deputy CAO to execute the agreement on its behalf.

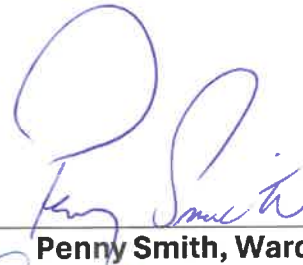
- MOTION CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm. The next Regular Council meeting will be held on Wednesday April 10, 2024.

April 10/24
Date

Carolann Atwood
Recording Secretary


Penny Smith, Warden


Erin Hartley, Deputy Chief Administrative
Officer