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**REGULAR SESSION OF THE 53rd COUNCIL
OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF SHELBURNE
Wednesday, May 28, 2025**

The Regular Session of the 53rd Council of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne was held on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 6:00 pm in the Municipal Council Chambers.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:

Warden Penny Smith
Deputy Warden Heidi Wagner
Councillor Paula Sutherland via Microsoft Teams
Councillor Sherry Thorburn Irvine
Councillor Ron Coole
Councillor Dale Richardson

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Warren MacLeod, CAO
Erin Hartley, Deputy CAO
Adam Dedrick, Director of Recreation & Parks
Nicole Blades, Recording Secretary
Members of the Public

REGRETS:

Councillor Anthony Gosbee

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

Warden Smith acknowledged May 28, 2025, as Red Shirt Day. Part of National AccessAbility Week in Canada, it is a day of action for accessibility and inclusion where people wear red to show solidarity and support for individuals with disabilities and their families.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

a. May 28, 2025

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2(a) **MOTION: APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MAY 28, 2025**

Being duly moved and seconded, be it resolved that the Agenda for May 28, 2025, be approved with the following amendment:

5. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Val Kean – 20 Years of Service Award – Warden Penny Smith - **REMOVED**
- **MOTION CARRIED**

3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

- a. May 14, 2025

3(a) The Minutes of May 14, 2025 were accepted as circulated.

4. BUSINESS ARISING:

There was no business arising.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Meet the Centre for Environmental Justice Society – Vanessa Hartley, Chair, Darlene Cooper, Treasurer, & Marjorie Turner-Bailey, Director

5(a) Warden Smith welcomed Vanessa Hartley, Darlene Cooper, and Majorie Turner-Bailey with the Centre for Environmental Justice (CEJ) Society.

The CEJ Society is a community-based society dedicated to advancing environmental justice for the historic African Nova Scotian community in Shelburne. Ms. Hartley provided an overview of the members, programs, focus, mission, vision, and goals of the Society. A detailed outline of environmental justice, restorative justice, community identified concerns, community impacts, components of Bill C-226 and calls to action were provided.

A discussion was held regarding the importance of education and community engagement, provincial and federal movements with environmental justice, partnerships and collaborations, funding and grants, Bill C-226 report process, and conference planning.

Councillors thanked Ms. Hartley, Ms. Cooper, and Ms. Turner-Bailey for presenting.

6. RECREATION & PARKS:

- a. Jordan River Trail Bridge Temporary Off Highway Vehicle Use – Adam Dedrick, Director of Recreation & Parks

6(a) Adam Dedrick, Director of Recreation and Parks presented the Jordan River Trail Bridge Temporary Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Use staff report.

Woodland Multi-Use Trail Association (WMTA) had requested the Municipality consider completing temporary repairs to Jordan River Trail Bridge to allow OHV use until the new bridge is constructed. Council advised staff to consult with an engineer on the state of the bridge prior to deciding.

Mr. Dedrick stated after considering all options provided by WMTA, cost implications, timeline, and consulting an engineer, that Council consider removing barrier posts and open the trail bridge to OHVs temporarily. It was noted the trail bridge inspection is valid until December 2025 and the sixty-four-inch-wide decking will not accommodate all OHVs.

A discussion was held regarding connectivity, signage, liability, duration of temporary open, technology available to track usage, and Department of Natural Resources and Renewables' role.

MOTION: JORDAN RIVER TRAIL BRIDGE TEMPORARY OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE USE

Being duly moved and seconded, be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne temporarily allow off highway vehicles on the Jordan River Bridge, removing the barrier posts and doing minor deck repairs as necessary, and opening the western section of the Jordan River trail to allow off highway vehicles, from Jordan Branch Road to Hayden's Road.

- **MOTION CARRIED**

7. ADMINISTRATION:

- a. Elimination of Planning and Development Committee – Erin Hartley, Deputy CAO
- b. Request for Leave of Absence – Councillor Anthony Gosbee – Warden Penny Smith

7(a) Erin Hartley, Deputy CAO, presented the Elimination of Planning and Development Committee staff report.

Ms. Hartley advised Council the development responsibilities from the Planning and Development Committee are included in the Terms of Reference for the Economic Growth Committee and a Heritage Advisory Committee will be reestablished to address the remaining planning responsibilities.

MOTION: ELIMINATION OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Being duly moved and seconded, be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne eliminate the Planning and Development Committee as a Committee of Council.

- **MOTION CARRIED**

7(b) Warden Smith reviewed the correspondence received from Councillor Anthony Gosbee regarding a request for a leave of absence due to medical reasons.

MOTION: REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE – COUNCILLOR ANTHONY GOSBEE

Being duly moved and seconded, be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne accept Councillor Anthony Gosbee's request for a 6-month leave of absence.

- **MOTION CARRIED**

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS/WARDEN'S UPDATE:

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

8(a) Councillor Coole advised he attended and provided updates on the following:

- Eastern Shelburne County Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting

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

- May 22 – Roseway Manor Board Meeting
- May 27 – Shelburne County Leadership Meeting
- May 27 – First Reading for Municipal Planning Strategy & Land Use By-Law (MPS/LUB)

Warden Smith noted a Public Hearing will be held on June 25, 2025 at 6:00pm in the Municipal Council Chambers for anyone interested in speaking on the MPS/LUB. Written submissions will be accepted until June 18, 2025 and presented at the hearing.

- May 28 – Youth Summit Planning for Tri-Counties
- May 29 – NSCC, Shelburne Campus, New Principal Meet and Greet

9. IN-CAMERA

- a. 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 7:14 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 7:43 pm.

- **MOTION CARRIED**

9(a) Item was discussed, and direction was given to staff in-camera.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm. The next Regular Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 11, 2025.

Nicole Blades
Recording Secretary

Date

Penny Smith, Warden

**Erin Hartley, Deputy Chief Administrative
Officer**