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**REGULAR SESSION OF THE 52nd COUNCIL
OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF SHELburne
February 23, 2022**

The Regular Session of the 52nd Council of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne was held on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, commencing at 6:00 pm at the Municipal Administration Building, Council Chambers.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:

Warden Penny Smith
Deputy Warden Dale Richardson
Councillor Heidi Wagner
Councillor Ron Coole
Councillor Sherry Thorburn Irvine
Councillor Anthony Gosbee
Councillor Doris Townsend via Microsoft Teams
Trudy Payne, CAO

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Chana Ross, Executive Assistant
Erin Hartley, Director of Corporate Services via Microsoft Teams
Members of the Public via Microsoft Teams

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: APPROVAL OF AGENDA – February 23, 2022

Being duly moved and seconded, be it resolved that the Agenda for February 23, 2022, be approved with the following amendment:

8(b) In-Camera

- Legal Advice as per MGA 22 (2) (g)

- **MOTION CARRIED**

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. February 9, 2022

MOTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 9, 2022

Being duly moved and seconded, be it resolved that the Minutes of February 9, 2022, be approved as circulated.

- **MOTION CARRIED**

4. BUSINESS ARISING:

- a. Response from Town of Shelburne Re: Municipal Modernization Education Sessions – Trudy Payne, Chief Administrative Officer
- b. Response from Town of Lockeport Re: Municipal Modernization Education Sessions – Trudy Payne, Chief Administrative Officer

4(a) Trudy Payne, CAO, informed Council of the response received from the Town of Shelburne regarding the Municipal Modernization Education Sessions.

In response to the letter recently sent, Ms. Payne reports that we have received two responses indicating that two municipal units will participate.

On February 7, 2022, the Council of the Town of Shelburne passed the following motion:

THAT Council accepts the invitation from the Municipality of the District of Shelburne for Councillor Information sessions on Municipal Modernization and directs Staff to reach out to CAO Trudy Payne.

4(b) Trudy Payne, CAO, informed Council of the response received from the Town of Lockeport regarding the Municipal Modernization Education Sessions.

In response to the letter recently sent, Ms. Payne reports that we have received two responses indicating that two municipal units will participate.

On February 14, 2022, the Council of the Town of Lockeport passed the following motion:

It was duly moved and seconded that Council of the Town of Lockeport agrees to continue to participate in discussions and education on Municipal modernization.

Warden Smith noted that a press release was previously released on this initiative, and that she had given an interview to CBC Radio and CJS on the subject. Council has also received positive

feedback from residents regarding the educational sessions. Council anticipates receiving responses from the Town of Clark's Harbour and the Municipality of Barrington. The initiative is scheduled for the spring.

5. ADMINISTRATION:

- a. Federal Ghost Gear Fund – Letter of Support – Erin Hartley, Director of Corporate Services

5(a) Erin Hartley, Director of Corporate Services, presented Council with the Federal Ghost Gear Fund – Letter of Support staff report.

As part of their presentation to Council on February 9, 2022, Titan Maritime requested that the Municipality send a letter of support to the federal and provincial governments. Furthermore, Titan Maritime requested that the Municipality share information with our residents regarding this program and environmental concerns. Additionally, the Beach Stewardship Committee and Waste Diversion channels can be used to share information.

In the discussion that followed, it was agreed that the presentation contained a great deal of valuable information. It was also noted that it was encouraging to see someone take the initiative with regards to ghost gear waste. Mr. Jamieson, Waste Diversion Officer, was also noted to be enthusiastic about moving forward with this project.

MOTION: FEDERAL GHOST GEAR FUND – LETTER OF SUPPORT

Being duly moved and seconded, be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne provide a letter of support to the Federal Ghost Gear Fund for continued government support and funding.

- **MOTION CARRIED**

6. OTHER:

- a. Request for a Presentation From the Nature Conservancy of Canada Re: Land Recently Acquired in Upper Ohio – Trudy Payne, Chief Administrative Officer
- b. Council Implementation Report

6(a) Trudy Payne, CAO, informed Council about a recent land acquisition by the Nature Conservancy of Canada in Upper Ohio.

Ms. Payne read an article from CKBW, which was included in the meeting package as part of this topic. There was a consensus that it would be beneficial to invite representatives from the Nature Conservancy to provide additional information to Council.

MOTION: INVITATION TO PRESENT TO COUNCIL

Being duly moved and seconded, be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne invite the Nature Conservancy of Canada to present at a future Council Meeting.

- **MOTION CARRIED**

6(b) Council reviewed the Council Implementation Report.

Councillor Thorburn Irvine requested a review of the reports provided by Ms. Tipton regarding "Bill Maclean - Community Wind - Potential Windfarms," as per the March 8th, 2021, Implementation item. Ms. Payne noted this information pertained to the wind turbine owned by the Municipality and would provide the information to Councillor Thorburn Irvine as requested.

As noted by Ms. Payne, Mr. Locke will present a staff update regarding dangerous and unsightly premises at a March Council meeting.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES:

- a. Audit and Internal Control Committee Update – Councillor Thorburn Irvine and Councillor Coole

7(a) Councillors Thorburn Irvine and Coole informed Council of the Audit and Internal Control Committee Update.

Councillor Townsend joined the meeting at 6:14 pm.

There was consensus among Council members to table the Committee's recommendation regarding a Fire Services Review and that it be discussed at the budget meeting(s).

A discussion was held concerning the Municipal Solicitor's comments to the Committee regarding the Fire Services Review and moving forward with this initiative. While Ms. Payne was unable to attend the meeting, it was noted that Mr. MacLeod's recent presentation to the Committee on the Municipality's wind turbine had been extremely positive. It was also noted that Staff will be able to access data on the turbine on a regular basis, which will assist in identifying any issues.

MOTION: AUDIT AND INTERNAL CONTROL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Being duly moved and seconded, be it resolved that the A&C committee recommends funding a consultant or a portion of a Municipality of Shelburne staff position to carry out a fire services review.

- **MOTION TABLED**

Councillor Thorburn Irvine advised that:

- Western Counties Library Board has been meeting regularly to discuss budget issues. As Councillor Thorburn Irvine noted, libraries will not be receiving increases from the

province, and that negotiations with the union are ongoing. Additionally, Councillor Thorburn Irvine thanked Council for its continued support of libraries in the region. Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia – met regarding strategic planning and advocated the province.

- Forestry Committee – will continue to advocate for the implementation of the Lahey report.
- February 18, 2022 – spoke with Mayor Scott of the Municipality of Cumberland County regarding going concerns in District 3 and wind farms. Councillor Thorburn Irvine also stated that residents can find more information on wind farms and the provincial process at wind.info@novascotia.ca
- Art Installations – Councillor Thorburn Irvine expressed views that were shared with her on the art installations contained in the ToS. Some people see the art installations as satirical in nature, while others view them as defamatory, while other see them as a voice. Further, it was noted that perhaps civil discourse can move forward on a positive note in the future.

Warden Smith advised that she attended the following events:

- February 11, 2022 – attended the Building Committee. The timeline for completion is on track for November 2022.
- Roseway Manor Board meetings
- February 18, 2022 – Attended an anti-racism online seminar that was highly informative. Warden Smith advised that the province plans to introduce equity and anti-racism legislation soon.
- Various workshops on budgetary discussions have taken place.

Deputy Warden Richardson advised that he attended the following events:

- February 11, 2022 – attended the Building Committee meeting
- Audit and Internal Control Committee meeting

8. IN-CAMERA:

- a. Land Negotiations as per MGA Section 22 (2) (a)
- b. Legal Advice as per MGA Section 22 (2) (g)

MOTION: ENTER “IN-CAMERA”

Being duly moved and seconded, be it resolved that the Municipality of the District of Shelburne enters "In-Camera" at 6:26 pm to discuss Land Negotiations and Legal Advice.

- **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION: EXIT “IN-CAMERA”

Being duly moved and seconded, be it resolved that the Municipality of the District of Shelburne exit "In-Camera" at 7:25 pm.

- **MOTION CARRIED**

A discussion was held, and direction was given to Staff In-Camera.

MOTION: PRESS RELEASE

Being duly moved and seconded, be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne move forward with the press release as presented to Council.


- **MOTION CARRIED**

9. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm. The next Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, in the Shelburne Council Chambers.

**Chana Ross
Recording Secretary**

Mar 17/22
Date



Penny Smith, Warden



Erin Hartley, Director of Corporate Services