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**REGULAR SESSION OF THE 52nd COUNCIL
OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF SHELBURNE
Wednesday, April 27, 2022
6:00 pm**

The Regular Session of the 52nd Council of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne was held on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, commencing at 6:00 pm at the Municipal Administration Building, Council Chambers.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Chana Ross, Executive Assistant
Adam Dedrick, Director of Recreation and Parks
Members of the Media

REGRETS:

Deputy Warden Dale Richardson

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

Councillor Gosbee joined the meeting at 6:01 pm.

Ms. Payne noted that Councillor Townsend would be joining the meeting late virtually.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: APPROVAL OF AGENDA – April 27, 2022

Being duly moved and seconded, be it resolved that the Agenda for April 27, 2022, be approved with the following amendments:

- **IN-CAMERA:**
 - 11(a) Legal Advice as per MGA Section 22 (2) (g) – added for 6:00 pm
- **PRESENTATION:**
 - 6(a) Marine Innovation Centre Project – Mary Thompson, Principal NSCC Shelburne Campus 6:00: presentation will be moved to 6:30 pm

- **MOTION CARRIED**

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. April 13, 2022

MOTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 13, 2022

Being duly moved and seconded, be it resolved that the Minutes of April 13, 2022, be approved as circulated.

- **MOTION CARRIED**

11. IN-CAMERA:

- a. 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 enter "In-Camera" at 6:02 pm to discuss 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 6:44 pm.

- **MOTION CARRIED**

Councillor Townsend joined the meeting virtually at 6:20 pm during the in-camera session.

Direction was provided to in-camera staff regarding Legal Advice.

6. PRESENTATION:

- a. Marine Innovation Centre Project – Mary Thompson, Principal NSCC Shelburne Campus

Mary Thompson, Principal, NSCC Shelburne Campus, presented Council with an update regarding the Marine Centre Innovation Project.

During her presentation, Ms. Thompson thanked Council for their support by giving a grant of \$50,000 that allowed the purchase of the first part of the marine simulator, which cost upwards of \$200,000. An instructor terminal controls twelve student laptops as part of the simulator package. It is cloud-based, which means that the program can be used anywhere if an internet connection is available.

Ms. Thompson described the simulator as a fishing simulator that functions as a boat and a wheelhouse. It teaches boat stability and different environmental conditions. Global positioning and electronic charting are included. The simulator is likewise equipped with a search and rescue module and a towing package. One of the program's key benefits is that instructors will be able to assess students' abilities in different situations and factors to determine where more practice is needed. Further, Ms. Thompson advised that the program's second phase is currently being discussed with the province.

There was discussion regarding how the Marine Centre Innovation Project will enable our region to stay innovative and what other opportunities may be created.

Council thanked Ms. Thompson for her presentation.

7. RECREATION:

- a. Eastern Shelburne County Accessibility Plan – Adam Dedrick, Director of Recreation and Parks

7(a) Adam Dedrick, Director of Recreation and Parks, presented Council with Eastern Shelburne County Accessibility Plan staff report.

As per Bill No. 59, "An Act Respecting Accessibility in Nova Scotia," municipalities were required to develop an accessibility plan by April 2021, but due to COVID-19, it got extended to April 2022. Led by the Accessibility Advisory Committee, input was provided to hire consultant CBCL to perform a public consultation and develop the plan. This resulted in the overall joint plan called the Eastern Shelburne County Accessibility Plan, accompanied by an Accessibility Action Plan for each municipal unit.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee has reviewed all the plans providing their feedback and recommendation for the plans to be adopted by the three Councils. It is on schedule for all three units to adopt the plans at their respective Council meetings during April. Then the plans

would be submitted to the Accessibility Directorate. This will fulfill the initial obligation of the Accessibility Act, with the next step being the implementation of the plan.

As part of the discussion, it was noted that the Eastern Shelburne County Accessibility Plan is an invaluable initiative. This is because close to one-third of Nova Scotians have a disability. This project will benefit our community greatly.

The subject of an accessibility coordinator position was raised. The municipality acknowledges that such a position may become necessary in the future. Further discussions must occur amongst the three municipalities as to how such a position should be structured. Moreover, it was noted that the municipality could advocate to the Province for funding for possible future positions. This includes bringing the issue to the NSFM Spring Conference as an action item. The accessibility plan includes provisions for providing inclusion training to staff and elected officials. The Council stated that this was a positive step forward.

MOTION: EASTERN SHELburne COUNTY ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

Being duly moved and seconded, be it resolved that Council of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne approve the adoption of the Eastern Shelburne County Accessibility Plan and the Municipality of Shelburne Accessibility Action Plan.

MOTION CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING:

There was no business arising.

5. PROCLAMATIONS:

- a. Lyme Disease Awareness Month – Warden Smith
- b. National Denim Day – Warden Smith

5(a) Warden Penny Smith read the Lyme Disease Awareness Month Proclamation, formally declaring the month of May as Lyme Disease Awareness Month in the Municipality of the District of Shelburne. This document was included with the meeting package.

5(b) Warden Penny Smith read the National Denim Day Proclamation, formally declaring the day of May 10, 2022, as National Denim Day in the Municipality of the District of Shelburne. This document was included with the meeting package.

8. OTHER:

- a. Correspondence – Cell Service – Warden Smith
- b. Council Implementation Report

8(a) Warden Smith informed Council of the response received from the Minister of Economic Development regarding consistent cell service coverage.

Although the Minister noted that the issue of cellular service in Nova Scotia is on their radar, they will not be using funding from Develop Nova Scotia for this purpose.

As part of the discussion, it was agreed that Council would continue to advocate this issue. It was further noted that John Swantee with Bell should be contacted to discuss possible business plans and how the municipality can continue to advocate regarding this matter. It was also noted that this would be included on the next Mayor, Warden, and CAO meeting agenda.

8(b) Council reviewed the Council Implementation Report.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES:

Councillor Thorburn Irvine advised Council that she had attended the following events:

- Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia provincial meeting – April 23, 2022

Councillor Thorburn Irvine noted that a new library card had been developed because of an interprovincial collaboration. Residents can now obtain a "Same Page" library card. The enhanced card will allow for a seamless experience for users and provide access to over one million titles. During the discussion, it was noted that this news could be included in the municipal newsletter or shared on social media.

Councillor Gosbee advised Council that he had attended the following event:

- Shelburne Port Authority Meeting – April 21, 2022

Councillor Gosbee reported that spring maintenance has begun, and cameras have been installed in response to recent thefts at the government wharf. It was also noted that five cruise ships are scheduled to visit Shelburne during this season, presenting a significant economic opportunity to the region.

Councillor Coole advised that he had attended the following events:

- RCMP Advisory Committee

Councillor Coole reported that speeding was discussed as well as possible solutions. Furthermore, it was noted that a new staff sergeant had been hired and would be stationed in the area within the coming months.

Warden Smith advised that she had or would be attending the following events:

- Shelburne County Mental Health and Awareness Committee - April 19, 2022
- NSFAM Spring Conference – May 4-6, 2022

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Warden Smith reported that the Shelburne County Mental Health and Awareness Committee would be meeting with our MLA soon to discuss how their organization fits with the provincial mental health strategy.

Warden Smith also advised that the George's Bank Moratorium has been extended for another ten years by federal and provincial governments.

Ms. Payne informed Council that the RFP for the Regional Planning Model closed recently. The eight participating municipalities have selected the winning consultant proposal, which will be announced shortly. The consultant will develop a governance structure model that considers staffing and costs for each municipal unit. It is anticipated that this will be completed by the end of the calendar year.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm. The next Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, in the Shelburne Council Chambers.

Chana Ross
Recording Secretary

Date

Penny Smith, Warden

Erin Hartley, Director of Corporate Services