



Minutes Special Council Meeting

July 3, 2025

Meeting Time: 6:30 pm to 9:00pm

Location: 22 Commerce Dr. Oromocto

1. **Call to Order** – Deputy Mayor DeLong - 6:30 pm
2. **Roll Call - Clerk** – Interim Clerk Leslie Morrell
3. **Adoption of Agenda**

After lengthy discussion on what should be included in closed session and the following amendments to change the order of Section 7, and 7 b and d to read 68(1)(b) as per the Local Governance Act.

Moved by Councillor Sheppard, seconded by Councillor Standish

Motion Carried

Section 7c will be discussed in open session. Sections 7 a, b, d will be discussed in closed session.

Moved by Councillor Allen, Seconded by Councillor Hartwick

Motion Carried

4. **Adoption of the Minutes of Previous** – None
5. **Conflict of Interest** –

Councillor Noble declared a conflict with 7a Grants

Councillor Sheppard declared a conflict with 7c Financial Matters Visa Sheets

6. **Report by Interim Clerk Morrell – Update on the Annual Audit and Annual Report**

Interim Clerk Morrell gave a brief update on the Annual Report and Financial Audit report. Councillor Hartwick asked what date the Financial Audit would be completed and the annual report. Interim Clerk Morrell provided that Shannon & Buffett gave the date of July 31 to have the Financial Audit completed. She also reminded Councillor Hartwick that the Annual Report can not be completed until after the financial audit is received, as it is part of the Annual Report. Councillor Hartwick stated that she believes Shannon & Buffett are taking on too many clients and can not process these annual financial audits in time for the date given by Local government. She would like to see an RFP go out for the Financial Audit for next year.

7C. Financial Matter Visa Sheets Expenses Reviewed

Councillor Allen discussed the overview of visa sheet purchases. He stated that there were many that were questionable. He suggested that a special committee be formed to scrutinize the purchases in the past and moving forward. This committee would be called the Sub Committee and Audit to the Finance and Risk Committee. He states that he will chair this committee.

Moved by Councillor Allen, Seconded by Councillor Noble that a new Sub committee, named Sub Committee and Audit to the Finance and Risk Committee be formed with Councillor Allen as the Chair. Councillor Sheppard wants it to be recorded that he did not vote on this motion as per his conflict of interest

Motion Carried

Councillor Hartwick volunteered to be part of this committee. She informed the gallery that she has seen many of the receipts and that of the ones she has viewed, are legit purchases from Amazon. She states that it was for office items and that SYSRC received money from the PNB for start up costs.

7. Motion to move into closed session.

Moved by Councillor Standish, seconded by Councillor Noble. Councillor Allen voted Nay on this motion.

Motion Carried

7b. Matter pursuant to paragraph 68(1)(b) of the Local Governance Act. Personal information as defined in the Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Moved by Councillor Allen, seconded by Councillor Hartwick to move back into open session. 9:00 pm

Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Allen, seconded by Councillor Hartwick to extend the meeting for two (2) hours.

Motion Carried

Resolution for additional sanctions to be brought against Mayor Hayward, read by Councillor Allen.

Moved by Councillor Allen, seconded by Councillor Hartwick that the additional sanctions be approved.

Councillor Sheppard motions to postpone Councillor Allens motion to July 15 Regular Meeting to allow time to clarify procedural questions from the council

Councillor Allen requests a recorded vote. 4 Yays being Councillor Standish, Sheppard, Noble, and Deputy Mayor Delong; 2 Nays being Councillor Allen and Hartwick.

Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Standish, seconded by Councillor Sheppard to move back into closed session. Councillors Allen and Hartwick voting Nay.

Motion Carried

7d Matter pursuant to paragraph 68(1)(b) of the Local Governance Act. Personal information as defined in the Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Moved by Councillor Allen to go back into open session, seconded by Hartwick 10:28 pm

Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Standish, seconded by Councillor Sheppard that based on the discussion on June 18 the clear intent of that motion from that night was that the mayor would be able to attend council and committee of the whole meetings including the ability to vote as a member of that body.

4 Yays being Councillor Sheppard, Standish, Noble and Deputy Mayor Delong. 2 Nays being Councillor Hartwick and Allen.

Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Sheppard, seconded by Councillor Noble to moved back into closed session.

Motion Carried

7a Matter pursuant to paragraph 68(1)(b) of the Local Governance Act. Personal information as defined in the Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Councillor Noble departs at 10:35pm regarding her conflict of interest.

Councillor Noble rejoins Council at 10:40 pm

Moved by Councillor Noble, seconded by Councillor Standish to move back into open session. 10:50 pm.

Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Allen, seconded by Councillor Sheppard to grant Covered Bridge Valley Residents Association \$5000.00 from the Grant Application Received.

Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Sheppard, seconded by Councillor Hartwick to approve the grant for the Rusagonis Baptist Church \$3,000.00 of the \$4,000.00 from the Grant Application Received.

Motion Carried

Councillor Hartwick explained that the mowing of a cemetery is not the responsibility of the Council. If a cemetery falls to disarray it is the responsibility of the Department of Tourism within the Provincial Government to look after it. She announced she would not be supporting any grants in the future for the maintenance of cemeteries.

Moved by Councillor Hartwick, seconded by Councillor Noble to approve \$3,000.00 to the Rusagonis Station Cemetery.

Motion Carried

Moved by Councillor Allen, seconded by Councillor Noble to approve \$5,000.00 to The Heritage Society of Rushagornish-Waasis Inc.


Motion Carried

8. Adjournment of the meeting

Moved by Councillor Allen, seconded by Councillor Sheppard to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted by



Leslie Morrell
Interim Clerk

Certified Correct,



Cindy Ogden
Interim Clerk





Greg Lutes
Local Government Supervisor