

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Gillies called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Steven Gillies  
Councillor Faith McMillan  
Councillor Patsy Shay

Deputy Mayor Ben Whalen  
Councillor Sharon Loder

Clerk Treasurer Don Smith

Administrative Clerk Robby Obermeier

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

There were no declarations of Conflict of Interest.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Mayor Gillies called for a motion to approve the agenda.

**M/S/C (Whalen/Loder)**

**Motion to approve the agenda for the April 19,  
2016 Council Meeting.**

**DELEGATIONS:**

**Anglophone South School District – Attendance Matters**

Superintendent Zoe Watson delivered a presentation on a new initiative called “Attendance Matters” which focuses on improved attendance by students as well as a reduction in tardiness. The program is being rolled out to all 72 schools in the district which runs from Sussex Corner to the Fundy Isles. Absenteeism in the K-8 schools is approximately 8% while in Grade 9-12 schools the number is 18%. The district is trying to make the communities aware of the initiative. The development of the initiative has not only involved educators but also the parents via a number of focus groups. The Mayor asked about children arriving at school hungry. She said that does happen and they try to address the problem with breakfast and lunch programs. Deputy Mayor Whalen said he volunteers in the mornings for the breakfast program and encouraged others to do the same.

**Citizen Question – Vacant Lots**

Susan McNichol asked about the status of 2 vacant lots in the Cunningham Subdivision from which homes were removed. She wanted to know who was responsible to ensure the properties were well maintained (e.g. lawns mowed). The Mayor said the properties are now owned by the Province and they should have a local contractor assigned to carry

out such maintenance. He encouraged neighboring citizens to monitor the condition of the properties and if problems arise to contact the Village. Deputy Mayor Whalen said the Village needs to look into the matter to ensure the Province does maintain the properties in an acceptable manner.

**Citizen Question – Public Documents**

Wayne Wilkins asked why it is so difficult to get access to public documents. The Mayor said he is not aware of any difficulty and in fact the Village tries to be very transparent. Mr. Wilkins made reference to a copy of the Snow Removal Agreement. Mayor Gillies said the information was made available for a visit from Mr. Wilkins on April 5<sup>th</sup> but due to car trouble the Clerk was unavailable. There has been no follow-up meeting. The document is still available whenever he wishes to visit the office.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**M/S/C (Shay/Loder)**

**Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council on Tuesday, March 15, 2016.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

**Kings County Soil & Crop Association**

Council discussed the recent visit by representatives of the Kings County Soil & Crop Association and the donation made by the Village on January 8<sup>th</sup> of 2014. The intent of the donation was to assist in the development of Fertilizer Strategic Plans for farmers located within our wellfield protection zones. Deputy Mayor Whalen suggested a letter be written to the Association recommending they retain the funds to be used in any manner that would protect our wellfield zones. Councillor McMillan said we should ask for the funds to be returned. The Mayor said he too would suggest a return of the funds and if needed in the future the Association could visit Council again with a request.

**M/S/C (McMillan/Shay)**

**Motion to request the return of the \$2,000 previously donated to the Kings County Soil and Crop Association and that the returned funds be restricted for a use that addresses wellfield protection.**

**Water System Reservoir Tender**

A tender call has been issued for the refurbishment of the water system reservoir. There is a public opening of the submitted tenders scheduled for Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 pm at the Village Hall with the contract to be awarded at a special meeting of Council on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

M/S/C (Whalen/Loder)

**Motion to schedule a special meeting of Council for Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm for the purpose of awarding a contract for the refurbishment of the water system reservoir.**

**REPORTS – COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL:**

**Administration and Finance**

Councillor McMillan presented the report from the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

M/S/C (Whalen/Shay)

**Motion to approve March 2016 payments:  
General \$174,643.78 Water/Sewer \$10,136.78**

**Works, Water and Sewer**

Councillor Loder presented the report from the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. She noted that the Committee recommended a letter be sent to the Province to inquire about the possible acquisition of property at and adjacent to the site of the amphitheatre.

**Accept Committee Reports**

M/S/C (Loder/Whalen)

**Motion to accept the Administration and Finance Committee and the Works, Water and Sewer Committee reports.**

**REPORTS – OTHER:**

**Chamber of Commerce**

Councillor McMillan said recent meetings were for Board of Directors only. These meetings were focused on the development of a strategic plan. A working document is expected within the next month or so. There was also another roundtable with Board Members and others attending.

**PotashCorp Civic Centre (PCC)**

Councillor Shay said the April meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Time and location has yet to be confirmed.

**Region Service Commission (RSC8)**

Deputy Mayor Whalen attended the most recent meeting. He said they discussed the transition from the current to incoming municipal councils, building permits issued,

solid waste tonnage, and an update on an outstanding ETF application. They also reviewed the outcome of a recent regional collaboration meeting with the four municipalities participating.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Village of Norton – Open House**

An invitation was received from the Village of Norton to attend an Open House at their new municipal building located at 10 Municipal Street on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 5:00 pm.

**BYLAWS:**

There were no bylaws before Council.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RCMP Report**

Mayor Gillies read statistics from the RCMP Report for the first quarter of 2016. There were 34 reported incidents, 1 motor vehicle collision, 15 charges under the Motor Vehicle Act, 1 charge under the Off Road Vehicle Control Act and a total of 6 Checkstops.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Gillies called for a motion to adjourn.

**M/S/C (Whalen/Shay)                      Motion to adjourn the Council meeting.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:08 p.m.

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Clerk / Treasurer

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