

SWEARING IN CEREMONY:

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, Don Smith - Clerk Treasurer and Mark Flewwelling - Commissioner of Oaths performed the Swearing In Ceremony for the following individuals, each of whom signed the appropriate Oath of Office:

Mayor	Mark Knowlton Flewwelling
Councillor	Catherine J. MacLeod
Councillor	Doug Bobbitt
Councillor	Harley Hunt
Councillor	Patricia Ann Shay
Councillor	Sharon E. Loder

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Flewwelling called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Mark Flewwelling	Councillor Catherine MacLeod
Councillor Doug Bobbitt	Councillor Harley Hunt
Councillor Patsy Shay	Councillor Sharon Loder
Clerk Treasurer Don Smith	

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

M/S/C (Loder/Shay)	Motion to approve the agenda for the May 20, 2016 Meeting of Council, as circulated.
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NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment of Deputy Mayor

The Mayor called for a motion to appoint the Deputy Mayor. The procedural bylaw states the Councillor receiving the most votes in the municipal election shall be Deputy Mayor.

M/S/C (Hunt/Bobbitt)	Motion to appoint Catherine MacLeod as Deputy Mayor of the Village of Sussex Corner.
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Appointment of Signing Officers

The Mayor called for a motion to appoint signing officers for the Village of Sussex Corner.

M/S/C (Shay/Loder)

Motion to appoint Mark Flewwelling, Catherine MacLeod, Don Smith and Robby Obermeier as signing officers for the Village of Sussex Corner.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Members of Council, Special Guests, family, friends and the Citizens of Sussex Corner.

First on behalf of all Citizens of Sussex Corner I would like to thank Mr. Gillies and the former councilors for the years of service given to our Village. The time and dedication required to fulfill this mandate is unbeknownst to many and is certainly appreciated.

My personal thanks to Mr. Bruce Northrup, MLA for Sussex-Fundy-St. Martins, for attending this special occasion. On behalf of this Council, we look forward to working with you and our surrounding communities to not only move the Village of Sussex Corner forward, but our entire community as a whole.

This year, on November 9th, marks the 50th anniversary of our incorporation as the Village of Sussex Corner, a milestone, and one I feel is significant to those of us in office as we move forward into the next half century being the 17th elected Mayor and Council.

I am placing before you, the Council, the following matters concerning our mandate, for your consideration, evaluation, and such action as you deem appropriate during our term.

- 1) As a Council, we need to be engaged, and engage our fellow citizens, as we represent the best interests of our Village and our community as a whole.
- 2) As a Council, we need to act and serve with the utmost integrity and respect in all of our dealings – amongst ourselves, with our Citizens, with our Counterparts, with the Region, the Province and the Federal Government
- 3) As a Council we need to represent our Village at all times with Dignity, Respect and Pride.

We have a wonderful Village, and a beautiful community. We need to promote this image in all of our dealings, every time and everywhere. Our image is established by our conduct and how we present ourselves.

There has been much talk, controversy and carry over from the amalgamation plebiscite. Personally, I believe there are many economic advantages to be gained by sharing services, gaining synergies, and working collaboratively, however as I have stated publicly, the residents have spoken and it is now time to concentrate on moving our Village forward in the best way that we can, to better position ourselves for the future.

This being said, I also wish to propose for your consideration the broad mandate for this, our term as elected representatives, employees if you will, of the Citizens of the Village of Sussex Corner.

- 1) The method of conducting Council meetings in line with procedures followed by the Legislature and several municipalities appears to have merit. I have given each of you today a copy of Roberts Rules of Order for the future conduct of our meetings, both Council and Committee. I propose these procedures be instituted commencing immediately.
- 2) I propose an immediate review and update of all our Village By-Laws commencing with By-Law #110-10, our Procedural By-Law, to ensure all members of Council and participants have an appropriate level of communication and involvement. We will then undertake a review of the remaining By-Laws to ensure these are appropriate, current, and stream-lined as necessary.
- 3) I propose as a Council, we institute a 4 year “rolling” Strategic Plan which will convey our Vision, Our Mission, Our Statement of Purpose and document what we intend to achieve during our term. I propose this be completed by the fall of 2016 and available to our Citizens.
- 4) I propose as a Council, we institute an Action plan which will be derived from the Strategic Plan, so that we, as well as our Citizens, will be able to monitor our progress. In addition, once approved, I propose this action plan become a regular Agenda Item in our effort to measure our successes and ensure transparency.
- 5) And finally, I propose this Council prepare and dispatch on a semi-annual basis a Citizen rated Report Card to determine our successes and our opportunities for improvement. This Report Card will keep us in check, keep us aware and keep us on track. In essence, the Report Card will be a citizen’s tool to hold us accountable.

In addition, I will be meeting with each member of Council over the next several weeks to establish and assign portfolios, review, update and assign appropriate committees and committee involvement.

Members of Council, we have a hard task ahead of us. Each of you will be called upon to present your ideas and views from time to time in relation to Village matters, and I look forward to receiving such ideas.

The matters I have just outlined are not the only items of action which we will be expected to address. I have presented these to you as the basis for a program of positive action which I trust will see all of us united in our efforts to govern this Village in an effective and beneficial manner.

In conclusion, on behalf of all Councillors, I wish to express our thanks to the Citizens of the Village of Sussex Corner for the confidence you have placed in us, and to publicly state that we expect to conduct Village business to the best of our collective ability, and to behave at all times in a manner that our citizens may be proud of us.

Thank-you

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Mayor Flewwelling called for a motion to adjourn.

M/S/C (Hunt/Shay) Motion to adjourn the Council Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Clerk / Treasurer

Mayor