

AGENDA

Regular Council Meeting – Rural Municipality of North Shore **6:30 pm Wednesday, April 14th, 2021 at Grand Tracadie School Centre**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- 2.1. Disclosure of Pecuniary (Financial) or other Conflicts of Interest

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM

- PUBLIC MEETING 5:30PM MAR 10, 2021
- REGULAR MEETING 6:30PM MAR 10, 2021
- SPECIAL MEETING 6:30PM MAR 24, 2021

- 3.1. **Business arising from the minutes**

4. DELEGATIONS SPECIAL SPEAKERS AND PUBLIC INPUT

5. REPORTS

- 5.1. Water and Environment Report
- 5.2. EMO Committee Report
- 5.3. Recreation and Engagement Committee Report
- 5.4. CAO Report
- 5.5. Finance and Administration Report
- 5.6. Planning Board and Development Permit Report
 - a) Recommendation from Planning Board re: development 12 Cliffview Lane RFD-2021-016

6. NEW BUSINESS (REQUESTS FOR DECISION)

- 6.1. RFD-2021-017 Recommendation to move Wetland Policy to Sustainability
- 6.2. First Reading Reserve Bylaw Amendment
- 6.3. RFD-2021-018 Approval of signage CIP
- 6.4. RFD-2021-019 Riptide Waive Fees
- 6.5. RFD-2021-020 Establish HR Committee

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1. FCM Board Nominations
- 7.2. Canada Post Support Delivering Power
- 7.3. FPIEM

8. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

- 9. **CLOSED MEETING-** as per MGA section 119 (1) (d) Human Resource Matters and (e) a matter under consideration which Council has not yet publicly announced a decision

- 10. **NEXT MEETING:** Regular meeting Wednesday, May 12, 2021 - 6:30pm at North Shore Community Centre

11. ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting – Rural Municipality of North Shore
Wednesday April 14, 2021 @ 6:30 pm
@ Grand Tracadie School Centre

PRESENT:

Mayor Gerard Watts, Deputy Mayor Nancy MacKinnon, Councilors - Krista Shaw, Peter Vriends, Derek Cook, Wanson Hemphill, Bob Doyle and CAO Stephanie Moase.
5 members of the public.

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 pm by Mayor Gerard Watts

Mayor Gerard Watts informed council that the CAO and a member of the public are recording the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as presented.

Moved by Councilor Krista Shaw, seconded by Councilor Derek Cook

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MOTION CARRIED

2021-04-031

2.1. Disclosure of Pecuniary (Financial) or Other Conflicts of Interest

Division 4, Section 96 of the Municipal Government Act

None declared.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the Public Meeting of March 10, 2021 @5:30 pm be approved as presented.

Moved by Councilor Peter Vriends, seconded by Councilor Bob Doyle

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MOTION CARRIED

2021-04-032

Business arising from the Public Meeting meeting

Councilor Krista Shaw inquired about the cost of the elevator. Finance Committee has not met to discuss.

It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 10, 2021 @ 6:30pm be approved as presented.

Moved by Councilor Derek Cook, seconded by Councilor Wanson Hemphill

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MOTION CARRIED

2021-04-033

Business arising from the Regular Monthly meeting

Councilor Bob Doyle asked about any further information regarding the Daycare for Grand Tracadie. This item has not gone to the Finance Committee, waiting for inspections and quotes.

It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the Special Meeting held on March 24, 2021 @ 6:30 pm be approved as presented.

Moved by Councilor Nancy MacKinnon, seconded by Councilor Bob Doyle

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MOTION CARRIED

2021-04-034

Business arising from the Special Meeting

Councilor Bob Doyle questioned if the Development Officer has started yet. Development officer has started with 16hrs/wk and all applications are up to date and awaiting further information for approval.

4. DELEGATIONS SPECIAL SPEAKERS AND PUBLIC INPUT

None

5. REPORTS**5.1 Water and Environment Report**

Chair Wanson Hemphill suggested applying for a grant to hire a post secondary student or graduate to work and do site visits with the issues on the Stanhope Peninsula. Application deadline April 20, 2021.

5.2 EMO committee Report

Chair Derek Cook reported they are waiting for Bylaw information from PEI EMO and training is now available and will start very soon. Next EMO meeting April 19, 2021.

5.3 Recreation and Engagement Committee Report

Chair Bob Doyle reported the Committee is continuing to work on the Tobacco Free Policy. Next meeting is April 25, 2021. New Recreation Co-ordinator is Shirley Beebe.

5.4 CAO Report

CAO attended Zoom meeting on Age Friendly Communities, received her Leadership Course Certificate and is working on the financials with Patsy.

5.5 Finance and Administration Report

Chair Peter Vriends reported that they are waiting for further information regarding the Grand Tracadie Daycare. Councilor Krista Shaw inquired about when the Audit will take place. Councilor Wanson Hemphill asked about getting a broader representation of the Community on the Finance committee.

It was duly moved and seconded that the financials be reported to council quarterly according to the Procedural Bylaw.

Moved by Councilor Peter Vriends, seconded by Councilor Bob Doyle

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MOTION CARRIED

2021-04-035

5.6 Planning board and Development Permit Report

Chair Krista Shaw reported the Planning Board has been discussing gaps in the current Bylaw and ensuring they are dealt with in the new proposed Bylaw.

a) Recommendation from Planning Board re: Development 12 Cliffview Lane RFD-2021--16

A Bylaw amendment would need to be submitted and all costs associated would be at the applicants expense. Approved Bylaw amendments allow the bylaw to be changed for the whole Municipality instead of requests being granted for individual exception. Development applications should not be sent to elected officials, but follow proper procedure through the Development Officer.

It was duly moved and seconded to allow the CAO, Stephanie Moase, to follow proper procedures with regards to Development Permit applications being forwarded to the Development Officer, not Council.

Moved by Councilor Krista Shaw, seconded by Councilor Derek Cook

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MOTION CARRIED

2021-04-036

6. NEW BUSINESS (REQUESTS FOR DECISION):

6.1 RFD-2021-017 Recommendation to move Wetland Policy to Sustainability

It was duly moved and seconded to table this item until next meeting and more information is received.

Moved by Councilor Peter Vriends, seconded by Councilor Nancy MacKinnon

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MOTION CARRIED

2021-04-037

6.2 First Reading of Bylaw 2018-03A - A Bylaw to Amend Reserve Bylaw 2018-03

CAO Stephanie Moase read the Amendment to the Reserve Bylaw # 2018-03-A.

It was duly moved and seconded that Bylaw 2018-03A - A Bylaw to Amend Reserve Bylaw 2018- be read a first time.

Moved by Councilor Peter Vriends, seconded by Councilor Krista Shaw

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MOTION CARRIED

2021-04-038

It was duly moved and seconded that the first reading of Bylaw 2018-03A - A Bylaw to Amend Reserve Bylaw 2018-03 be approved.

Moved by Councilor Nancy MacKinnon, seconded by Bob Doyle

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MOTION CARRIED

2021-04-039

6.3 RFD-2021-018 Approval of Signage CIP

CAO, Stephanie Moase explained that Gas Tax Capital Investment Plan(CIP) must be done for each project requesting to use Gas Tax Funds, they are reviewed twice a year. CAO requires a resolution to submit the CIP for the signage project which will cover costs for various signage including GT school centre, playground and rinks, promenade and ball fields and the West Covehead Community sign.

It was duly moved and seconded to approve the Gas Tax CIP application for replacing/adding signage in the amount of \$15,000.00.

Moved by Councilor Wanson Hemphill, seconded by Councilor Bob Doyle

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MOTION CARRIED

2021-04-040

6.4 RFD-2021-019 Riptide Waive Fees

Councilor Bob Doyle spoke on various Communities that waive fees for their ball programs.

CAO Stephanie Moase spoke on the way in kind fees are recorded for other programs in our Municipality as community Grants. This item will be tabled until a \$ amount can be determined from Finance Committee annual review of fees.

The Community is responsible for the fields, Riptide helped by lining the fields, dragging, building dugouts etc. Fields may be rented by other groups as well.

6.5 RFD-2021-020 Establish HR Committee

It was duly moved and seconded to establish an HR Committee that will consist of Council as a Whole.

Moved by Councilor Krista Shaw, seconded by Councilor Nancy MacKinnon

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MOTION CARRIED

2021-04-041

7. CORRESPONDENCE:**7.1 FCM Board Nomination**

Information provided on how to nominate

7.2 Canada Post Support Delivering Power

Provided a lot of information for council to review before making a resolution.

7.3 FPEIM Annual General Meeting

Federation Meeting on Monday, April 26, 2021 9:30am -2:30pm. Councilor Peter Vriends, Mayor Gerard Watts and CAO Stephanie Moase will be registered, please let CAO know if anyone else would like to attend.

8. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES:

Appointment of all council members to HR Committee , see item 6.5

9. CLOSED MEETING:

It was duly moved and seconded that the meeting be closed as per MGA Section 119(1)(d) Human Resource Matters

Moved by Councilor Bob Doyle, seconded by Councilor Nancy MacKinnon

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MOTION CARRIED

2021-04-042

It was duly moved and seconded that the meeting be re-opened

Moved by Councilor Krista Shaw, seconded by Councilor Derek Cook

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MOTION CARRIED

2021-04-043

10. NEXT MEETING:

Regular Council Meeting Wednesday, May 12, 2021 @ 6:30 at North Shore Community Centre

11. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm

Moved by Councilor Krista Shaw, seconded by Councilor Wanson Hemphill

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MOTION CARRIED

2021-04-044

SIGNED: Gerard Watts, Mayor

DATE:

SIGNED: Stephanie Moase, CAO

DATE:

Water and Environment Report for Apr 2021 Council Meeting

April 14, 2021

Water & Environment Report

At a Committee meeting on April 7 it was agreed to proceed with more research on the Blue Dot environmental movement with emphasis on requirements, benefits, rationale for affiliation and compliance with the Official Plan..

A draft Water Conservation, Septic Maintenance and Well Maintenance package of Recommendations will be developed for use on the website and a handout to residents. It was requested that the CAO to apply for the PEI Post-Secondary Student Program for a qualified graduate to perform site visits with Stanhope Peninsula homeowners.

Recent consultations with local septic pumpers and installers were reviewed with agreement to confirm claims of many improvements in septic systems in the Stanhope Peninsula. through site visits, water test results and a proposed water study.

A decision by Council to have our Committee review the PEI Wetland Policy was reviewed and agreed to recommend sending this file to the Covehead & Tracadie Bays Committee for recommendations as our committee is quite busy.

Frank Morrison gave a brief presentation on a Smokefree Policy for Public Places.

The control and spread of Japanese Knotweed in the Covehead Bay area will be researched by FCBB watershed.

Wanson Hemphill

EMO Report for Apr 2021 Council Meeting

RMNS joint EMO had a successful meeting on march 22nd, the meeting agenda was mostly designed around the components of the emo plan. The committee spent the majority of the meeting time breaking down each area of the plan. A lot of the emphasis is going to be put on updating contacts #s and volunteer lists. We are still waiting on decisions from municipal affairs on mou emergency aid agreement, emo management bylaw. Good news from PEI emo, they are setting up virtual training sessions via moodle accounts and are now available as of April 1st and be accessed at any time. The next committee meeting is scheduled on April 19th at the nsc.

Tks chair Derek Cook

Finance and Admin Report for Apr 2021 Council Meeting

1. Call to order 4PM

Present Gerard Watts. Gary Bradley, Doug Smith, Stephanie Moase .Peter Vriends

Absent Rick Bain

2. Agenda approved, Minutes approved.

Business arising Grand Tracadie Rental Proposal reviewed, Will ask for estimate for renovations requested. Will have further discussions with Mighty Oaks regarding rental rates. Lease agreement for promenade circulated.

3. New Business

Capital Projects Update reviewed

Budget update reviewed

Procurement Policy reviewed with suggested changes. Draft to be revised

Reserve Fund Bylaw reviewed with categories added. draft to be revised

Meeting adjourned 5PM

Next meeting Apr.19th at 4 PM

Co-Chair Peter Vriends

The Planning Board met briefly on March 24, 2021. Two items were on the agenda for discussion. The first involved an email request sent directly to Council members to make a decision on constructing a shed on a lot that did not contain a dwelling. On the March 10, 2021 Council meeting, Council decided to send it back to the Planning Board for a recommendation as the request had not gone to that group. Per Section 5.2 of the Official Land Use Bylaw: *“ No accessory building or structure shall be constructed prior to the time of construction of the main building to which it is an accessory.”*

After much discussion, including hearing from the CAO that a similar permit had been submitted for a different property, the Planning Board decided to ensure process was followed. The process includes submitting a permit application at which time the Development Officer would advise that the use was not permitted either verbally or preferably over email. The next step would be for the resident to either appeal the decision via IRAC and/or submit an application for a bylaw amendment which would serve to change the bylaw for all residents. The bylaw amendment would go through Planning Board, the Public Meeting process and to Council for consideration and a decision made and sent to the Provincial Minister for approval as per the amendment process in section 2.12 of the 2014 Landuse Bylaw

We spoke briefly about the Official Plan Legal Review, but as the Planning Consultant is no longer involved in the project and a new consultant Samantha Murphy beginning in the coming weeks, it was determined that it would be beneficial to postpone the discussion until such time as the new consultant had a chance to review it as well. Once the consultant is in her official capacity, a meeting will be scheduled with the Planning Board. It is still the hope to have the Official Plan and Landuse Bylaw completed by the end of summer (hopefully sooner).

It was suggested and approval was obtained by all members to extend an invitation to the Development Officer to attend the next Planning Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Krista Shaw

APRIL 2021 DEVELOPMENT PERMITS REPORT
THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH SHORE

PERMIT NUMBER	DATE PERMIT ISSUED	STATUS	PROPERTY NUMBER	APPLICANT'S NAME	Property Address	TYPE
NS-21-015	2021-04-01	Approved	1043363	Doyle-Feehan Construction	Lot 2019-21, Maggie Lane, Covehead Rd	single family dwelling
NS-21-016	2021-04-01	Approved	1043363	Doyle-Feehan Construction	Lot 2019-23, Maggie Lane, Covehead Rd	single family dwelling
NS-21-013	2021-04-01	Approved	1043363	Doyle-Feehan Construction	Lot 2019-24, Maggie Lane, Covehead Rd	single family dwelling
NS-21-014	2021-04-01	Approved	1043363	Doyle-Feehan Construction	Lot 2019-35, Maggie Lane, Covehead Rd	single family dwelling
NS-21-024	2021-04-01	Approved	376160	Stanhope Golf and Country Club	2961 Bayshore Rd, Stanhope	new deck
NS-20-11	2021-04-01	Approved	665034	CArol-Ann Brennan	7 Harmony Lane, Stanhope	Renewal of Permit from Mar 23,2020
NS-21-029	2021-04-05	Approved	139055	Rick & Janet MacDonald	1616 Rte 25, Covehead Rd	Pool, fence, deck
NS-21-031	2021-04-05	Approved	1030832	Barclay & Kathryn Rand	173 Sunset Crescent, West Covehead	new cottage
NS-20-69-SD	2021-04-12	Approved	135301	M&D Construction	2489 Eastern Rd, Stanhope	Subdivision
NS-21-032	2021-04-13	Approved	1093962	Leo & Geraldine Doucette	126 Maggie Lane, Pleasant Grove	Deck and Swimming Pool
NS-21-009	2021-04-20	Approved	375899	Andrew Dillon	Doc Soper Cres, Stanhope	New cottage
NS-21-033	2021-04-26	Approved	1066679	Kyle & Kristina Chaisson	23 Garden Shore Rd, West Covehead	Fence
NS-21-035	2021-04-26	Approved	138453	Melissa & Jeff Paquet	3235 Black River Rd, West Covehead	Fence
NS-20-85-SD	2021-04-28	Approved	135228 & 679621	Willowdale Farms	Allencook Lane, Stanhope	Subdivision
NS-21-026	2021-04-28	Approved	135228	Kildare Homes Ltd	Lot 20-04, Allencook Lane, Stanhope	new cottage
NS-21-025	2021-04-28	Approved	135228	Kildare Homes Ltd	Lot 20-15, Allencook Lane, Stanhope	new cottage
NS-21-030	2021-04-28	Approved	135228	Chris O'Rourke	Lot 20-3, Allencook Lane, Stanhope	new cottage

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**Rural Municipality of North Shore
REQUEST FOR DECISION**

Topic: Recommendation from Planning Board 12 Cliffview Lane

Date: Apr 7, 2021	Request No: RFD-2021-016 <i>(Office Use Only)</i>
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Person: Krista Shaw	Representing: Planning Board
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Background: In Feb 2021 Council received a letter from a resident requesting consideration of a development at 12 Cliffview Lane. Council referred the matter back to Planning Board (see Feb10 2021 minutes section 7.6 motion 2021-02-020) as they had not received background info on the matter. Planning Board reviewed at their Mar 24 meeting along with an additional development application that had been received directly by Council on another property. Consensus of Planning Board was that proper procedure must be followed and all development requests go through the Development Officer and they will advise on any next steps to the resident

Request:
Council to advise how they would like CAO to respond/proceed when requests and applications are received and requested to be sent directly to Council.

Advantages	Disadvantages
Will provide clear direction to the CAO who in turn can provide clear direction of procedure to residents when dealing with development applications/requests.	Residents become frustrated as they want to appeal directly to Council

Required Resources:	Clear direction of policy and procedure for dealing with development requests and applications as well as appeal processes
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Staff Comments	Development Officer has updated permit documentation to clearly outline appeal processes
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CAO's Review / Comments	This will make CAO more comfortable in directing residents to the current procedures
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**Rural Municipality of North Shore
REQUEST FOR DECISION**

Topic: Recommendation to move Wetland Policy to Sustainability

Date: Apr 7, 2021	Request No: RFD-2021-017 <i>(Office Use Only)</i>
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Person: Wanson Hemphill	Representing: Water and Environment
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Background: At Mar 2021 Council meeting under section 3.1 of the minutes Council resolved to have the Water and Environment Committee to review the PEI Conservation Policy and recommend and put forward a draft Municipal Wetland Conservation Policy if they deem necessary.

Request:
Council to move to forward the task of reviewing and possible recommendation of a Wetland Conservation Policy to the Covehead and Brackley Bays Sustainability Committee.

Advantages	Disadvantages
Will allow Water and Environment Committee to focus on tasks they have already been doing	Sustainability Committee hasn't met very often

Required Resources:	
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Staff Comments	
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CAO's Review / Comments	
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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH SHORE

BYLAW # 2018-03- A **Bylaw to Amend the Reserve Funds Bylaw**

This Bylaw is made under the authority of the *Planning Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. P-8 and the *Municipal Government Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. M-12.1.

A Bylaw to amend the Rural Municipality of North Shore's Bylaw to Regulate Reserve Funds Bylaw # 2018-03

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH SHORE as follows:

1. Section 23 of the Bylaw to Regulate Reserve Funds, addition of Schedule A to include Reserve Funds for Land Acquisition.

2. **Effective Date**

This Bylaw shall be effective as of May xx, 2021

3. **Approval**

First Reading:

This Bylaw to Amend the Reserve Funds Bylaw, Bylaw# 2018-03-A, was read a first time at the Council meeting held on the 14th day of April, 2021.

This Bylaw to Amend the Reserve Funds Bylaw, Bylaw# 2018-03-A, was approved by a majority of Council members present at the Council meeting held on the 14th day of April, 2021.

Second Reading:

This Bylaw to Amend the Reserve Funds Bylaw, Bylaw# 2018-03-A, was read a second time at the Council meeting held on the xxth day of xx, 2021.

This Bylaw to Amend the Reserve Funds Bylaw, Bylaw# 2018-03-A, was approved by a majority of Council members present at the Council meeting held on the xxth day of xx, 2021.

Adoption and Approval by Council:

This Bylaw to Amend the Reserve Funds Bylaw, Bylaw# 2018-03-A, was adopted by a majority of Council members present at the Council meeting held on the xxth day of xx, 2021.

This Bylaw to Amend the Reserve Funds Bylaw, Bylaw# 2018-03-A, is declared to be passed on this the xxth day of xx, 2020.

Mayor (signature sealed)

Chief Administrative Officer
(signature sealed)

This Bylaw to Amend the Reserve Funds Bylaw, Bylaw# 2018-03-A adopted by the Council of the Rural Municipality of North Shore on the xth day of xx, 2021 is certified to be a true copy.

Chief Administrative Officer Signature

Date

Schedule A – Reserve Funds

Note: This schedule forms part of the bylaw and may only be amended in accordance with Part 5 Division 2 of the Act.

Name	Year Established	Purpose	Date of Fund closure
Capital Reserve and Infrastructure Reinvestment	2016	To provide for expenditures associated with major construction, maintenance or improvement of a municipal asset and for the expenditures associated with the rehabilitation or replacement of existing capital infrastructure.	
Parkland Dedication Reserve Fund	2011	To provide for the purchase and development of parkland in developing areas and redeveloping areas and/or supports the upgrading of existing parks/facilities (neighbourhood or community) provided the need to upgrade is due to intensification of the surrounding neighbourhood (As outlined in the 2014 Official Plan)	
Legal Fee Reserve Fund	2018	To provide for expenditure of any unforeseen legal issue that may arise at the Municipality.	
Elections Reserve Fund	2018	To provide for Municipal election costs, ie. staffing and administration of Municipal Elections scheduled every four years starting in November of 2018.	
Land Acquisitions Reserve Fund	2021	To provide for the acquisition of land that may be needed for the Municipality	

**Rural Municipality of North Shore
REQUEST FOR DECISION
Topic: Approval of Gas Tax CIP**

Date: Apr 7, 2021	Request No: RFD-2021-018 <i>(Office Use Only)</i>
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Person: CAO Stephanie Moase	Representing: RMNS
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Background: Gas Tax Capital Investment Plans must be done for each project requesting to use Gas Tax Funds. They can be done at anytime but are only reviewed twice a year. The Spring intake deadline is approaching and I wanted to ensure we had a CIP in for the Signage Projects

Request:
Council to approve CIP application for replacing/adding signage along Promenade, at Municipal parks, on the Grand Tracadie Building and Community signage that needs updating or replacement.

Advantages Allow gas tax money to be used for replacement and creation of signage	Disadvantages
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Required Resources:	Gas Tax allocation
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Staff Comments	
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CAO's Review / Comments	Most items would still go ahead under maintenance funds if the gas tax project is not approved. This would just help streamline a bunch of smaller items into one project.
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**Rural Municipality of North Shore
REQUEST FOR DECISION
Topic: Riptide waiver of fees**

Date: Apr 7, 2021	Request No: RFD-2021-019 <i>(Office Use Only)</i>
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Person: Jeremy Fraser	Representing: Riptide
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Background: Council received a letter from Riptide requesting a waiver of Fees for 2021 season

Request:
Council to approve a grant/waiver of fees for Riptide for the 2021 season

Advantages Continue to assist the association to increase, fees have been waived for the past two years	Disadvantages Increased costs in upkeep/equipment for fields with little to no source of income to offset costs
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Required Resources:	
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Staff Comments	
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CAO's Review / Comments	
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**Rural Municipality of North Shore
REQUEST FOR DECISION
Topic: Establish an HR Committee**

Date: Apr 7, 2021	Request No: RFD-2021-020 <i>(Office Use Only)</i>
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Person: CAO, Stephanie Moase	Representing: RMNS
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Background: Council discussed the benefits of having an HR Committee while looking at the HR Policy. The Procedural Bylaw requires Standing Committees be established by resolution by Council. The Mayor must appoint members to the Committee. It was discussed that this committee would be best served as a Committee of the Whole of Council.

Request:
Council to establish an HR Committee and Mayor to appoint members

Advantages	Disadvantages
HR Committee will be in camera committee to take care of CAO reviews and issues as well as assist CAO with staff issues and HR Policies	

Required Resources:	
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Staff Comments	
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CAO's Review / Comments	
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FCM Board nominations are open

1 message

Elections Team <elections@fcm.ca>
To: jmaclean@northshorepei.ca

Mon, Mar 15, 2021 at 5:32 PM

[View email in your browser](#)

FCM March 15, 2021



COMMUNIQUÉ



FCM Board nominations are open

Dear Jonathan MacLean,

The nomination process is now open for those who wish to run for FCM's 2021-2022 Board of Directors. This member-elected body develops national policy priorities on behalf of cities and communities of all sizes, from coast to coast to coast.

This year, we're running an **online** FCM Board of Directors election during our Annual Conference and Trade Show, which runs from June 1-4, 2021.

As always, we will work to deliver a transparent and secure process for our nearly 12,000 elected officials in member communities across the country. We want you to make your voice heard!

The nomination process

Are you interested in making local priorities heard at a national level? Put yourself forward as a candidate for a Director position, or even as a Table Officer. Visit [our website](#) to find more information about the commitment these positions require, the nomination and consent forms, as

well as a sample resolution (which you'll need from your member municipality or Provincial/Territorial Municipal Association).

- [Table Officers' deadline for nomination forms](#): May 14
- [Directors' deadline for consent forms](#): Coming soon

Our updated [Elections Procedures](#) are also available online, and you can email elections@fcm.ca with any questions.

The voting process

As a representative from an FCM member municipality, you're automatically registered to vote in FCM's Board of Director elections when you register for our Annual Conference. It's a straightforward way to attend the conference you love *and* participate in FCM's democratic process.

This year's elections will have condensed voting windows and simplified, **online-only voting**. On the first day of the conference, registered delegates will vote for the Table Officers. On the second day, they'll vote for provincial Board Directors. On the final day, and in accordance with our bylaws, we'll invite participants to ratify the list of elected and appointed candidates during our AGM.

Who can run?

We encourage any elected official of a member municipality to run as a candidate for either a Table Officer or a Director position, particularly if you're deeply in touch with FCM's core issues— from affordable housing to rural economic growth, from social inclusion to climate resilience. If you're already invested in those issues in your own community, consider running so you can drive change on a national scale. We all benefit from a strong FCM Board that helps communities across Canada thrive.

We'll be in touch soon with more details about the election and the Annual Conference.

Until then, stay safe and healthy.

—The FCM Elections Team



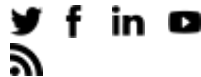
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March, 2021

Subject: Request for Support for Delivering Community Power

Dear Municipal Leaders,

In 2016, the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, with a coalition of allies, launched [Delivering Community Power](#) – a visionary program for Canada Post to confront climate change, promote better access to expanded services, bring financial inclusion to unbanked and underbanked communities, and address other social inequalities – all by making the most of our existing public postal service network.

Today, while progress has been made on many of the initiatives in the vision, the situation has become more urgent. Effects of climate change are deadly and are affecting nearly every part of society all around the world. The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed the need for a more equal, more resilient society that prioritizes the health of our most vulnerable neighbours and loved ones, *before* profit. We are relying more than ever on the internet to connect people and to do our business, but rural residents are getting second-class service.

The continuing decline of letters combined with a dramatic rise in parcels from e-commerce makes it plain to see: the postal service has to adapt to a new reality. This is a great opportunity to address multiple problems at once, with a valued public infrastructure that connects everyone in their own community.

Please consider proposing the attached resolution to have your municipality endorse the campaign for expanded services, financial viability, climate action, and – all through leveraging our public postal system. The time is now!

Thank you for your support!



Jan Simpson
National President
Canadian Union of Postal Workers

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SUPPORT DELIVERING COMMUNITY POWER

Whereas there is an urgent need for banking services among the unbanked or underbanked, given that thousands of villages and rural municipalities do not have a bank branch and more than 900 municipalities have expressed their support for postal banking;

Whereas thousands of Canadians do not have access to affordable high-speed Internet, and the federal government has long promised to bridge the rural broadband gap;

Whereas urgent action is needed to establish a robust network of electric vehicle charging stations;

Whereas to achieve carbon-neutral targets by 2050, Canada Post must greatly accelerate the electrification of its fleet;

Whereas the extensive network of post offices in our communities can provide a wide range of services as community hubs;

Whereas Canada Post's letter carriers and RSMCs can check-in on vulnerable residents to help keep us in our homes longer as we age;

Whereas Canada Post must play its part for a more equitable post-pandemic recovery;

Whereas “The Way Forward for Canada Post,” the report of the 2016 federal public review of the postal service, recommended that Canada Post expand services and adapt its services to the changing needs of the public;

Whereas the Canadian Union of Postal Workers has advanced *Delivering Community Power*, a vision of the post-carbon digital-age postal service that address the above needs and more;

Be it resolved that endorse *Delivering Community Power*, and write to the Honourable Anita Anand, Minister for Public Services and Procurement, with its rationale and a copy of this resolution.