



October 2024 Fast Facts from Council Chambers

“Fast Facts from Council Chambers” is a quick summary of some key takeaways from Council meetings held in October 2024. For more background information, use the links below the list of motions to find agenda packages and meeting recordings.

Motions from the Oct. 1 Council meeting:

Municipal Council passed motions approving the following actions:

- Approve proposed housekeeping changes to the text of the Land Use By-law and Municipal Planning Strategy.
- Give First Reading to, and hold a Public Hearing for, the amendment to the text of the Land Use By-law to permit ‘existing uses’ within the Comprehensive Neighbourhood Development (R5) Zone.
- Adopt Amended Policy ADMIN-01-008: Time of Council Meetings.
- Adopt Amended Policy ADMIN-01-010: Presentations to Committee of the Whole.
- Adopt Amended Policy ADMIN-01-014: Parental Accommodations for Elected Officials.
- Adopt Amended Policy PRO-10-003: Fire and Emergency Services Providers Registration.
- Adopt Policy Amended Policy FIN-05-018: Community Grants as attached to the Oct. 1, 2024 Council agenda, and replace section 3.7 of the draft as presented and amended on September 17, 2024 with the following: 3.7 Organizations may apply to Community Grants Programs through either Councillor Grants to Organizations or for separate initiatives up to any two of the following: • Community Festivals and Special Events, • Community Hall Assistance, • Community Recreation Programming Assistance, • Kings Vision, • Park, Playground, and Trail Assistance. Graduation Event Assistance is only available to the five applicable high schools and does not prevent these schools from applying for other grants per this Policy.
- Repeal Policy HR-06-004: Sexual Harassment and Policy HR-06-005: Workplace Harassment - Discrimination and adopt Policy HR-06-023: Respectful Workplace.
- Adopt Policy FIN-05-028: Budget Management.
- Repeal Planning Policies PLAN-09-001: Planning Policies and PLAN-09-002: Area Advisory Committee and adopt Policies PLAN-09-004: Administration of Planning Matters and PLAN-09-005: Public Participation Program.

- Adopt amendments to Policy PLAN-09-003: Planning Advisory Committee.
- Award Tender #24-24: Regional Blower Replacement for a total of \$263,843.58 to TNE Global Inc.
- Award tender #24-31: Supply and Delivery of New Crane Truck in the amount of \$218,580.33 including applicable non-rebated HST to Bruce Leasing Limited.
- Direct the CAO to execute an agreement for the provision of primary financial services with the Bank of Nova Scotia for a five-year period commencing November 1, 2024.
- Approve the Resolution for Pre-Approval of Debenture Issuance Subject to Interest Rate for borrowing \$4,700,000 related to the Regional STP Aeration and Desludging project.
- Approve the write-off of the outstanding property tax accounts listed in Appendix A of the Oct. 1, 2024, Request for Decision, debiting GL 01-4-451-100 Allowance for Doubtful Accounts for the total amount of \$7,472.00.
- Authorize Municipal Council to write a letter to Premier Tim Houston and Environment and Climate Change Minister Tim Halman requesting that a moratorium be placed on aerial herbicide spraying of forested areas until a formal report, requisitioned by the Provincial Government, on net benefits or net losses of such activity to the residents of Nova Scotia can be obtained and that Municipal Council send a resolution based on above to the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities for their fall meeting.

More background information can be found in the agenda package and [video recording of the Oct. 1 Council](#) meeting.

Did you know?

The new Municipal Council elected on Oct. 19 was sworn in during a Special Council meeting on Oct. 30. A [video recording of the meeting](#) is available on the [Municipality's YouTube channel](#).