

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF LUNENBURG  
Minutes of a Meeting of  
**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**  
Held in the Council Chamber, 210 Aberdeen Road, Bridgewater, N. S.  
**Tuesday, May 10, 2011 - 9:00 a.m.**

**ATTENDANCE**

Mayor Don Downe  
Deputy Mayor Lee Nauss - District 10  
Councillor Basil Oickle - District 1  
Councillor Donald Zwicker - District 2  
Councillor Frank Fawson - District 3  
Councillor Milton Countway - District 4  
Councillor Sandra Statton - District 5  
Councillor Wade Carver - District 6  
Councillor Cathy Moore - District 7  
Councillor John Veinot - District 8  
Councillor Arthur Young - District 9  
Councillor Martin Bell - District 11  
Councillor Eric Hustvedt - District 12

Staff: Tammy S. Wilson, Chief Administrative Officer  
April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk  
Heather Whynott, Administrative Assistant

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Downe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**2. PUBLIC INPUT** - There were no requests from the public to address Council.

**3. AGENDA**

Requests for additions to the Agenda:

- 13.1) Softball Tournament - Municipal Challenge (E. Hustvedt)
- 13.2) Premier' s Statement re Signage in Municipalities (L. Nauss)

**Moved by Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor Hustvedt that Council approves the Agenda with the two additions. Carried.**

**4. MINUTES**

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Carver that the Minutes of the April 12, 2011 Council meeting be approved as circulated. Carried.**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

## 5.1 SECOND READING - AMENDMENTS TO MUNICIPALITY' S LAND USE BY-LAWS

Ms. Wilson reviewed the process that has occurred to date regarding proposed amendments to the Municipality' s Land Use By-laws which, if approved, will allow the Municipality to charge fees for planning and development applications, as identified under the Municipality' s Fee Policy, MDL-58. First Reading of the proposed amendments was conducted at the January 11, 2011 Council meeting and a Public Hearing was held on February 8, 2011. Before conducting Second Reading on the amendments, Council requested that further consideration be given to revising the Fee Policy, which was initially adopted, and making amendments if required.

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Zwicker that Municipal Council adopts the Bylaw amending the Blockhouse Land Use Bylaw; the Princes Inlet & Area Land Use Bylaw; the Oakland Land Use Bylaw; the Riverport & District Land Use Bylaw; the Village of Hebbville Land Use Bylaw; the Osprey Village Land Use Bylaw; and the Lunenburg Municipal Industrial Zone Land Use Bylaw, regarding the payment of fees, and that Municipal Council conducts Second Reading of the same. The motion was carried after several Councillors made comments as to why they support or don' t support the motion.**

## 5.2 BLOCKHOUSE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT - APPROVAL - HENNIGAR & CO. LTD.

In attendance was Douglas Reid, Planner.

Ms. Wilson reviewed the process that has occurred to date regarding a Development Agreement application received from Hennigar & Co. Limited for a proposed development at 249 Cornwall Road, Blockhouse, PID #60218567. The application is for a change of use from a storage facility to autobody repair. At the April 12, 2011 Council meeting, Council gave notice of its intention to enter into a Development Agreement with Hennigar & Co. Limited to allow for the proposed change of use to exceed the maximum size requirements identified in the Blockhouse Land Use By-law, and a Public Hearing was held on May 4, 2011. At the close of the Public Hearing, Council agreed to give consideration to approving the Development Agreement at today' s Council meeting. She noted that, if Council does approve the Development Agreement today, there is an appeal period of 14 days, and she reviewed that appeal process. She indicated to Council that their task is to satisfy themselves that the policy within the Blockhouse planning area has been met.

Mayor Downe noted that only those in attendance at the Public Hearing are eligible to vote on any motion that is made on this matter. (Absent from the Public Hearing were Councillors Donald Zwicker and Martin Bell.)

**Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Countway that Municipal Council enter into a Development Agreement with Hennigar & Co. Limited regarding the property identified at 249 Cornwall Road, Blockhouse, to allow for the proposed change of use (autobody repair) to exceed the maximum size requirements identified in the Blockhouse**

**Land Use By-law.** The motion was carried after Councillors' questions were answered by Mr. Reid regarding the residents' concerns that were presented at the Public Hearing.

Mr. Reid was thanked and he left the meeting.

## **7. PRESENTATIONS/SCHEDULED TIMES**

### **7.1 PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION re SAVING A LIFE - 9:15 am**

Mayor Downe explained the incident that occurred during the Bantam AA Provincial Championship hockey game, which caused the heart of a young hockey player to stop. In attendance at the event were three individuals who had the training that enabled them to save his life – Dr. Gisele Marier, Allan Keddy, and Councillor Milton Countway. Mayor Downe thanked them and presented Certificates of Recognition to Mr. Keddy and Councillor Countway (Dr. Marier was not able to be present).

Mayor Downe reported that he also had a Certificate of Recognition to present to one of the Municipality's employees, Chasidy Veinotte-Dorey, who assisted in saving the life of a young man at an incident at Walmart.

### **7.2 INDIAN PATH COMMON COMMITTEE re PUBLISHED BOOK - 9:30 am**

In attendance to make a presentation on behalf of the Indian Path Common Committee was Catherine Pross. There were several other members of that Committee in the audience.

Ms. Pross presented to Council a copy of the recently published book "Indian Path Common". The book contains over 100 pages of information and photos. Contributors have contributed their work for free. The price of the book is \$19.95. Ms. Pross informed Council that any money that comes from the sale of the book, over and above the cost of printing, will be forwarded to the Municipality to be used towards maintenance costs for the Indian Path Common.

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Pross provided some background history as to how the Indian Path Common was established approximately 350 years ago, and the rules and regulations that were put in place to allow cutting of wood on the Common in the past. She explained the hiking trails that have been established on the Common, which the Committee members have been working on for the past 20 years. A summary of the information had been circulated with the Council agenda.

Mayor Downe thanked her for the presentation and information on the book and its availability.

Councillor Zwicker reported on the amount of work that Ms. Pross and the others in the work party have done to develop the trails on the Common and thanked the group for the work they are doing.

Councillor Bell suggested that consideration be given to having the Mayor's Walk at this trail in the future.

Mayor Downe thanked all those in the audience who have put their effort and time into the development of the trail.

## **10. RECOMMENDATIONS/REFERRALS FROM COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

### **10.1 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **10.1.1 - Tax Relief under MDL-12 Tax Exemption/Reduction Policy**

**Moved by Councillor Countway, seconded by Councillor Zwicker that Council accepts the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approves tax relief in the amount of \$42.21 to Charles Bonnell as per the submitted application as it meets the requirements of Section 2(b) of MDL-12 Tax Exemption/Reduction Policy. Carried.**

#### **10.1.2 - Electronic Scheduling of Meetings and Electronic Agenda Packages**

**Moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss that Council accepts the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approves that the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg move to an electronic scheduling of meetings and provide electronic agenda packages to Councillors, excepting those who do not have access to email who will be provided with hard copies; and further, that hard copies be provided to Councillors who request the same. Carried.**

#### **10.1.3 - Suspend Focus Groups for Trial and Create new Strategic Initiatives Workshop**

**Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Countway that Council accepts the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to suspend the Focus Groups for a six-month trial period and create a new Strategic Initiatives Workshop, as proposed in the Operations Review. Carried.**

#### **10.1.4 - Eliminate Wastewater Management Comm/Transfer Mandate to PAC or COW**

**Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Carver that Council accepts the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to eliminate the Wastewater Management Committee and transfer the mandate of this Committee to the Planning Advisory Committee or Committee of the Whole, as applicable. Carried.**

#### **10.1.5 - Priorities in Strategic Priorities Chart for next Three Months**

**Moved by Councillor Young, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss that Council accepts the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approves the priorities in the Strategic Priorities Chart for the next three months as presented. Carried.**

10.1.6 - Policy MDL-03 - Council Members Remuneration and Expenses

**Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss that Council accepts the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approves Policy MDL-03 - Council Members Remuneration and Expenses as presented, and that Section 4.0 of the Policy be retroactive to April 1, 2010. The motion was carried after reviewing where the changes occurred in the Policy, being Section 4.0 Other Expenses.**

10.1.7 - Sponsorship of S. S. Exhibition Firefighters Challenge

**Moved by Councillor Fawson, seconded by Councillor Young that Council accepts the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approves the sponsorship of the South Shore Exhibition Firefighters Challenge in an amount of \$1,000 thus becoming a platinum sponsor; and further, that pre-budget approval be granted for same. Carried.**

10.1.8 - Engagement to Conduct Pre-Fire Service Review Consultation with Fire Depts.

**Moved by Councillor Veinot, seconded by Councillor Bell that Council accepts the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and authorizes the engagement of Gordon McIntosh to conduct the Pre-Fire Service Review Consultation with Municipal Fire Departments at an estimated cost of \$13,550 plus expenses and excluding HST; and further, that pre-budget approval be granted for same. Carried.**

10.1.9 - Prov/National Event Grant to Mi' kmaq & French Descendants Reunion Assoc.

**Moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Zwicker that Council accepts the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approves the award of a Provincial/National Event Grant in the amount of \$1,250 to the Mi' kmaq & French Descendants Reunion Association for their Mi' kmaq Acadian Cultural Festival & Reunion being held August 19 and 20, 2011 at Fort Point Museum, subject to the 2011/2012 Operating Budget being approved. Carried.**

10.1.10 - Grant and In-kind Services for Christmas on the LaHave event

**Moved by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Moore that Council accepts the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and supports**

**the Christmas on the LaHave event with a \$2,000 grant and \$500 in-kind services, subject to the 2011/2012 Operating Budget being approved. Carried.**

10.1.11 - Sponsorship at Habitat for Humanity' s Golf Tournament

**Moved by Councillor Statton, seconded by Councillor Young that Council accepts the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to sponsor a hole at the Habitat for Humanity' s Golf Tournament, taking place on June 28, 2011, at Osprey Ridge Golf Course at a cost of \$285, subject to the 2011/2012 Operating Budget being approved. Carried.**

10.1.12 - Ad in NS Crime Stoppers Guide

**Moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Councillor Carver that Council accepts the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to sponsor a business card sized ad in the Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers Guide at a cost of \$215, subject to the 2011/2012 Operating Budget being approved. Carried.**

10.1.13 - Policy MDL-58, Fee Policy Amendments re Non-Profit Organizations

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Zwicker that Council accepts the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and amends the Fee Policy to exempt non-profit organizations from being charged the planning and development application fees outlined in subsection 4.1 of MDL-58 Municipal Fee Policy. Carried.**

10.1.14 - Policy MDL-58, Fee Policy Amendments re Development Permit Fee

**Moved by Councillor Zwicker, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nauss that Council accepts the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and amends MDL-58 Municipal Fee Policy to lower the Development Permit fee from \$50.00 to \$25.00 per application, and further, that the other fees remain the same. Carried.**

At 10:00 a.m. Mayor Downe left the meeting.  
Deputy Mayor Nauss was in the chair.

10.1.15 - Offer Not Accepted re Property in Hemford

**Moved by Councillor Veinot, seconded by Councillor Young that Council accepts the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole that the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg not accept the offer of a piece**

**of property near Smith Road in Hemford adjoining PID 60320363 from Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal Real Property Services Acquisition and Disposal Department and advise them of same. Carried.**

## **6. AWARDING OF RFP**

### **6.1 REGIONAL GOVERNANCE/SHARING OF SERVICES - RFP 2011-01-400**

Ms. Wilson reported that the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, Town of Bridgewater and Town of Mahone Bay had agreed to move forward with a Sharing of Services/Regional Governance Review. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued and two bids were received. The Evaluation Committee for the RFPs consisted of the Mayors and CAOs of each municipal unit.

Councillor Statton reported that a suggestion has been made by a Town Task Force that a review of all the municipalities be done across the province; and she, therefore, questions why the Province is supporting individual ones.

Deputy Mayor Nauss commented that it's a decision of each municipality or group of municipalities to do a review. He doesn't think the UNSM will come out and say that municipalities have to do these studies.

Comments were made in favour of regional services, sharing of services, and working together.

**Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Hustvedt that Council accepts the recommendation of the Review Committee and approves the award of RFP 2011-01-400, Sharing of Services, Regional Governance Review, to Marathon Human Resources Consulting Group for a proposal price of \$98,000, exclusive of HST. Carried.**

### **10.2 NOMINATING COMMITTEE - RECOMMENDATION**

#### **10.2.1 - Appointment of Representatives to Fire & Emergency Services**

**Moved by Councillor Countway, seconded by Councillor Hustvedt that Council accepts the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and approves the reappointment of the following Fire & Emergency Service representatives to the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg's Fire & Emergency Services Committee:**

**Fire Chief Chris Kennedy**

**Fire Chief John Robart**

**Fire Chief Paul Hayes**

**Brian Keizer**

**Fire Chief Jonathan Mulock  
Carried.**

### 10.3 RIVERPORT & DISTRICT AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE - RECOMMENDATION

Councillor Zwicker, Chair of the Planning Advisory Committee, explained the reason why the recommendation for appointments to the Riverport & District Area Advisory Committee (AAC) was coming directly to Council instead of the usual process of going first to the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) for consideration and then PAC would make the recommendation to Council. The PAC members were surveyed and had no problem with the recommendation going directly to Council.

**Moved by Councillor Zwicker, seconded by Councillor Oickle that Council accepts the recommendation of the Riverport & District Area Advisory Committee and approves the following appointments to the Riverport & District Area Advisory Committee, each for a two-year term:**

**Kent Robinson  
Allison Zinck  
John Carroll  
Matt Durnford  
Marion Homer  
Barry Olivella**

**Carried.**

### 10.4 WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - RECOMMENDATION

#### 10.4.1 - Adjustments to 2011-2012 LRCRC Operating Budget

Ms. Wilson reviewed the information in the letter from the Waste Management Committee which provided as explanation as to the reason for the recommendation for an adjustment. Ms. Wilson noted that Municipal Council, at their April 12, 2011 meeting, referred the 2011-2012 LRCRC Operating Budget to the Budget/Finance Committee for consideration and recommendation back to Council. She suggested that Council may also wish to refer to the Budget/Finance Committee the recommendation on the adjustment.

**Moved by Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor Hustvedt that the following recommendation from the Waste Management Committee be referred to the Budget/Finance Committee for consideration and recommendation back to Council:**

**“ that we recommend to the four partner units adjustments to the proposed 2011-2012 Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Centre Operating Budget, which was originally approved by the Waste Management Committee on April 7, 2011, to reflect that the Authority would not be established until April 1, 2012, with the adjustments being as follows (realizing a reduction of \$77,899):**

**Administration charges were \$298,464 revised to \$245,655, a difference of \$52,899**



**Capital Interest was \$25,000 revised to \$0 therefore, realizing an Operating Revenue in the amount of \$2,281,540 and an Operating Expense in the amount of \$4,385,654 for a net Operating Budget of \$2,104,114.”**

**Carried.**

## **11. STAFF MATTERS**

### 11.1 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER' S MATTERS

#### 11.1.1 - Building Report for March 2011

For information, circulated with the agenda was the Building Report for March 2011. Ms. Wilson reviewed the information in the report.

#### 11.1.2 - Confirmation of May 25 - Budget Deliberations

Ms. Wilson confirmed with Council that on May 25, 2011 the Budget/Finance Committee will be bringing a proposed budget forward for 2011-2012. The usual procedure is to go to Committee of the Whole first and then to Council. To save time, she suggested that a Special Council Meeting be held.

**Moved by Councillor Countway, seconded by Councillor Zwicker that a Special Council Meeting be held Wed., May 25, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. to deal with the 2011-2012 Budget. Carried.**

### 11.2 FINANCE MATTERS

#### 11.2.1 - Financial Impacts of SNSMR/UNSM Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

In attendance was Gordon Pettipas, Director of Financial Services and Municipal Treasurer.

Ms. Wilson reported that, as Council is aware, the Province has broken the MOU between the Province and Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM). In summary, over the next five years our Municipality will pay an extra \$4.5 million.

A summary of the financial impact was circulated with the agenda. Mr. Pettipas reviewed the information, explaining where the extra costs will occur.

A discussion followed regarding the tax rate and how it can be maintained, particularly as there are many other increased costs, such as gas and food, and many people are having a difficult time because of it. It was felt that we need to get the message out to the people about what the Province has done with the MOU and what the financial impact of that decision will mean to the Municipality.

This matter was presented for information.

Mr. Pettipas was thanked and he left the meeting.

### 11.3 ENGINEER' S MATTERS

#### 11.3.1 - Issuance of Tender - 4 x 4 Truck Replacement

In attendance was Roger Stein, Director of Engineering and Public Works.

Ms. Wilson reported that pre-budget approval was approved by Council to purchase a half-ton truck replacement for the LRCRC.

Mr. Stein reported that the truck is to be used for curbside inspection, mammal recovery, garbage pickup, and whatever other uses may be required of it.

Councillor Countway noted that the specifications are for a V8, four-wheel drive truck and he questioned why.

Mr. Stein reported on some of the uses and situations for which the truck will primarily be used, and the terrain and road conditions associated with those uses throughout the seasons of the year.

Councillor Countway is of the opinion that a V6 should have the power that is needed. Mr. Stein indicated that the specifications can be revised.

**Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Zwicker that Council approves the issuance of the tender to supply one 2011 Model Year half-ton truck, V8 or V6, four-wheel drive, to be delivered to the LRCRC, at a cost up to an amount of \$30,000. Carried.** (Tender number to be assigned)

### 7.3 PRESENTATION - DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES - MINERAL BRANCH

At the December 14, 2010 Council meeting, a municipal resident, Dominick Williams, brought to Council' s attention a newspaper article in the Chronicle Herald which reported that a mining company was to start drilling test holes at its Leipsigate gold property in Lunenburg County. As this raised a number of concerns because of the property' s proximity to the watershed area, Council passed a motion to pursue the matter and report back to Council. To follow-up on the matter staff invited the Department of Natural Resources to make a presentation to Council on the matter.

At 11:00 a.m. the following were in attendance:

Sandra Johnston, Geologist, NS Department of Natural Resources (NSDNR), Lunenburg  
Gavin Kennedy, Project Hydrogeologist, Mineral Resource Branch, NSDNR  
John McNeil, Registrar of Mineral & Petroleum Titles, NSDNR

Dawn McNeil, Watershed Planner, NS Environment

Mr. Kennedy provided a PowerPoint presentation on Groundwater Resources in Nova Scotia, noting that there are 46 major primary watersheds in the province. His presentation included information on groundwater quality, groundwater management in Nova Scotia, and the various Acts and Regulations related to water. As part of his presentation he also provided maps showing where arsenic and uranium occur, and one on the Nova Scotia Observation Well Network. One of their observation wells is located in our Municipality at West Northfield; and the purpose of that well is to monitor groundwater levels and quantity.

Mr. McNeil provided a verbal presentation. He explained what is involved in the Issuance of Mining Rights, Exploration Rights, and the issuance of various permits relating to mining.

Councillors were given a copy of an Information page that is provided to “ All Holders of Exploration Licences Under the Mineral Resources Act” , and a four-page summary that provided some information on the following:

- Mineral Exploration and Development in Municipal Water Supply Areas
- Source Water Protection Planning
- Mineral Exploration and Development: Activities and Regulations
- Preliminary Mineral Exploration Activities and Requirements:
  - Activities
  - Exploration Licence
  - Landowner Rights
  - MWSA Provisions in the Mineral Resources Act
- Detailed/Advanced Exploration Activities and Requirements:
  - Activities
  - Excavation Registration (DNR)
  - Letter of Authorization (DNR)
  - Drilling Notifications (DNR)
  - Water Approval (NSEL)
- Mineral Development (Mining) Activities and Requirements:
  - Activities
  - Environmental Assessment (NSEL)
  - Industrial Approval (NSEL)
  - Mineral Lease (DNR)

Mr. McNeil suggested to Councillors that if they get asked any questions related to mining and mining/exploration rights or issuance of permits to contact DNR.

A question and answer period followed. Councillors' questions were answered regarding the following:

- groundwater protection
- exploration rights
- the expiration time on permits/licenses
- excavation sites and how long they can be exposed

- bond requirement to restore excavation sites

**Moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Oickle that Mr. Dom Williams be permitted to address Council. Carried.**

Mr. Williams said he appreciates the work that DNR has done with the documents that have been circulated. He noted the Excavation Registration section on page 3 in DNR's information document. What gives him concern is the seven days' notice before the commencement of the activities to be conducted under the Excavation Registration

The question was asked if a land owners only safeguard is to get the mineral rights themselves to their own land.

Ms. Johnston said if a land owner does not wish a mineral company to explore on their property then they just say NO.

It was pointed out that provinces' mineral rights are different. The rights here in Nova Scotia are much different from Ontario.

Mr. McNeil suggested that if Council wishes they could make themselves available for another meeting or roundtable discussion.

Deputy Mayor Nauss thanked the Natural Resources and Environment representatives for coming to the meeting and the information that they provided.

**14. IN CAMERA - 11:55 a.m.**

**Moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Moore that Council go *In Camera*. Carried.**

Discussed during the *In Camera* meeting were the following:

- 14.1 Legal Advice - Taxation Matter, in accordance with section 22 (2) (g) of the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)*;
- 14.2 Contract Negotiations - DND, in accordance with section 22 (2) (e) of the MGA;
- 14.3 Land Negotiations - Blockhouse, in accordance with section 22 (2) (a) of the MGA;

At 12:30 p.m., during the *In Camera* meeting, Council recessed for lunch.

At 1:30 p.m. Council resumed its *In Camera* meeting.

At 2:35 p.m. it was moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Oickle that Council rise and report. Carried.

Directions were given to staff during the *In Camera* meeting regarding the items that were discussed *In Camera*.

**12. MAYOR' S/COUNCILLORS' MATTERS**

## 12.1 MAYOR' S MATTERS

Deputy Mayor Nauss reviewed the list of Activities of the Mayor as of April 12, 2011:

- Attended a Spousal Abuse Seminar sponsored by Second Storey Women' s Centre in Bridgewater
- Attended Community Meetings
- Attended funeral of Ken Simpson, UNSM Executive Director, in Halifax
- Spoke at AMA Conference in Halifax with CAO
- Attended and spoke at YMCA Youth Symposium in Bridgewater
- Attended and spoke at the Hill N' Dale 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event - presented a plaque
- Attended Mayors' and Deputy Mayors' meeting in Queens County with Deputy Mayor Nauss
- Did an auction for a Fundraiser at the Northfield Elementary School
- Spoke at the 27<sup>th</sup> Grand Opening of Rosedale Home in New Germany with Councillor Moore
- MC' d Rose Ann Himmelman Fundraiser and Dinner
- Attended a meeting with Mayor Joe Feeney regarding the Mahone Bay Centre
- Attended meetings relating to regular Council activities
- Attended RDA meetings

## 12.2 NOMINATION FOR FCM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ms. Wilson reported that the election of members to the National Board of Directors of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities will take place at the FCM Conference next month. There has been a call for nominations. Mayor Downe is currently on the Board. If Council wishes to nominate him, Council has to approve the Resolution re Federation of Canadian Municipalities - Election to the Board of Directors which has been circulated with the agenda. Mayor Downe has said he would be willing to continue serving on the FCM Board if nominated and elected.

**Moved by Councillor Countway, seconded by Councillor Zwicker that Council approves the Resolution and that Mayor Downe' s name be submitted as a nomination for the FCM Board of Directors. Carried.**

### STRATEGIC INITIATIVES WORKSHOP - RESCHEDULED

Deputy Mayor Nauss noted that the time is now 2:45 p.m. and a Strategic Initiatives Workshop had been scheduled for this afternoon. Council agreed that the Workshop be rescheduled for June 2, 2011 after the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mayor Downe returned to the meeting. Deputy Mayor Nauss chaired the remainder of the meeting.

## 13. ADDED BUSINESS

### 13.1 SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT - MUNICIPAL CHALLENGE (E. Hustvedt)

Councillor Hustvedt informed Council of the Softball Tournament - Municipal Challenge.

The date of the event will be either June 18 or June 25, depending on the Mayor' s schedule. Those interested in playing on the team should let him know.

MAYOR' S WALK - CONSIDER HAVING IT ON TRAIL AT INDIAN PATH COMMON

Councillor Bell suggested holding this year' s Mayor' s Walk on the trail at the Indian Path Common instead of Miller Point.

Ms. Wilson advised that we can only do it if no advertising has been done to hold the Mayor' s Walk at Miller Point. If advertising has been done, it would be difficult to change the location now. However, the location of the Mayor' s Walk could be changed for next year.

13.2 PREMIER' S STATEMENT re SIGNAGE IN MUNICIPALITIES (Deputy Mayor Nauss)

Deputy Mayor Nauss reported that last week he heard a statement by the Premier that commercial signage on Provincial roads will be downloaded to municipal units.

Mayor Downe commented that it' s a huge issue. To download it to municipalities he feels would create problems, as each municipal unit would do it differently. He feels we need to make that clear at UNSM – that it' s not something we support.

J. C. Reddy pointed out that most of those signs are within the highway right-of-way which is owned by the Province.

Deputy Mayor Nauss suggested that this is something we will need to monitor.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

At 2:55 p.m. it was moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Bell that the meeting adjourn.

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CHAIRMEN - MAYOR DON DOWNE  
- DEP. MAYOR LEE NAUSS

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APRIL WHYNOT-LOHNES, MUNICIPAL CLERK