

MINUTES
TOWN OF CUPIDS
November 5, 2024

Minutes of the 942nd. regular meeting of the Council for the Town of Cupids, held in the Town Hall on November 5, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Rod Delaney
Deputy Mayor Alex Dawe
Councillor Valerie Brett-Westcott
Councillor Christine Burry (attended virtually)
Councillor Rebecca Burton
Councillor Rod Linthorne
Councillor Tiffany Youden

MEMBERS ABSENT:

NIL

ALSO PRESENT:

Ivy King, Town Clerk
Andrea Mugford, Part-time Assistant Clerk

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion #109-2024 - Burry/ Burton
Resolved that the amended agenda, be adopted as presented.
In favour: All / Motion carried

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:
Regular meeting - October 1, 2024

Motion #110-2024 - Linthorne / Dawe
Resolved that the minutes of the regular meeting be adopted as presented.
In favour: All / Motion carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Motion #111-2024 - Burry/Burton
Resolved that Motion #95-2024 made at the September 3, 2024 meeting be amended to read "the Town of Cupids submit it's capital investment plan to MPA for Canada Community Building Funds in the amount of \$38,900 plus HST under the Drinking Water Category for material required to repair the internal piping/pressure reducing valves & chlorine injection system at the Chlorination Building". **In favour: All/ Motion carried**

DELEGATIONS:

NIL

CORRESPONDENCE:

Katie Harris, Cupids Soiree

No opposition raised to the dates July 18-20 for the 2025 Festival. Boat Owners to be advised.

Kevin Power, VP, Royal Canadian Legion	Mayor will make contact to obtain additional information.
Betty Moore, Avalon Director, MAA	Update - for information purposes.
Communications Municipal Assessment Agency	2025 Assessment Service Fee - for information purposes.
William Hilliard, ERSB	2025 Fee Schedule for ERSB - for information purposes.
Bobbi Skanes, Tract Consulting	Regarding new funding available - Lengthy discussion had, no action at this time.
Property owner of 470 Seaforest Drive	Request for replacement of culvert across Seaforest Drive. Town Clerk to advise that Council is mindful of this, and will be looked at in the Spring.
Rayanne Hibbs, Director, Municipal Finance	Capital Investment Plan Approval for reduced approval amounts for previous projects. - File
Nelson Marsh, Biomaxx	For information purposes - Data Hosting Fee for Hach Flow Meters will be factored into our invoices to maintain compliance under WSER.
Property Owners 15-21 Bishops Lane	Road has been upgraded and explanation has been forwarded to property owner regarding the total frontage recorded in the roll book by MAA on said property.
Will Hillard ERSB Funding	File - No action taken. Mayor Delaney abstained from discussion and he is on the board.
Gavin Appelin Biomaxx Environmental	Motion #112-2024 Burton/ Brett-Westcott Resolved that the quote from Biomaxx in the amount of \$1,500.00 plus HST to complete and submit WSER Transitional Authorization (TA) application be accepted. In Favour: All/ Motion carried
Kim Kieley, Director MI	2025-2026 Municipal Capital Works - File no action taken
FINANCES:	Motion #113-2024 -Brett- Wescott / Burton Resolved that the Town Clerk pay bills totalling \$ 43,299.95 from the town's operating account In favour: All / Motion carried

PERMITS ISSUED:	Town Clerk advised Council that there were two (2) general repairs permits and one (1) Single Family Dwelling permit issued since the last meeting.
PERMITS REQUESTED:	Quay Rd. property owner: Perceived to be In an environmentally protected zone. Deferred until additional information is provided by the P/O on exact location of the existing structure.
COMMITTEE REPORTS:	Reports submitted by committee liaisons and were reviewed and discussed by Council members, Nothing actionable from reports.
REGULATIONS:	NIL
ACTION LIST:	Action List reviewed and updated by Council. Mayor Delaney to contact a contractor re the roof at the Town Garage. Paving contractors to pave the extra areas dug up due to water leaks and curb stop installations, as well as, patch up Beothuck Place and Spracklin's Ave. when paving commences in town. Repaving of both roads will be deferred to the Spring. Picnic tables to be repainted in the Spring with the correct paint colours.
NEW BUSINESS:	Motion #114-2024 - Brett-Westcott/Burton
Dump Truck tenders	Resolved that the tender in the amount of \$6,000.00 for combination of 2014 Ram 5500 Truck, 5 Ton Dump Box, Snow plow and tail gate sander, as is where is, from David Mugford be accepted. In favour: All / Motion carried
New by-laws as per new Towns & Local Service Districts Act	Work has commenced on creating new by-laws.
Nov. 11, 2024 Memorial Service to be held in Cupids	Deputy Mayor Dawe and Councillor Burton will lay a wreath on behalf of the Town.
Christmas Social	To be held at Skipper Bens on December 1, 2024 at 6:30 pm.
Treelighting/Santa Claus Parade	A combined function to be held this year on Saturday, December 7, 2024. Treelighting to be held at the Mill Brook Gardens and the parade will take the usual route ending at the Gardens. Motion #115-2024 -Linthorne/Burton Resolved that 100 loot bags be prepared for the parade In favour: All / Motion carried

2nd. Municipal Operating Grant

The second MOG in the amount of \$49,084.34 has been received.

Garbage Tender

Motion #116-2024 - Brett-Westcott/Burry
Resolved that garbage tender from Lynch's Trucking in the amount of \$87,400.00 including taxes & tipping fees for the period of January 1 2025 to December 31, 2025 with an option to renew for two (2) one (1) year extensions to be agreed upon by both parties be accepted.

In favour: All / Motion carried

Part-time Outside worker

Part-time outside worker's hours will be increased to 40 hours per week effective January 2025. All employees will receive a 2% increase, which has been allocated in the 2025 Budget.

2025 Municipal Budget

Motion #117-2024 - Burry/Linthorne

Resolved that the 2025 Municipal Budget in the amount of \$749,545.00 with all expenditures and revenues as outlined in the budget be adopted as presented.

In Favour: All / motion carried

2025 Municipal Tax Structure

Motion #118-2024 - Burry/Burton

Resolved that the following 2025 Tax Structure be adopted. **In Favour: All / motion carried**

In accordance with the provisions of the Municipalities Act, the following taxes are in effect for the year **2025**.

PROPERTY TAX RATES

Residential Property Tax (Mill Rate)	5.5 Mills
Minimum Property Tax	\$475.00
Business Property Tax (Mill Rate).....	7.5 Mills
Minimum Business Property Tax.....	\$475.00
Minimum Vacant Land Tax	\$100.00

WATER/SEWER RATES

Water Tax	\$190.00 annually
Sewer Tax	\$190.00 annually
Water & Sewer Tax Vacant Land	\$50.00 annually
Water Turn On & Off Fee	\$50.00
Water Turn on Fee for Tax Arrears	\$150.00 (plus tax arrears)
Regular Water & Sewer Hook Up Fee	\$150.00

Pavement Replacement for Water & Sewer Hook Up

\$5.00 per square foot with a minimum charge of \$400.00.

BUSINESS TAXES

Utilities Companies.....	2.5%
Electrical Businesses, Garages, Bed & Breakfast, Beauty Salons, Storage Companies, Contractors	
Business Tax for Farm Land, and Retail Sales Businesses, Fish.....	7.5 Mills
Minimum Business Tax.....	\$250.00

BUILDING PERMITS

New House Construction (2 year limit).....	\$70.00
New Shed and Garage Permits (1 year limit).....	\$30.00
General Repairs (1 year limit).....	\$30.00
House, Shed, & Garage Extensions, Rinks & Greenhouses (1 year limit)	\$30.00
Development Permit (Sub-division of land).....	\$50.00
Business Permit.....	\$50.00
Quarry Permits.....	\$100.00
Vendors Permit	\$50.00

COMMERCIAL

Renovations & Repairs (1 year limit)	\$50.00
Tax Certificates	\$150.00

Minister John Haggie, Municipal Affairs

Letter was discussed among Councillors and it was decided by the majority of Council that the complainant be invited to attend the December council meeting to provide a Statement of Fact regarding the ongoing issue.


ADJOURNMENT :

Motion #119-2024 - Burry/Linthorne

Resolved that Council do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, December 3, 2024.

In favour: All / Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.



~~Red Delaney, Mayor~~ Alex DAWE,
 Deputy Mayor



 Ivy King, Town Clerk

Date Minutes Adopted by Council

