

**ANNUAL SESSION OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
May 16, 2006
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Minutes of the **annual session of Municipal Council held on May 16, 2006**, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building, Annapolis Royal, NS, at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Warden Peter Newton; Deputy-Warden Reg Ritchie; Councillors: Marilyn Wilkins, Brian “Fuzzy Connell”, Wayne Fowler, Herb Anderson, Tom Vitiello, Pat McWade, Phil Milo, Peter Terauds and Ron Trimper; Chief Administrative Officer A. Keith Robicheau; and Administrative Assistant Carolyn Young.

Also

Present: Municipal Solicitor Bruce Gillis; Municipal Services Director Laurie Emms; and Coordinator of Planning and Development Control Albert Dunphy.

Absent: Municipal Clerk Jacquie Farrow-Lawrence

Minutes

MOTION 060516.01 Minutes: March 21-06 and April 18-06 Regular Sessions

Councillor Fowler moved, seconded by Councillor Anderson, that the minutes of the regular sessions of Council held on March 21, 2006, and April 18, 2006, be approved as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

Additions to the Agenda

It was the consensus that the following item be added to the agenda for May 17th: under Other Business-4(B) Shaw Wood Industries Closure.

Reports and Recommendations:

Re: Municipal Solicitor

- **Monthly Report** - A report dated May 10th was received from the Municipal Solicitor advising of the following legal activities during the past month:
 - *NS Power/Raven Haven* – Letter to Mark Sanford, NSPI re Payment.
 - *NS Human Rights Commission-Mann* – Travel to Halifax, perusal and review of Respondents and Appellants Fact in preparation for Appeal Hearing. Court attendance for Hearing of Appeal and presentation of arguments and rebuttal. Letter to CAO, receipt of decision and Order and reporting to K. Robicheau.
 - *Lifeplex Facility-Blunden Construction Ltd.* – Letters between counsel confirming amounts to be paid and undertakings and Ministerial approval. Letter to J. Armstrong.
 - *Dogs Running at Large-V. Grace* – Phone conference, reaching settlement and Court attendance for guilty pleas and sentencing. Letter to Clerk.
 - *Bylaw Enforcement* – Phone conference with Clerk re Bylaw enforcement personnel.
 - *Nictaux Sewer Claim* – Receipt & perusal of correspondence from V. Gennette re Nictaux sewer claim. Phone conference with L. Emms, letter to insurance adjuster denying liability under *MGA*.
 - *Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement* – receipt and perusal of documentation from V. Gennette and reply re draft agreement.

MOTION 060516.02 Monthly Report of Municipal Solicitor

It was moved by Deputy-Warden Ritchie, seconded by Councillor Terauds, that the monthly report of the Municipal Solicitor be accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Annual Report** – The Municipal Solicitor submitted an annual report for services provided during the past year as follows:
 - *NS Human Rights Commission-Mann*: Litigation claim by the NS Human Rights Commission for the County or its Councillors to provide information respecting the private and confidential discussions about removal of a member from the East End Area Planning Advisory

Committee. Application before the Supreme Court consumed 3 days last summer and substantial research on some very fine points of law regarding human rights, the *Charter of Rights*, solicitor/client privilege and the procedural requirements to have all parties before the Court. The trial judge filed a written decision in November finding against the County and ordering Councillors to produce information, but an Appeal to the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal was successful in having the decision overturned and the Order quashed.

- *Utility & Review Board-Griffiths Boundary Appeal*: The County provided evidence at the Town's four-day Hearing respecting the western boundary with the County, resulting in successfully establishing the boundary as it had always been accepted by both municipal units.
- *Tax Sale-March*: Searched titles before setting up the sale which occurred in early March, with 7 properties being sold for taxes.
- *Basin Wellness Society-Lifeplex Facility*: Significant time spent giving advice and monitoring the arrangements with respect to the financial difficulties which the Association was having, resulting in the County obtaining taking tile subject to certain agreements and conditions with the contractor, who is now back on-site and in the process of completing the work.
- *Routine Matters* – Many routine matters have taken place by way of short advice to the Clerk and other members of staff.
- *Prosecutions* – A number of prosecutions have taken place under the various Bylaws with success in each case.
- *Transfer of Lands* – Advice given respecting the transfer of lands for recreation purposes to the County and reviews of numerous proposed Agreements and arrangements in order to check for potential legal problems.

Councillor Vitiello thanked the Solicitor for his diligence over the past year.

MOTION 060516.03 Annual Report of Municipal Solicitor - Approve

Deputy-Warden Ritchie move, seconded by Councillor Terauds, that the annual report of the Municipal Solicitor be accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Planning Advisory Committee (May 9th meeting)

• ***Development Agreement – MacBETH's Grooming and Boarding Kennels***

MOTION 060516.04 MacBETH's Grooming & Boarding Kennels Development Agreement

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Annapolis County Planning Advisory Committee; it was moved by Councillor Terauds, seconded by Councillor Wilkins, that Municipal Council give notice of first reading of Council's intention to enter into a development agreement with MacBETH'S Grooming and Boarding Kennels and that Municipal Council hold a statutory Public Hearing to discuss Municipal Council's intention to enter into a development agreement with MacBETH'S Grooming and Boarding Kennels. The date of the Public Hearing is to be June 13, 2006, at 11:00 am in the Council Chambers of the Annapolis Royal Municipal Administration Building followed by a special session of Council. Motion carried unanimously.

• ***Lawrencetown Water Supply Municipal Planning Strategy & Land Use Bylaw***

MOTION 060516.05 Lawrencetown Water Supply MPS/LUB Public Meeting

Upon motion of Councillor Milo, seconded by Councillor McWade, it was resolved that Municipal Council set aside June 14, 2006, as a date for a Planning Advisory Committee sponsored Public Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Lawrencetown Volunteer Fire Department in consideration of Municipal Council's intention to adopt the proposed Lawrencetown

Water Supply Area Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Committee of the Whole (May 9th Meeting)

- ***Regional Development Agency***

- **MOTION 060516.06 Regional Development Agency – Letter to Minister**

- Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole; it was moved by Deputy-Warden Ritchie, seconded by Councillor Vitiello, that a letter be sent to the Hon. Kerry Morash, Minister of Economic Development, advising that the Municipality of the County of Annapolis, in cooperation with other municipalities in this region, proposes to prepare and adopt a regional development strategy and requests that the Minister establish a regional community development agency for the area consistent with the *Regional Community Development Act*. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Community Recreation Grant Program***

- **MOTION 060516.07 Community Recreation Grant Program – RCL Bridgetown**

- In accordance with the recommendation of Staff and Committee of the Whole; Deputy-Warden Ritchie moved, seconded by Councillor McWade, that Municipal Council approve a grant in the amount of \$500 to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 33 Bridgetown from the 2006-07 Community Recreation Grant Program. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Tender Award – Margaretsville Water Storage Tank***

- **MOTION 060516.08 Margaretville Water Storage Tank – Tender Award**

- As recommended by Staff and Committee of the Whole; it was moved by Deputy-Warden Ritchie, seconded by Councillor Connell, that the contract for the Margaretville Treated Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project be awarded to the lowest bidder, Annapolis Maintenance Services Ltd, for the tendered price of \$39,035.50 plus HST for a total of \$44,890.82. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Annapolis Valley Exhibition***

- **MOTION 060516.09 Annapolis Valley Exhibition – Permission to Cut Timber**

- In accordance with the recommendation from Committee of the Whole; Deputy-Warden Ritchie moved, seconded by Councillor Fowler, that Municipal Council approve in principle the concept of allowing the Annapolis Valley Exhibition to cut timber on municipal property in accordance with terms and conditions to be set out by the Municipal Services Director. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation Board***

- **MOTION 060516.10 Soldiers Memorial Hosp. Foundation Bd. – Appoint Representative**

- As recommended by Committee of the Whole; it was moved by Deputy-Warden Ritchie, seconded by Councillor Milo, that Councillor Marilyn Wilkins, the current municipal representative on the Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation Board, be reappointed for an additional two years until June 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Hanse Society & Upper Clements Park***

MOTION 060516.11 Hanse Society & Upper Clements Park – Letter of Support

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole; Deputy-Warden Ritchie moved, seconded by Councillor McWade, that Municipal Council send a letter of support for the Hanse Society and Upper Clements Park urging the Provincial Government to enter into a new operating lease upon expiration of the existing lease in February of 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Fowler removed himself from the table for the following motion (He is the Fire Chief of the Port Lorne Volunteer Fire Department).

- ***Port Lorne Volunteer Fire Department***

MOTION 060516.12 Port Lorne Vol. Fire Dept. – Pymt from Fire Services Reserve Fund

In accordance with the recommendation of the CAO and Committee of the Whole; it was moved by Deputy-Warden Ritchie, seconded by Councillor McWade, that Municipal Council authorize a payment of \$86,622 from the Fire Services Reserve Fund to the Port Lorne Volunteer Fire Department in the 2006-07 fiscal year to assist with the purchase of a new fire truck. Motion carried unanimously.

In accordance with the recommendation of the CAO and Committee of the Whole; Deputy-Warden Ritchie moved, seconded by Councillor Terauds, that Council approve in principle a five-year, \$100,000 loan from the Fire Services Reserve Fund to the Port Lorne Volunteer Fire Department at Nova Scotia Municipal Finance corporation rates of interest applicable at March 31, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Deep Brook Sewer Survey – Preliminary Assessment***

MOTION 060516.13 Deep Brook Sewer Survey – Preliminary Assessment

Pursuant to the recommendation of Committee of the Whole; it was moved by Deputy-Warden Ritchie, seconded by Councillor McWade, that Municipal Council authorize Staff to conduct a survey of Deep Brook residents whose properties abut Highway #1 west of Cornwallis Park respecting existing on-site sewage systems, and that Staff prepare a preliminary assessment (environmental & public health need, resident interest, and technical & financial feasibility issues) of a municipal sewage collection system. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Special Committee of the Whole (May 16th Meeting)

- ***2006-07 Budget – General Operating Fund***

MOTION 060516.14 2006-07 General Operating Fund - Approved

In accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee and Committee of the Whole; it was moved by Deputy-Warden Ritchie, seconded by Councillor Milo, that Municipal Council approve the 2006-07 General Operating Fund Budget, totaling \$11,804,520 as presented by the CAO and tax rates of \$0.95 Residential/Resource and \$1.80 Commercial.

It was moved by Councillor Terauds, seconded by Councillor Connell, to amend the motion to reflect that 25% of deed transfer tax be designated to the Culture and Reserve Fund each year. Amendment defeated.

The original motion was called: Motion carried (10 in favour, 1 against – Terauds voted against the motion because the recently-proposed provincial budget implications which could reduce the County's fiscal commitment).

- ***Five-Year Capital Budget – 2006-07 to 2010-11***

MOTION 060516.15 2006-07 to 2010-11 Five Year Capital Budget - Approved

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Finance Committee and Committee of the Whole, Deputy-Warden Ritchie moved, seconded by Terauds, that Municipal Council approve the 5-Year Capital Budget as presented by the CAO, thereby approving in principle the projects in Years 2 to 5 and approving the 2006-07 capital projects, excluding the Lifeplex Wellness Centre which was previously approved by Council. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Interest Rate on Tax Water and Sewer Accounts***

MOTION 060516.16 Interest Rate on Tax, Water & Sewer Accounts – Approve

In accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee and Committee of the Whole; it was moved by Deputy-Warden Ritchie, seconded by Councillor Milo, that Municipal Council increase the interest rate on delinquent accounts from 10% to 12%. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Levying and Collection of the Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2006-07***

MOTION 060516.17 Levying & Collection of Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2006-07

Deputy-Warden Ritchie moved, seconded by Councillor Terauds, that Municipal Council approve a resolution authorizing the levying and collection of the 2006-07 taxes based upon rates of \$0.95 residential and \$1.80 commercial per \$100 of assessment; a due date of July 1, 2006, after which interest will be charged at the rate of 12% per annum. Motion carried unanimously. See Schedule A to the minutes

- ***Grants to Organizations***

It was moved by Deputy-Warden Ritchie, seconded by Councillor Vitiello, to approve the following grants to organizations:

- *King's Theatre Society (Annual Operating Grant)* – A grant in the amount of \$1,000;
- *King's Theatre Society (Strategic & Business Plans)* – A one-time grant of \$1,000 to assist with this project;
- *Annapolis County Trails Society & South Shore Annapolis Valley Recreational Trails Association* – A 3-year annual grant of \$5,000 to each of these organizations from the Special Reserve for Culture and Recreation;
- *Cornwallis Reunion Association / Royal Canadian Naval Association Reunion* – A letter to be forwarded offering each organization an event sponsorship of \$500 along with a request for an appropriate sponsorship acknowledgement;
- *Canadian Mental Health Association (Annapolis County Branch Young Parents Support Group)* – Deny their request and forward a letter wishing them well with their project and noting that health care funding is a responsibility of the Provincial Government;

- Companion Animal Protection Society-Annapolis County (CAPS) – A grant of up to \$10,250 to CAPS for disbursement in accordance with past practice and based in part upon the number of animals taken from the pound by the Society;
 - Team TNR – A grant of up to \$5,000 with disbursements being made upon submission of appropriate documentation to the Municipal Clerk based upon a per cat amount of \$45;
 - Annapolis District Board of Trade (Web Site Development/Destination Marketing) – This request be denied and a letter be forwarded apprising the Board of Trade that this project does not fit within the County’s strategy for marketing the region; and
 - Re: 2006-07 Grants to Organizations – Approve the list of grants to organizations as attached. **(see Schedule B)**
- Motion carried unanimously.

Annual Reports:

Re: Heritage Advisory Committee – Councillor Marilyn Wilkins, Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee, noted the goals of the Committee are: 1. to promote heritage through tourism; and 2. to foster or create an awareness of heritage in Annapolis County. She reported that during the past year the Committee worked toward reaching those goals through the following projects:

- **Contribution of Past Member** - The Chair recognized the recent death of past HAC member Laird Fairn, whose wife Dena is a current HAC member.
- **2005 Projects** – 2005 was a busy year for the Committee who oversaw the Special Events & Projects Funding (SEF) Grant program, which provided \$750 grants for eligible individuals and community groups, and \$2000 grants for eligible regional organizations. Eighty applications were approved for a total amount of \$73,003.
- **400th Celebrations** – Major events hosted by the County included the 400th Birthday celebrations on July 23rd, and the closing of the time capsule at December Council (to be opened in 2030).
- **Plaques Properties** – The Apple House, Carleton Corner and St. Marks Anglican Church in Moschelle were added to the Municipal Registry of Heritage Properties.
- **Mathieu DeCosta Challenge and Mathieu DeCosta Youth Conference** – Committee was unsuccessful in bring the annual national Mathieu DeCosta Challenge to Nova Scotia, but were pleased to sponsor the Mathieu DeCosta African Heritage Youth Conference in partnership with local organizations which took place in January in Middleton.

She concluded by noting the Heritage Advisory Committee will continue to work towards our mandate of heritage promotion, preservation and education and thanked the various committee members and Administrative Services Staff for their support and interest. Councillor Milo noted Council’s appreciation on having Councillor Wilkins serve as Chair of this Committee.

MOTION 060516.18 Annual Report: Heritage Advisory Committee - Approved

Councillor Wilkins moved, seconded by Councillor Fowler, to accept the annual report of the Heritage Advisory Committee as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Annapolis County Fire Services Association – President Russell Macintosh Sr. thanked Municipal Council for their continued support over the past year, and noted the following statistics:

- 293 personnel, including 42 new members, and 32 members lost (retired, etc)
- 36 personnel received special training at the Fire school and Level 1 training.
- 323 calls were answered, taking 6995 man hours;
- 13,738 hours have been spent on training, and 10,623 on fundraising
- \$1,428,000 property loss.

Additional costs continue to arise with regards to grass and woods fires due to downsizing at the Provincial level.

Deputy-Warden Ritchie commended the Annapolis County Fire Services Association on their remarkable, dedicated volunteers.

MOTION 060516.19 Annual Report: Annapolis County Fire Services - Approved
Councillor Terauds moved, seconded by Councillor Anderson to accept the annual report of Annapolis County Fire Services with thanks. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Trans County Transportation Society – General Manager Debbie Decker thanked the County for support over the past year and provided the following update:

- A new, 2005 wheelchair-accessible van was purchased.
- Service has grown and changed, including new contracts with the Annapolis Valley Regional School Board and a proposed partnership with Mountain Lea Lodge.
- Memberships, drivers and revenue have all increased.

MOTION 060516.20 Annual Report: Trans County Transportation Society – Approve
It was moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Terauds, to accept the report of the Trans County Transportation Society, and commend Ms. Decker on the TCTS's tremendous growth. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Kings Transit Authority – General Manager Brian Hackett provide the following year-end report:

- Ridership & Revenue
 - *Bridgetown/Greenwood Route* – continues to be an exceptional route.
 - Ridership – 60,618 (budgeted 60,000)
 - Revenue – \$130,105 (budgeted \$111,000)
 - Repairs/maintenance down because of new bus; the municipal subsidy dropping this year and there is an anticipated rise in fuel costs.
 - *Bridgetown/Cornwallis Route* – continues to show improvement
 - Ridership – 23,024 (budgeted 19,000)
 - Revenue – \$48,175 (budgeted \$35,340)
 - Fuel – higher amount because it makes more runs than other route.
 - Maintenance costs are up because this is an older bus. The projected deficit is mostly due to fuel.
- Municipal Contributions – He noted that they will be seeking an additional \$30,000 in municipal contributions.
- Bike racks – These have been installed on some buses and this enhancement is meeting with success.

Councillor Trimper noted that other regions have been requesting input from Kings Transit because they are known to have such successful projects. The CAO offered his congratulations on a job well done.

MOTION 060516.21 Annual Report: Kings Transit Authority - Approved
Councillor Trimper moved, seconded by Councillor Terauds, to accept the annual report of Kings Transit Authority with thanks. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointments:

Re: Annual Appointments for 2006-07

MOTION 060516.22 2006-07 Annual Appointments - Approved
Councillor Anderson moved; seconded by Councillor Terauds, that the following annual appointments be approved as listed:

- Bruce Gillis as Municipal Solicitor
- Russell Mackintosh and Danny Wright as Building Inspectors.
- Russell Mackintosh and Danny Wright as Fire Inspectors.
- Albert Dunphy as Development Officer and Cheryl Oxner as Alternate.
- Ron Sabeau as Animal Control Officer
- Daniel Bruce as Sheep Valuer.

- Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business:

Re: “Pawn Shop, Buy-Sell and Second-Hand Business Legislation Discussion Paper” – A letter (dated April 25th) was received from the Hon. Murray Scott, M.B., Minister of Justice and Attorney General, providing a copy of the aforementioned discussion paper. He stated the paper contains the recommendations of a committee made up of police officers, provincial staff and a representative of the Public Prosecution Service, and which is backed by the Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police Association. It recommends legislation that would require electronic reporting of certain pawn transactions and second-hand purchases, which would be available to police for tracking stolen goods and dealing with property crime. The Minister encouraged Council to review the paper, discuss it with the police service, and submit a response. The CAO noted this is not an issue at this time. Councillor Anderson moved, seconded by Councillor Fowler, to accept for information. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Re: Proclamation of June as ‘Recreation Month’

MOTION 060516.23 Proclamation “June is Recreation Month” - Approved

Deputy-Warden Ritchie moved, seconded by Councillor Connell, that June be declared as “Recreation Month” in the County of Annapolis. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Municipal Services Committee-Motion of Intent

MOTION 060516.24 Municipal Services (P & P) Committee-Motion of Intent Withdrawn

Pursuant to the seven (7) day notice of intent given at the May 9th Committee of the Whole meeting; Councillor McWade moved, seconded by Councillor Terauds, that Municipal Council amend the AM 1.2.2 *Standing, Special & Advisory Committees Policy* to remove the Municipal Services (Priorities & Planning) Committee and have those functions assigned to Committee of the Whole.

After discussion, Councillor McWade withdrew the motion.

MOTION 060516.25 Priority Setting-Hold Facilitated Discussion

It was moved by Councillor Wilkins, seconded by Councillor Terauds, that a day be set aside to invite a facilitated discussion for Council to determine its priorities. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn for Lunch

Whereas the morning agenda had been completed, Deputy-Warden Ritchie moved, seconded by Councillor McWade, to adjourn for lunch at 12:25 p.m. Council reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with all Councillors present as previously stated.

Annual Reports (cont'd)

Re: Annapolis Valley Regional Library – Mr. David Witherly, Regional Librarian, gave the following report for the Annapolis Valley Regional Library:

- *Mobile Branch Service* – The Regional Library provides 71 regular community stops. Regular calls also made to several senior residences and daycare centres. Seven schools receive regular service from the mobile branch, enabling the deposit of boxes of books at the schools for class and home use.
- *Automation and Circulation* – The popularity of the virtual library and the use of on-line services continues to increase. There are more than 20,000 visits per month on the Library website. The total circulation in all branches in 2005-06 was 583,244 (the 13th straight year the circulation has been over half a million).
- *Future Developments* – A Provincial Librarian was appointed in September. Initiatives of this position are to determine planning over the next several years, by holding meetings around the province. The meeting held in our region was well attended by both public and board members.
- *Budget* – The funding process remains uncertain for this fiscal year. Annapolis County's contribution this year is \$96,132.

Warden Newton thanked Mr. Witherly for his annual report.

MOTION 060516.26 Annual Report: Annapolis Valley Regional Library - Approved

Councillor McWade moved, seconded by Councillor Terauds, that the annual report of the Annapolis Valley Regional Library be accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Annapolis County Municipal Housing Corporation –

- ***Mountain Lea Lodge*** – Administrator Larry Marsters presented the following annual report for Mountain Lea Lodge:
 - *Per Diem Rates* – April 2005 per diem rates were \$143.62 and \$150.37 at the end of March 2006.
 - *Patient Statistics* – During the year, 89 persons were admitted, 49 persons died and there were 40 permanent discharges. Population at year end was 103 with three empty beds that were subsequently filled in January.
 - *Building Maintenance* – new arjo tubs and lifts were installed and the smoke room has been converted to a private area for family visits.
 - *Service Centres* – Information was provided regarding dietary department, maintenance department, activity department and administration department

Mr. Marsters expressed appreciation to Board Chair Councillor Wilkins, the members of the Board, the CAO and Staff, and noted that this will be his last report before his retirement on July 7th, after 29 years of service. Councillor Wilkins noted appreciation for the homey atmosphere of the Lodge, as opposed to being just a facility.

MOTION 060516.27 Annual Report: Mountain Lea Lodge - Approved

It was moved by Councillor Wilkins, seconded by Councillor Fowler, that the annual report of Mountain Lea Lodge be accepted as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Adult Residential Centre & Supervised Apartments***

Mr. Paul Campbell, Administrator, presented the following annual reports for both the Adult Residential Centre and Supervised Home:

- *Statistical Information* – Per diem at the ARC remains at \$127.30. Resident occupancy was 95%, with 6 admissions, 6 discharges and 2 deaths. The average age of clients is 56.
- *Services/Human Resources* – An update was provided for the Administrative Services, Client Services, Staff Education, Occupational Health & Safety, Personnel Achievements, and Building Maintenance & Capital Expenditures.

- *Satellite Services – The Day Program* served 2 young clients who had multiple challenges. The *Community Support Services Program and Apartment Option Program* assisted 13 clients in the Kingston to Bridgetown area.
- *Other Information* – The un-audited financial statement of March 31, 2006, indicated a combined operating deficit of \$145,911.30 for all programs for year 2005-06. Funding was received from Dept of Community Services to assist with the accumulated deficit.
- *Supervised Apartments* - Assisted living was provided for 8 clients. The per diem rate at Supervised Apartments remained at \$86.34 and an enhanced rate of \$129.44. Resident occupancy was 80% with 1 discharge. The average client age is 38.

The Administrator expressed appreciation for the Board's strong support and commitment to the principles and values of the organizations as well as services and support provided by County Staff. Warden thanked Mr. Campbell and commended him on the excellent job he has done.

MOTION 060516.28 Annual Report: Adult Res. Centre and Supervised Apts.-Approved

Upon motion of Councillor Wilkins, seconded by Councillor Terauds, it was resolved that the annual report for the Adult Residential Centre and Supervised Home be accepted as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Municipal Services Director – Laurie Emms, Municipal Services Director, provided the following annual report:

- **Public Works** – There were 2,252 equivalent units in the 7 sewer systems and 606 customers for the 3 water utilities. An overview of the operating performance of the sewer and water systems was presented. The County maintains (through contracts) 10.8 kilometers of streets and associated drainage systems in South Farmington, Wilmot and Cornwallis Park as well as sidewalks in Granville Ferry, Cornwallis Park and on the Hampton Mountain Road. Concerning the contract with CUPE Local 4549, there were no work stoppages or grievances filed in 2005-06.
- **Planning Services** – Concerning municipal planning strategies, the Lawrencetown Water Supply Area MPS is expected to be adopted in 2006. Development control activity indicators noted 326 in 2005-06 as compared to 301 in 2004-05. Statistics for building inspection activity were given for the past three years (477 in 2005-06, 459 in 2004-05; and 377 in 2003-04). Building and Fire Inspection services were integrated in February 2005 (18 fire inspections were carried out in 2005-06).
- **Civic Addressing & GIS Applications** – A summary of the civic numbering activity for the past two years indicated 106 in 2005-06 versus 85 in 2004-05. Mapping was provided for the preliminary Electoral District Boundary Review and Tax Sale, and Annapolis County Road Atlases were provided to Emergency Service Responders.
- **Capital Projects and Engineering** – Highlights were given for engineering projects in 2005-06 and the status of various capital projects was indicated.
- **Administration** – The operational areas within which Planning Services provides administrative support were listed, and human resources statistics were given with respect to production, education & training, sick time, and vacation & statutory holidays.
- **Recreation Services** – As an arranger of services, the Recreation Services Group provided training, guidance and support was provided to over 70 community and similar groups which were listed. The regular events and programs that were organized or for which organizational support were noted, with the Annapolis County Active Living Program being a major program. The various publications either developed or contracted out by Recreation Services were indicated as well as some of the promotional partners. 2005-06 saw a start to re-define the Municipal Policy related to linear trails and the abandoned rail rights-of-way in Annapolis County. Also, the pathways for the Future” Project was initiated, and will provide the identification and mapping of abandoned road and trails rights-of-ways that may be integrated into a hiking and cycling network. Hebb's Landing was officially opened, the County accepted ownership of the Lower Granville Recreation Commission's Hollow Mountain Park property, and preliminary discussions were held with Bowater Mersey regarding some of the properties that they have elected to sell.

MOTION 060516.29 Annual Report: Municipal Services Director - Approved
Deputy-Warden Ritchie moved; seconded by Councillor Vitiello, to approve the annual report of the Municipal Services Director as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Chief Administrative Officer –The Chief Administrative Officer was not able to present his report at this time.

It was moved by Councillor Vitiello, seconded by Councillor Milo, that the report of the CAO be tabled until it can be presented by the CAO. Motion carried unanimously.

Recess

Upon motion of Deputy-Warden Ritchie, seconded by Councillor Wilkins, a brief recess was held.

Presentations:

Re: Bear River Innovation, Development & Growth Society (B.R.I.D.G.S.) – Mr. Hal Theriault, Coordinator of the Bear River Cultural Center, introduced Chair John Malmström who addressed Council as follows:

- Bear River has made strides towards sustainable develop (improvements and revitalization). The need for a youth centre was identified, and due to fundraising efforts, a facility will be opening soon.
- It was noted that a community economic development strategy document is needed in order to seek additional funding, and the Office of Economic Development requires that support must be demonstrated from the municipalities for Bear River.
- A cover letter from BRIDGS was provided and a copy of the “vision document”.
- The cost to develop a plan will be \$15,000 to \$25,000.

It was the consensus of Council to accept the information of BRIDGS as presented.

Re: Bear River Economic Development Society (BREDS) – Mrs. Glendean Parker, Secretary of BREDS, provided a brief history of BREDS. The building they occupy needs to be renovated - currently houses a restaurant, an insurance business, two low-income apartments, a community meeting location for youth and is the site of a new Farmer’s Market. The Society desires to continue ownership of the facility as it perceives that this resource is a viable part of the economic health of Bear River. Several items were noted which are necessary in order for the building to remain viable (support beams & posts, electrical, decking, painting, plumbing & sewage, and apartment upgrades) at a cost of \$60,000. BREDS wishes to keep building in the community to maintain the historic and cultural significance.

A letter of support from Mr. Adrian Potter was circulated (who was also in attendance today).

Mrs. Parker asked Council to consider emergency funding and ongoing future support, and thanked Council for the opportunity to address them today.

Reports and Recommendations: (cont’d)

Re: Special Committee of the Whole (May 16th Meeting)

- ***East End Area Advisory Committee Request re Sewer & Water Infrastructure*** - A letter was received from Chair David Olive, requesting a response by the end of May as to whether Municipal Council will make a commitment to develop a strategy to provide sewer and water collection in the east end, which will impact how their Committee will proceed with the secondary review of the East End Plan.

MOTION 060516.30 East End Area Advisory Committee-Sewer & Water Collection

Councillor Wilkins moved, seconded by Councillor Milo, that Municipal Council forward a letter to Chair David Olive indicating that \$30,000 has been set aside for a pollution control study and that a one-day workshop is being planned where this item will be discussed. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Councillor Wilkins, seconded by Councillor Terauds, to acknowledge receipt of following correspondence and provide a response similar to one for David Olive:

- Stanley Boates – A letter (dated April 22nd) was received from Mr. Stanley Boates (and signed by an additional 9 individuals), urging Council to provide infrastructure in eastern Annapolis County.
- Parsons Investments Ltd. – Correspondence dated May 1st was received from Mr. Craig Parsons, in support of the recent request made by the East End Area Advisory Committee to have municipal services installed in the east end of the County.

- Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

It was moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Vitiello, that the following letters be received for information:

- Hon. Barry Bernet, Minister for African Nova Scotian Affairs (April 12th) – Commendation to Municipal Council for reflecting African Nova Scotians in the County's Coat of Arms.
- Mayor Ron Gullon, Town of Bridgetown (April 11th) – The Town is unable to make a financial commitment to the Lifeplex Wellness Centre project.
- Brian Holland, Clerk-Treasurer for the District of Barrington (May 1st) – A copy of a letter to the Premier of Nova Scotia, supporting the County of Annapolis resolution respecting volunteers.
- Dorothy Amirault, Team TNR (May 4th) – Updating Municipal Council on their continuing work with feral cats in the County.

- Motion carried unanimously.

Addendum Items/Wednesday Agenda:

Re: Annual Report: Valley Waste-Resource Management Authority – Ross Maybee, General Manager, was unable to attend, but submitted a written report highlighted by the following:

- Valley Waste has now completed 7th year of operations.
- While still achieving the provincial average in terms of waste diversions, VWRM's rate has dipped slightly below 40%.
- The General Manager received the 2006 award for Individual Excellence in Waste Reduction.
- 5229 tonnes (11.5 million pounds) of recyclables were collected and processed in the Region.
- Organics processing increased 6% to 7589 tonnes (16.7 million pounds) collected and processed within the Valley Region.
- Residential collection, special collections and cleanups and regular business at the management Centres resulted in an 8% increase in residual materials generated, with close to 8000 tonnes being shipped from Lawrencetown to Chester, and close to 17,500 tonnes moving from Kentville to Chester.
- The multi-year disposal agreement for second generation landfill came into effect on Jan. 1, 2006.

- Several major illegal dump site clean ups took place, including Delaps Cove and Harbourville.
- The Bylaw/Policy enforcement program has been given credit as a major piece in supporting appropriate waste management. After seven years of operation, an increased level of enforcement is warranted, especially in dealing with chronic offenders.

MOTION 060516.31 Annual Report: Valley Waste-Resource Mgmt Authority– Approved
Councillor Terauds moved, seconded by Councillor Trimper, that the foregoing report be approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: UNSM Spring Conference - Councillor McWade noted a presentation from the conference regarding women and family violence in PEI which was recognized this as a community issue with awareness raised through a “Help Stamp Out Family Violence” bumper-sticker campaign.

MOTION 060516.32 Violence Against Women & Families: Info from Charlottetown
It was moved by Councillor McWade, seconded by Councillor Anderson, to send a letter requesting the information from the City of Charlottetown as presented at the UNSM Spring Conference. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Shaw Wood Industries Closure – Councillor McWade noted the closure of Shaw Wood Industries has heavily impacted his constituents. After reviewing information, he would like better information regarding the closure of the plant; i.e. – why is a state-of-the- art plant closing due to the loss of a major account. Councillor McWade requested that the Warden meet with as soon as possible with N.S. Business Inc. and the Dept of Economic Development so that a reasonable and quick response can be provided to County residents. The Warden responded that such meetings are being arranged.

Re: Policy for Presentation of Annual Reports -

MOTION 060516.33 Presentation of Annual Reports Policy to be Developed- Approved
Councillor Anderson moved, seconded by Councillor Terauds, that Staff be authorized to draft a policy for the provision of annual reports, specifically that reports be sent on paper one week in advance of the respective Council session (to be circulated at Committee of the Whole), and that the presenter come to highlight important issues and details so that the report is not read verbatim and more time can be allowed for prepared questions of Councillors. Motion carried: 6 in favour, 5 against.

Adjournment

Council adjourned at 4:20 p.m. upon motion of Councillor Vitiello, seconded by Councillor Trimper, and it was agreed that Annual Session of Council did not need to meet for a second day on May 17th. Motion carried unanimously.