

Transcript - Province protection of wilderness (Sandy Point)

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[00:00:00] Penny Smith (Warden)

Okay, it is 6 o'clock and we'll call our council meeting to order and welcome everyone this evening. Our first item of business is the approval of the agenda of June 10th, 2026. And we have had one edition requested from Councillor Richardson and we'll put it under 8V. Trails, the Roseway River Trail and Jordan Trail. Are there any other items to be included on the agenda? Councillor Thororoughlyne. I'm just on acceptance acceptance of the minutes.

[00:00:38] c. Sherry Thorburn Irvine

I was just going to note a correction.

[00:00:40] Penny Smith (Warden)

Okay, so we'll do our agenda first and then we'll move on to that item. Thank you. Sure. Any other items to include on the agenda? If not, if we can have a motion to approve the agenda as amended, please.

[00:00:54] c. Ron Coole

Thank you.

[00:00:57] Penny Smith (Warden)

Thank you. It's been moved and seconded. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. I mean, those opposed no motion is carried. Okay. Moving on to acceptance of the minutes of May 27th, 2026. Are there any changes required to those minutes? And I believe Councillor Thorbener-Vine, you had an item. Thank you.

[00:01:18] c. Sherry Thorburn Irvine

Just could we note that I was absent for that council meeting. I had a health issue that came up and couldn't attend. Thank you. Thank you.

[00:01:30] Penny Smith (Warden)

Anything further? If not, we can accept the minutes as amended. Moving on to business arising from the minutes. Anything to come before council this evening? Hearing none, we'll move on to presentations. We have one this evening, my con director of planning and development for the town of Shelton will be presenting this evening regarding the bulk water fill station proposal. Welcome. And we will do a round of introductions because I'm not sure, Mr. Khan, if you know everyone around the council table. So I'm Penny Smith. I'm the warden for the municipality of Shalburn and Councillor for district two. And that covers the communities from Roseway through to Reed's Hill. And I'll move to my far left, please.

[00:02:20] c. Dale Richardson

Dale Richardson for district seven, which takes from County line through the communities right through into law board corner.

[00:02:30] c. Ron Coole

wrong call district six from law for corner basically all west head all the way into East Jordan, including East Jordan.

[00:02:45] c. Sherry Thorburn Irvine

Hi, Mike. So my name is Sherry Thorben Irvine. I'm the district three counselor for Sandy Point. And that's town line to approximately, I think the civic is 2272.

[00:02:59] Heidi Wagner (Deputy Warden)

Thank you, Wagner, Deputy Warden District 5. I do lower sandy point right to East Jordan Falls.

[00:03:08] c. Paula Sutherland

Good evening, Paula Sutherland, District 1, Beaver Dam to Red Dead Road.

[00:03:16] c. Angie Shand

Angie Shean for District 4, which is West Town, Ohio, along the highway to Woodland Drive and through that area.

[00:03:26] Nicole Blades

Nicole Blades, Executive Assistant.

[00:03:29] Penny Smith (Warden)

Thank you very much and we do have staff that have joined us virtually this evening as well. So welcome and the floor is yours.

[00:03:38] Mike Kahn

Thank you. Good evening, Council. I'm here this evening to talk about a potential bulk fill station for the Shelburne area. On the next slide we can see there is an example of the bulk fill station in Yarmouth. Some of the things to note in that picture are the gravel along the edge of the paved surfaces to allow for drainage, the concrete pad that the unit is sitting on, the posts around it to protect it from vehicles backing into it. as well as the drainage as well around the concrete pad itself. And you'll notice there's a hose one and a hose two. So there is the ability to bring in other sizes as well. So the overhead arm there is a two-inch line that would be used to fill water cubes and water trucks. That other hose one location could be used for sort of a junk type arrangement. The current ones that the town is looking at won't include a junk fill, but could easily be retrofitted like the picture shows there to include a junk fill. On the next slide, we can see the sort of overall sketch and just sort of how much space it takes up. It takes up approximately 55 meters by 30 meters or 180 feet by 100 feet. So that's kind of the footprint we would be looking at. One of the key pieces from looking at other areas is good traffic flow because you're going to have a number of people most likely with trailers. You want to make sure the traffic can flow around the station quite easily, otherwise you're going to wind up with a lot of traffic. So, we're looking at different locations in town, but on the next slide is sort of our first blush at where we would think it would go near the community center, but not adjacent to the community center. Going back to those sort of traffic concerns, I would, the concern is that it would vlog the community center if there were people there or if the fire trucks needed to get out. We wouldn't, of course, want people with water trailers blocking the way. So that's one of the potential locations. We are going to be looking at public engagement on other locations, another location that was considered was by the Shovern wastewater treatment plant, their space there, and their water main there. Next up we have the cost of the bulk fill station. So the actual sort of box itself is 87,000 and then it's another 90,000 to prepare the site around it. There's a contingency on the civil work, so the paving, the concrete and whatnot. And there's also a note on the first two years of operations because the bulk fill station has some additional cost related to it directly, the water utility can't charge back for it, so that would be a loss to the water utility if we didn't cover off that for \$800. That brings us to Gishai of \$200,000 for the bulk fuel station. On the next slide, it talks about how we're considering upfunding it. We've already taken a look at the Green Municipal Fund, rapid adaptation, and unfortunately, we do not qualify. We don't qualify as the federal government requires us to water away, but the provincial government requires us to charge for the water, so we are not able to access that grant. We are looking at the sustainable community challenge fund SCC F which would fund scenario one 159,800 and would lead both municipalities to fund 20,000 themselves. The second scenario has been allocated by the town of Schullberg 62,500. That would enable a potential for a lower grant like a GMF grant. or potentially for a surcharge. So potentially there could be, say, a dollar or two a cube added in surcharge and that would fund the actual station itself. However, that approach requires UARB approval. So it would not be very timely to go down that route to do the surcharge route. There's also the risk that it would discourage people from using it if the chart was too high. And that I believe is it for the presentation. I'm happy to take questions.

[00:07:03] Penny Smith (Warden)

Okay, thank you very much for that. I've got a couple of mics to lit up here so we'll start with Councillor Richardson.

[00:07:13] c. Dale Richardson

So this is a bulk water station? Yes. I guess my main question would be is there any opportunity for citizens or people with one gallon, two gallon, five gallon jugs to fill?

[00:07:28] Mike Kahn

So as this proposed right now, that wouldn't be possible. Part of the reason behind that is the UARB requires us to charge for the water and the minimum charge is \$50. So even if someone came forward with a four-liter jug, we would have to charge them \$50. We're looking into getting our water rate study. The town has to go forward for water rate study within the next two years anyways, and so we would get that updated. Town of Yarmouth for their part did get that updated so they could now not have to charge at their minimum charge is now \$5. Not 50. Part of the rationale is to why that \$50 minimum charge is there is as originally envisioned a bulk fill would require a staff person to actually show up and physically meter the water. So that's why that is there. So someone had asked for four liters to be needed by a person, they would have cost \$50. So unfortunately that's the way it is but we are looking at addressing that.

[00:08:14] c. Dale Richardson

It's unfortunate because I think we're supposing that we've heard a lot of interest from the public at large for those individual water deliveries or pick up, so thank you.

[00:08:30] Penny Smith (Warden)

Thank you, Councillor Coul.

[00:08:32] c. Dale Richardson

A lot to me.

[00:08:34] Penny Smith (Warden)

That's okay. Councillor Thorver-Neil-Hare.

[00:08:37] c. Sherry Thorburn Irvine

So thank you, Mike. I guess, you know, we're really looking at ultimately being able to deliver water in the reality of our drought scenarios going forward. and we recently had a presentation on desalination. And so there's a cause to both of those. Has the town considered the desalination option at all?

[00:08:59] Mike Kahn

No, the town has access to a plentiful water supply at Lake Romney.

[00:09:02] c. Sherry Thorburn Irvine

Okay. Okay. Yeah. So I don't have any other questions at this point.

[00:09:09] Penny Smith (Warden)

Thank you. CAO.

[00:09:12] CAO MacLeod

Thank you, Warden, and thank you, Mike, for your presentation. Much appreciated. Mike, do you envision any circumstances whereby you would restrict customers from getting water from that bulk fill station?

[00:09:29] Mike Kahn

It's a good question. Most likely not, the UARB rules on how we can restrict access to water and things like that. The only scenario I would see would be a corporate customer who hadn't paid.

[00:09:42] CAO MacLeod

Okay. Thank you very much.

[00:09:43] Penny Smith (Warden)

Okay. I've got a couple that I'm going to go to my part of right now. And, Councillor Shan, I think you have a question or a comment. I have three questions.

[00:09:55] c. Angie Shand

Thanks, Julie. First one being who would service the system and complete water testing on the regular basis? Who would be responsible for that?

[00:10:04] Mike Kahn

The town of Shelburne's water utility would be, so we have a water operator who would be responsible for the bulk fill station. It does also effectively clean itself. So after each use it releases a little bit through and a little bit more water, so each time every person comes up, the receptacle is still clean.

[00:10:17] c. Angie Shand

So would there be any cost that would be asked for the municipality to participate in paying for any of that?

[00:10:23] Mike Kahn

No, the UARB through their rate for study would come out with a rate is this amount and that amount covers absolutely everything.

[00:10:30] c. Angie Shand

And how long would it take to build something like this?

[00:10:32] Mike Kahn

A couple of months.

[00:10:34] c. Angie Shand

So something like if everybody were into agreements to make it, it would be not something we'd see this summer type thing, it would be.

[00:10:41] Mike Kahn

The grant we're looking at, the SECF, the preliminary application closes at the end of this month, final application closes at the end of July, but decisions aren't until November. So November, we would hope to get a shovel on the ground if we were successful before the snow flies and go from there.

[00:10:56] c. Angie Shand

So once the original cost that you had spoke of, then there is no additional cost after that. So if something were to break in the system or something went wrong, how is the fees to cover that debuted offer? Who's responsibility is that?

[00:11:12] Mike Kahn

It's a water utility. The water utility will ultimately only asset. So the currently the town's water rate is \$8.32 per cubic meter, and that covers everything from the cost of the chemicals to the cost of maintenance of equipment. When we go to Ford for our next rate study, that rate will most likely go up and recover the eventualities sort of that you're speaking of. There's a generic water depreciation, which the town collects, which is for all other sort of eventualities, sort of like what you're alluding to. So that would be cover off that cost. It would not be an additional cost. The whole idea behind the water utility is it itself financing ones into set up.

[00:11:42] c. Angie Shand

So that we're just asking for the initial cost to set it up from the municipality. That would be the end on our portion of what would be required.

[00:11:50] Penny Smith (Warden)

So the capital costs. Thank you. Thank you. Definitely.

[00:11:55] Heidi Wagner (Deputy Warden)

And that's kind of the question I had to show that the first two years of operations, you've got \$4,800. After those two years, if something goes wrong, you're expecting that the monies that come in from the collection of the sale of water, basically discover any kind of operation maintenance that's needed.

[00:12:15] Mike Kahn

Exactly. The \$8.32 part of that would go to actually treating the water that gets pumped out of the station, but part of it would be for the maintenance of the station itself.

[00:12:24] Penny Smith (Warden)

Okay, I'll come back to myself now and Councillor Shan actually asked the question that I had regarding moving forward knowing that we were going, if we were going to participate in the operations or the capital cost, what was the expectation for operations moving forward? happy to hear your response on that. And so it's just less than an acre of property than that's required for this system.

[00:12:55] Mike Kahn

Yeah, most correct.

[00:12:56] Penny Smith (Warden)

Okay. And let's see here. I think everything else has been taken care of. I do see the CAO has his hand up. And I believe that's for another additional question or comment.

[00:13:09] CAO MacLeod

Yes, thank you very much, Warden. Mike, the bulk water station in Yarmouth, do they charge a minimum \$50 for a fill-up?

[00:13:20] Mike Kahn

The Yarmouth went forward with their rate study and their minimum fee is now \$5.

[00:13:25] CAO MacLeod

It's \$5. So is there any way with the MSRIB to have that fee reduced from \$50 or something less? Because that's like a heavy upfront fee.

[00:13:37] Mike Kahn

It absolutely is. The town needs to come forward with that sort of holistic plan of here is our water fee overall. We're almost at that point. It's within the next two years by April 1st of 2029, the town must have updated its water study. Because it's been 10 years since the last time we did it, that would be when we were bringing that forward. The two year operations, that's the bridge us to that point where we could get in front of the UARB. So there is a potential to do, because Town of Yarmlet has done an in-term request, so we could look into that, but there's no guarantee. And it's still a timely piece. I would worry that the UARB would ask us to just roll it into our major study, our main study.

[00:14:12] CAO MacLeod

Thank you, Mike.

[00:14:14] Penny Smith (Warden)

Okay, thank you. Councillor Coole and then Councillor Schernd.

[00:14:18] c. Ron Coole

I have a question, but I don't know how to word it. I noticed there's the initial 20 or 62. Now, eventually, this will probably make money.

[00:14:33] Mike Kahn

No, it helps. But part of the reason behind the UARB is to make sure that the town doesn't make money off of it. It's to make sure that it covers costs and nothing more. One of the interesting ones coming up from research and was looking at town of Yarmeth, is as I understand it, got a little bit of trouble because they were giving water to themselves. Only the water utility gets free water. Nobody else does.

[00:14:51] c. Ron Coole

Just a good idea. We invest into it. Would we get something out of it also? So, okay.

[00:15:00] Penny Smith (Warden)

Yes, exactly. Councilor Shand.

[00:15:04] c. Angie Shand

All graduates, so that I understand, frankly, meaning like one of those big, big things that you feel for horses and like that size of the public item is what we mean by bulk. Yes. So not usable for the average resident who's well as just running dry. They can be someone who needs to have a virus.

[00:15:20] Mike Kahn

A large truck or there might be hauling services as well. Companies may choose to fill up at the bulk fill station and then haul it to people's wells as well.

[00:15:28] Penny Smith (Warden)

Yeah, I think my one of your statements in your staff report was exactly that about the potential for I guess like a small business or something like that for someone locally to be able to to provide that service.

[00:15:42] Mike Kahn

Absolutely.

[00:15:44] Penny Smith (Warden)

Okay. Any other questions or comments? Councilor Thorvern or Vice?

[00:15:49] c. Sherry Thorburn Irvine

It's obvious, I think, but each fill-up, each time that you present, is a \$50 charge.

[00:15:55] Mike Kahn

We'll read now, yes. I'll look at the regulations. Great, thanks.

[00:15:58] Penny Smith (Warden)

Okay. Any other questions or comments? a very interesting, I think, project for the municipality to consider. So thank you very much for coming this evening and presenting and answering all the questions that we had for you. All right, we'll be back in touch. Enjoy the rest of your evening. Okay, we're going to move on now to six protective services, remote bylaw, second reading. And I see Miss Bell has joined us. Welcome.

[00:16:34] Nicole Blades

Thank you very much, Warden.

[00:16:38] Penny Smith (Warden)

Can everyone hear me?

[00:16:39] Nicole Blades

Yes, we can. Okay, perfect. Thank you very much. So as my staff report was submitted there, this is the second reading of the by law in the background. Of course, the revision suggested by the province recommendations for changes. This is the second and final reading. So we can pass by law e 300 just a note. There were no changes to the budget, and there were no submissions from the public regarding this bylaw.

[00:17:14] Penny Smith (Warden)

Okay, thank you for that. There is a prepared motion. If someone would like to make that please, Councillor Richardson.

[00:17:22] c. Dale Richardson

It resolved to counsel the municipality of the district of Felden recommended, has recommended by Remo. Give second and final reading to the revised by-law E300.

[00:17:36] Penny Smith (Warden)

Thank you. There's seconder, please.

[00:17:40] c. Ron Coole

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[00:17:40] Penny Smith (Warden)

Okay, it's removed and seconded. Any discussion on the motion? I think it's pretty straightforward. All those in favor of the motion, signify by saying aye. Those opposed, no. Motion is carried. Thank you very much for that. We'll move on now to operations. We have the Monthly Building Report for May, 2026. Again, always nice to see a new dwelling on the report. And we're at just over \$3 million in total construction to date. Any questions or comments on the Monthly Building Report? Hearing none, we will move on to administration. 8A proposed Sandy Point Wilderness Area Discussion, and that's our CAO.

[00:18:31] CAO MacLeod

Thank you very much, Warden. The province have recently put out a directive, or not a directive, a list of 13 proposed wilderness areas around the province. One of those proposed wilderness areas is the Sandy Point wilderness area, which I think is something like 800 and some odd acres, and they've given, I think, until July 25th for feedback from interested parties. One of the things I wanted to get from council was some feedback from council as to whether or not we want to provide feedback and if we want to provide feedback, what would the nature of that feedback be? One of the I guess one of the issues I see with the proposal isn't the actual wilderness area itself. I don't see any complications in that proposed wilderness area. But what I did take exception to was that As a municipal government, we weren't consulted by Department of Natural Resources ahead of time, sort of saying, listen, we're thinking about doing this. How does it impact your municipal land strategy, that type of thing? And so the consultation part of it is something that I like counseled maybe to talk about and whether or not that's something we want to provide feedback on.

[00:20:06] Penny Smith (Warden)

Thank you for that. I did notice it as a Facebook post as well and I'm not sure if I if. Health that there was a lot of information there to kind of guide us in this. So we do have counselor Thorben Irvine and then counselor Shan please.

[00:20:22] c. Sherry Thorburn Irvine

Thank you. I did note that on the morning of the 28 simply because. I was posting something to my counselor, Facebook page, and then you could see other political, there's other things on that Facebook platform, I suppose. So it was in the early morning of the 28 that I noted it. And it's up until July the 28 that is 880 hectares. And I did ask the department of environment, because people were having questions. I basically I even had an individual direct me to be responding as a counselor. And so what I did say, there may be people that have noted that, respectfully, that is not my assignment as a counselor, that we encourage all citizens to participate in leather voice. And so that's where I left that. But because I did inquire with the Department of Natural Resources, they told me that it was the department of the environment. So I think going forward as a municipal government, if there's any interaction, they'll likely be through the department of the environment that you'll want to go. And so there are citizens in the municipality, in our district, I suppose, in our councilor Wagner's district as well. They'll be engaged, and they'll do their assessments. you know, give voice to it. I don't have much else to offer.

[00:21:57] Penny Smith (Warden)

Thank you for that. Yeah, when I saw the first thing I did was send it through to the CAO and I didn't reach out to natural resources or the Department of Environment but kind of like You know, what's our role here and like what should we be doing with this? So so glad that you were able to offer that to the residents as well. A counselor shand and then counselor Richardson.

[00:22:21] c. Angie Shand

My question is a little more exactly what does it mean? So is this designated land that cannot be used for anything because it's being held as a wilderness wildlife area. It's owned currently by the government and is deemed this and can't be

[00:22:38] c. Sherry Thorburn Irvine

So certainly, certainly feel free to check that I did ask that as well. What level of protection was the government, the provincial government looking to and they told me it would be similar to it's the it's the least. It's the least of a footprint. It's very similar to the tobyatic. So there would be people that could fish hunt. be on existing routes. And they did make a point of telling me as well that the thing that I think we should all be concerned about is that people aren't ATVing through the peep bugs because the peep bugs are a carbon sink. And so the gentleman that I was speaking to said, it doesn't matter if it's in a protected area or not, that's actually against the law. So the level of protection that the province is looking at currently, is the least footprint similar to the Tobiotic. And I think the premise for the province of Nova Scotia is 20% of their land mass. I think that's out there somewhere in that regard, yeah.

[00:23:50] Penny Smith (Warden)

Okay. Thank you for that. Councillor Richardson.

[00:23:55] c. Dale Richardson

I have all kinds of questions and concerns. probably it for me, but if I remember correctly, it's surrounded by a population that is housing, mixed, resource, and whatever. People are now permanently using a fair amount of it, period. And what brings comes to my mind when you talk about wilderness is wilderness. Wilderness doesn't come with a population of people. So at the other, one of the other problems I have with it is, it dealing with some of the nature reserves and how they creep. It seems like you go in with one agenda and it shifts over time. But I really have major questions about that area. that takes that, you might as well say, a fair gist of the peninsula in. And there's a population surrounding it. And as far as when it comes to animals, there's probably populations of deer rabbits and so on, but not anything. I don't think that is the ordinary that would warrant anything over and above some area. And to my mind, I would rather see something in remote that you already have a limited human footprint and you prevent it getting worse. Not where you already have human footprints in there all the time. And you're going to try and limit them. That never goes well in these closed areas. And I can speak to that from experience.

[00:25:47] Penny Smith (Warden)

Thank you for that. And I know the CEO has a question or perhaps comments on that. And I'll just add one other. I don't recall seeing presentations in the area on this. Maybe I've missed it, but I'm not sure. But I'm thinking with something like that, that the province should be holding some sort of consultation, presentation, something for the community at CAO. Did you want to comment on that or perhaps something else?

[00:26:18] CAO MacLeod

Yeah, thank you, Warden. Yeah, you're right. I'm not aware of any public consultation that was done with regard to this proposed site. The other thing, which I think is probably worth noting at this council, is that of the total acreage for the 13 sites around the province that have been proposed. The sandy point is by far the largest. I think that the total acreage of all 13 sites, I think something like 1900 acres or something like that. This is 880 acres. The next biggest one is one near Halifax. So hectares are right is I think 550 and then the rest are short like in the 50s, hundreds that type of thing. So it's and then and then I once the warden and I started talking about this, I went and went on the government websites and then started to do some estimations of Exactly how much land do we have in our municipality that is dedicated to the various destinations of protected land. wilderness areas, one of them, and then there's about three or four other designations. But my calculations, and I need to do some double checking on that, we have something like 51% of the land within our municipality, has some form of environmental protection placed upon it, which is far greater than the provincial goal of 20%. So one of the considerations for council, maybe to talk about right now, is whether or not that is a point that we want to bring up with the province and that, you know, why is it that they've put such a large emphasis of the designations in the 13 zones on Shelberin and, you know, given the fact that we've already got such a large designation within our municipality already.

[00:28:15] Penny Smith (Warden)

Yeah, thank you very much for that CAO and I'm wondering at this point, before we get into all of that, whether we should be writing the province and asking for them to do, to hold at least one public meeting consultation in Sandy Point and so that the residents at least are aware of what this actually means in us as well before we provide comments or write anything. without knowing exactly what it means, I guess. I have Councillor Thoroughb and Irvine. Oh, sorry, I hit Deputy Warden first and then Councillor Thoroughb and Irvine.

[00:28:51] Heidi Wagner (Deputy Warden)

I just have a comment about the feedback part of it. we should be directed in our residents to send their feedback to whichever party is whether it's environment, whether it's the NNR. I don't feel we should be taking the feedback from the residents. We need to direct them directly to them. Yeah, absolutely.

[00:29:09] Penny Smith (Warden)

And I think that's what's taking place right now. Exactly.

[00:29:13] c. Sherry Thorburn Irvine

100%. And I have done that very things just so you know, Councillor Wagner, absolutely 100%. It is an opportunity for people to lend their voices to a process. Having said that, I think we do ourselves a despair without asking the province for exactly what you said. You know, to have all the information because people there's going to be a variety of emotions and we want the facts in order for people to be making a decision. And I would just I feel I would be remiss because I know. partially, there will be people that will be profoundly feeling like it's a protection of water and water source as it relates to the peninsula. And we know we've got a Savannah out there. It's some kind of protection I feel in terms of drought on that peninsula having that there. So I think the province, I would strongly be in favor. I think it's an advocacy issue that we ask the province for more information, and then it's up to everybody to show up for it or not. And I just would also like to add, Councillor Richardson, what you said around the natural resources, when we're all taxed, because I know I'm there, we are taxed on, there's a resource sector that's part of our tax, I don't know if that taps into what you're saying, I don't know how that impacts. So ultimately to have more information from the province, we don't ask to be treated any differently from the other 12 sites, but it is a large area. And I think I think our citizens would appreciate the opportunity to tap into additional information.

[00:31:01] Penny Smith (Warden)

So if we have consensus to a public consultation meeting session in the community, so that the community and the municipality as a whole can learn more before responding.

[00:31:17] c. Sherry Thorburn Irvine

Yeah, it isn't for us to take the lead.

[00:31:19] Penny Smith (Warden)

It's for us to advocate for something like this is what I would suggest. Consensus to do that. Okay, wonderful. Councillor Richardson.

[00:31:28] c. Dale Richardson

Just a parting. you know, and why? If that is the reason to protect a watershed or whatever, then if that's a whole different ballgame, but what they put out is wildlife reserve, what comes to mind is just what I know personally, there's a large tract land from the nature trust in Ohio, there's one in Little Harbour, there's one in Johnson's Fawn, there's one in West Hit. And they are not small tracks of land. We're talking 100 plus acres most every one of those. And the other fact that I have a problem with is they seem to be cropping up and not just nature trust, but these wilderness areas or whatever with no overall plan. If you're going into a section, you shouldn't target Shelburne County necessarily or Yarmouth County, but if there was a provincial plan, then I would like to see it. And I'd like to understand that because I don't think Elder Skelter, they're doing anybody any favors.

[00:32:38] Penny Smith (Warden)

I think those are all excellent points. Thank you, Councillor Richardson. Councillor Sutherland.

[00:32:43] c. Paula Sutherland

We already have one of the largest bower's metal meadows. It's one of the largest in the scope. And that's just how we can. And that's very exponentially from the dime, the place of where they said they were going to start.

[00:32:59] Penny Smith (Warden)

Okay, so we know we have an action plan. I guess moving forward that we will ask the province to host a public consultation meeting regarding this matter with the residents or with the in the municipality in that area. Okay, thank you for that. We'll move on now to 8B and this is an item for Councillor Richardson regarding trails the Roseway River Trail in the Jordan Trail.

[00:33:30] c. Dale Richardson

I had individuals inquire as to the Roseway River that are LOA, be adjusted to be multi-use trail, and whether that has taken place or in the process.

[00:33:44] Penny Smith (Warden)

Okay, I don't know, CAO, if you can answer that, but my understanding is we were waiting for the province to make a decision on a portion moving forward in that area as well, I believe.

[00:33:58] CAO MacLeod

Yeah, that's correct. Sorry, Adam isn't here. But yeah, we were waiting to find out what the status was of the other sections of the trail. But there are options when I'm thinking about the Roseway River Trail in terms of whether or not you keep it just for walking or whether or not it's multi-use. That really is a decision for councilors to whether or not you want to do that. But I believe that Adam also had some ideas in terms of the fact that there are other alternatives in terms of the vehicles using actually the road rather than the trail. But I think Councillor, if you don't mind, because Adam isn't here, let me go back to Adam and ask him to put together an email to Council for a more comprehensive view on the different options that are available to Council. I believe that he did give a presentation on it before. Yes, he did. But I just can't remember the details of that presentation at the present time. Maybe what I can do is pull out that presentation from before and forwarded to council.

[00:35:11] Penny Smith (Warden)

Yeah, thank you very much for that CEO. He did do a comprehensive staff report to council. I think it was last fall. I'm not sure. And he did provide different options regarding the trail. And I believe it was at that time that he mentioned about. And I believe that council at the time had said that we were going to wait to see what the decision of the province was before we decided which option we wanted to go with.

[00:35:42] c. Dale Richardson

Okay, and then the other is the trail ideally a good update on that. The concern was otherwise if they're on the road, it's illegal without going to the province and getting an allocation for that. So it's a matter of making it legal one way or another. But anyhow, I would be in favor of welcoming up that. That being said, the other question was the design of our bridge that we okayed for Jordan. My understanding is we okayed that architecture design. And they had made the ATV clubs making inquiries as to was there a pull off on that bridge. And to my knowledge, there was none.

[00:36:30] Penny Smith (Warden)

Yeah, I think we made that motion a couple of months ago, but moving ahead. And I believe you're right, Councillor Richardson. I don't believe there is any discussion at all about a poll off. CAO, do you want to comment on that as well?

[00:36:44] CAO MacLeod

Councillor Richardson, are you talking about a poll off on the actual bridge itself? When you say a poll off, like if you've got oncoming traffic, there's an area that they can pull aside so they can pass each other.

[00:36:55] c. Dale Richardson

Yes.

[00:36:57] CAO MacLeod

No, it's not on the actual bridge itself, but I imagine because people would be able to see each other approaching the bridge and either end that someone could stop and let the other person who's oncoming go across the bridge before they go across because it is within eyesight.

[00:37:13] c. Dale Richardson

Yeah, and if I'm not mistaken, that was never put forward or talked about. So I thought we had passed the design of that. So thank you.

[00:37:23] CAO MacLeod

Yeah, now that it's the contract has actually been signed, the kickoff meeting's actually going to be this week. So Council will be getting an email from Adam with regard to the scheduling of the construction going forward. And there will also be public communications with regard to residents so that residents are well aware of what's happening and the timing of the construction.

[00:37:50] Penny Smith (Warden)

Excellent. Thank you for that. Thank you, Councillor Richardson, Deputy Warden.

[00:37:56] Heidi Wagner (Deputy Warden)

CIO, can we just make sure to relate to Adam that email go to the association as well. I know they're residents, but if the ATV association has that information as well, that would be great, because I was approached as well from one of the members.

[00:38:12] CAO MacLeod

With regard to the bridge?

[00:38:13] Heidi Wagner (Deputy Warden)

Yes.

[00:38:15] CAO MacLeod

Yeah, absolutely. That will be forwarded to them for sure. Thank you.

[00:38:20] Penny Smith (Warden)

Thank you for that. Moving on to nine committee reports and warden update. Do we have any committee reports to report on this evening?

[00:38:29] c. Sherry Thorburn Irvine

Yes.

[00:38:29] Penny Smith (Warden)

Councilor Thorbener, fine.

[00:38:31] c. Sherry Thorburn Irvine

Thank you. If I could just go back to me the 27th of the day, I couldn't attend council meeting. I did attend the day long Western County Crownland. It used to be called stakeholder group. And it was very interesting at the beginning of that. That was an excellent day trip. out into Crownland where there's been sections of land blogged and Westpore being one of the stakeholders. There is research with bringing in seed migration from other countries that are more drought tolerant, creating plots of land and seeing how that's going to fit as we continue to create forests that are more resilient, given droughts and potential threat to wildfires. It was an excellent day. So I would just add that we're going to want to change that group name because David Foster, who I think he's part of the strum consultant group, he had said he's decided to change the name of the group to the Western County Crownland Interaction Group and he made the point and it was this discussion around nuance of language that our First Nations people or indigenous maybe is the term to the better term to use They are not stakeholders. They are right holders. And so, so, so anyways, that was very good. We went on the field. It was just excellent. And I do have a couple of YouTube video. No, I shouldn't say YouTube. I'm going to post them to YouTube. It's just excellent from the, the midway forestry group and what they're doing on the hemlock woolly adaljid, which threatens all our hemlock and the hemlock is a really important species, again, with drought tolerance. So that was that day. And then I actually dumped into anaphylaxis because I was a hot and exhausted. And I didn't have my epiphan and I had been a drill that I had to go get. And so I was whacked. That's why I didn't attend council. Okay. Yeah, yeah. So June the 4th, we had an audit, risk and finance committee meeting through for the Western County Regional Library Board. That was very good. And Just, you know, those audit and risk committees doing what they need to do. And then yesterday we had a, and July the 9th, we had our Eastern Shelton County equity and anti-racism advisory committee with Adam leading that as staff and then Jesse Dyer from the town. And we had some excellent public members that have stepped forward. And people are going to be thoughtful around who will chair and vice chair that's similar to the economic growth committee. So, people are quite enthused about the voice that they'll be able to lend to process to government process on that subject matter.

[00:41:32] Penny Smith (Warden)

Yeah.

[00:41:38] Heidi Wagner (Deputy Warden)

Thank you. During the third, we had an amalgamation meeting here at our council chambers. which I felt went very well. Of course, I think I'll put on a very good presentation. Those of council that wasn't here, you can catch it on it was recorded. So you should actually listen to that. He did put on a very good presentation on June the 4th, Rosemary Manor, which we discussed the ongoing strike and was pleased to hear over the weekend that we had a tentative deal. A little laugh for everybody. I was at all three areas for the meat in that night. It came here. It wasn't here.

[00:42:13] c. Angie Shand

It was in the town of Shelburne.

[00:42:15] Heidi Wagner (Deputy Warden)

It wasn't there. And it wasn't lawport. So I was a little late to run for that meat in that night. But yeah, we're pleased to hear that there is a tentative deal on the table right now. And it will be great for the residents, because they're the ones in the end that need that support and help. So.

[00:42:32] Penny Smith (Warden)

And we're glad that you showed up in lawport.

[00:42:37] c. Angie Shand

kind of climate action committee meeting. They are starting their in-person sessions across the county to start the process of boys and community events to gather community members input on erosion and climate change. So they're starting those I think the 15th actually the first one that they're doing. Ten at the Shelter Academy Arena meeting, which this is one of the first years they are not in a deficit. They actually earned a profit this year.

[00:43:03] Penny Smith (Warden)

Excellent.

[00:43:04] c. Angie Shand

They budgeted \$500 for what ice time would have been. That's what last year was this year. They was \$14,000 for the ice time right there. So. The current management of the arena doing an amazing job in getting those rentals out there and a big thank you to all the volunteers that are working the canteen. And the bingos they are making all the difference in keeping that place afloat. Also attended the Rosley Manor for which I showed up on time. Which was also my first and was really good to see what that's all about. And it's very excited for the tent of agreement. Hopefully that goes through. I also saw the regular committed meetings attended the Understanding Human Rights webinar that was offered by the NSMFM last week. Which was very interesting. And last weekend, Kenny and I both attended the Pride Walk, which had a really great attendance, as well as the Black Loyalist C fingers exhibit opening, which was really very well done as well.

[00:44:07] Penny Smith (Warden)

Yeah. Thank you for that. A number of the items or meetings that I was going to mention has already been mentioned by Councillor Shannon Deputy Warden. Councillor Richardson.

[00:44:20] c. Dale Richardson

Not directly one of our committees just to update on our community garden and food share. The greenhouse has been coming well. We have purchased a building and an auxiliary building to house refrigeration. We've already started harvesting. We had the first sale this last Sunday at the market downtown. We had 30 bags of lettuce that were available, and actually we've gone over 60 bags of lettuce been harvested so far. So there's a lot of plants coming on, but if anybody has any free money in their accounts, lettuce out there looking at the donations. So thank you.

[00:45:10] Penny Smith (Warden)

And I believe at the Welcome Neighbors event on the 30th, I think there were 23 bags of lettuce there to give away. So we've all been pretty busy with it. And it's looking wonderful in there. We've got tomato plants with all kinds of the, I think through the cherry tomatoes. And we've got the peas growing and carrots and cucumber. Peppers, yeah, it's fabulous. It's really great. So as I said, a number of the item or events and meetings I was going to mention have already been mentioned, but on May 30th, that was a very busy day for everyone. I think there were like a half a dozen events happening. So, so Councillor Schand has already mentioned about the the pride walk that we attended together the morning at our house and I gave remarks on behalf of the municipality and then at one o'clock and at the Black Loyalist Heritage Center was the African Nova Scotian seafaring project and I stayed until 145 and thankfully counselor Shand was able to stay the whole time and she gave my remarks on behalf of the municipality. So thank you very much for that, Councillor. And I headed to Shelton Regional High School to MC the Welcome Neighbors event that was happening at two. So very busy day for sure. But again, and I think I mentioned this at the last council meeting, all extremely important events in their own way, in their own, for their own reasons. Yeah, and I think there may have been a one or two suffers happening afternoon or that evening as well. June 1st was the community Nova Scotia Health and group meeting. And the NSH update has been posted. I believe on both our Facebook and website. June 3rd, again, Deputy Warden mentioned that the ML Gamation Steering Committee meeting and Chris McNeil, I agreed did a really great presentation. I think everyone who was there and participated really got something out of the discussion. And he also left with us and he went through with us the 17 lessons from four plus amalgamations and dissolution. So I believe Nicole may have a copy of this. So if anyone is interested in that, it may already be on our website, I'm not sure, but really interesting information in this. Sorry, okay. So yes, yes. Thank you. Excuse me, Deputy Warden. We are going to hold the next amalgamation staring meeting on, I believe it's the second, is it the second Tuesday of the month? I believe it's July 7 in the lock port. Excuse me, there were residents in that area who had requested that I believe. And I think that's a great opportunity to be present there. And hopefully there'll be lots of residents who come out for that meeting. Yes, at six o'clock. And I don't know that the venue has been decided yet. So, yeah. So there'll be a post on that. Again, Councillor Schand and Deputy Warden has already mentioned the Rosemary Manor Board meeting in Lockport on June 4th. And I echo the I guess the relief and happiness to know that there is a tentative agreement. I don't know that we've heard anything else since the last weekend on this. And this evening, the Shelter and Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting or sorry, holding its AGM and they have a special guest speaker there. And I believe he's speaking about community partners and creating new revenue generating and sustainable local experiences, I believe is what I read for travelers. So really the experiential tourism, I believe is really what it's all about. I'm not sure if there was a member of our staff who was planning to attend that, but I'm sure it will be well attended. Okay, we can now, let's see here, it is 6.50 p.m. If we can have a motion, please, to go and camera at this time.

[00:50:12] c. Ron Coole

Thank you.

[00:50:13] Penny Smith (Warden)

Thank you very much. It's been moved and seconded. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Aye. Those supposed no. Motion is carried. Okay, if we can have a motion to go out of in camera at 7.20, please.

[00:50:30] c. Paula Sutherland

I'll make that motion.

[00:50:31] Penny Smith (Warden)

Thank you. Thank you. It's been moved and seconded. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Aye. Those supposed no motion is carried and it's 7.21 pm and we will adjourn our meeting for the evening. Thank you, everyone.