

Transcript - Council Mtg - 2026-09-09 Rezoning. Wind Energy. Policing reduction.

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[00:00:00] Penny Smith

Okay, it is six o'clock, so we'll call our meeting to order and welcome everyone this evening. Let's see here for regrets. Well, we don't actually have regrets this evening. We have Councillor Sutherland who is joining us virtually this evening. And I believe Deputy Warden Wagner was going to try to join us from Newfoundland this evening. So welcome, everyone. I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer. We're now into the first week of September. Our first item of business is the approval of the agenda for September 9th, 2026.

[00:00:37] Dale Richardson

Motion to approve the agenda.

[00:00:40] Penny Smith

Thank you. It's removed and seconded. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Aye. Those opposed, no. Motion is carried. Next item is the acceptance of the minutes of July 22nd, 2026. Are there any changes required to these minutes? If not, we can accept those as presented. Next item is business arising from the minutes. Anything to come before council this evening? Hearing none, we'll move on to Economic and Community Development. Excuse me, we have one item. Land Use By-law Amendment Re-Zoning, PID number 825-735-77. I'm first reading and we have Crystal Fuller with us virtually from Brighter Community Planning and Consulting. Welcome, Crystal.

[00:01:36] Chrystal Fuller

Thank you. Nice to meet you, Richard Summer. It's been great. It's over a little quick, but besides that, thank you.

[00:01:45] Penny Smith

Good.

[00:01:49] Chrystal Fuller

All right. Thank you, Warden. So this is your first planning, I believe, application to do a rezoning under your new bylaw. So it's one of many firsts that you're going through with your planning regulations. Just to give you a bit of an overview, rezonings and text amendments to your bylaws are fairly common as you work with them. They're supposed to be living documents. So council shouldn't take this as anything besides just your document is continuing to live and involve in response to what people need and how the public interest changes. So there's a very clear process that you have to go through as per the Municipal Government Act. The first step of that process is for your staff to review and evaluate the application and draft a report for your consideration. So tonight what we're doing is presenting that report and then you'll be deciding whether or not you want to forward this for a public hearing. or if you are going to just reject this at this point. Both of those are options for you. It is important for you to note that rezoning applications such as these are appealable to the utility and review board. So your decision will be appealable and it will be posted publicly for two weeks and open for and then any agreed person may appeal it. So this is a rezoning application for Kevin Stringer from Sandy Point Road, and I'm going to tell you a little bit more about it. So the applicants are Tanya Smith and Kevin Stringer. They are the owners of the property, and this application is initiated by them. We have been in contact with them and this is the zone that they have requested it be switched to. It's about six and a half acres and it has quite a bit of road frontage. You can see where it is sort of out in the industrial park area. It's basically vacant lands and they don't have a specific use at this time. They have in mind they have a variety of an industrial type uses that they're interested in. heavy equipment repair, welding, fabrication. There's no site plan of what they want to do. They just want to have this zoning in place so that they can do the types of uses that are permitted in the industrial zone. So right now it's in a residential zone and in a residential designation. So right now we can have industrial and like commercial on it. but they would like to have the ability to do these industrial uses. So in terms of the designation, so if you remember from when you passed your plan that you have something called designations which are established under the municipal planning strategy, which are sort of the categories of uses, industrial, residential, suburban, those sorts of things. So this lot, which you can see outlined in blue, is designated suburban, which is really for low and moderate residential, sort of the kind of more residential commercial uses that would be around the town of Shelburne. And then it's zone residential. You can see that there is this gray next to it. That is the industrial zone. And this brown is the industrial designation. So you can see it's right on the edge of the suburban designation and the residential zoning. So your bylaw sets out how you evaluate and under what circumstances you can even consider a rezoning. So, you look at it through the sort of general test of what are sometimes called your enabling policies. They're the same set of evaluative criteria that you use for all rezoning and development agreements. So you look at things like municipal servicing, compatibility, consistency with the land use bylaw, transportation, access parking, site suitability constraints, impact on municipal infrastructure, environmental and coastal factors, and municipal and provincial kind of issues. So we have reviewed them there in your staff report. No issues have arisen and I'm going to go into a little bit more detail on each of them. The other important policy that we need to talk about is policy 7.3.6, which is an adjacency policy. Not all bylaws have them, but this one does mostly because I've seen it used in other municipalities and it's tremendously helpful. And what it allows essentially is that if you're in an existing designation and that you want to end a zone, and you want to move to a zone that's not enabled by the designation you're in, but it is enabled in the adjacent designation, then you can go through a rezoning and not have to go through a plan amendment. So just to go back to this, just to explain this policy, because this is adjacent to the industrial designation, this property can just be rezoned. But if you were over here and wanted to go to an industrial zoning, you would have to amend both the MPS and the LUB because it's not next to an industrial designation and zone. So that's not clear. I can explain it during the question period. But this adjacency policy allows for this to go through the rezoning process and the applicant not to have to go through a plan amendment, which is more onerous and then has to go off to the province for review under provincial statements of interest. So this, the rezoning process is quicker and generally quicker and generally easier, does not involve the province, but it is appealable.

[00:08:07] Penny Smith

OK, Crystal, before you go any further, which page are you on in your discussion of all of this? Because we're just trying to keep up with your.

[00:08:16] Chrystal Fuller

Oh my gosh, I haven't shared my screen.

[00:08:18] Penny Smith

No.

[00:08:21] Chrystal Fuller

So I'm like whipping through my slide.

[00:08:23] Penny Smith

There you go.

[00:08:25] Chrystal Fuller

Okay, I'll take you back to the map. I'll take you back to the map. Sorry about this. So this is the adjacency. This is the designation and the rezoning. And this is the parcel in question. So that helps because it's next to an industrial zone and an industrial designation. We can use this adjacency policy. And that's just what I was just talking about in terms of what we're reviewing and what your MPS establishes as the criteria that I need to evaluate it against and that you need to think about. And then this is this adjacency stuff that I was just talking about it. So is it compatible with the adjacent land uses and doesn't meet the intent of the intent of the designation and staff have determined that it does. And so policy three point seven point three point six is satisfied. So you can go through a rezoning process. Okay. And as mentioned, seven point three point six, this is the language of the adjacency and it allows you to just go through that straight rezoning process. As part of our review, we looked at water servicing. And so we got to comments from the town of Shelburne that water servicing is available. Sewer servicing, we talked to the director of operations. Sewer service is not currently available, but it is possible potentially in the future. And then also we had comments from the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation, or now it's called Public Works. And from a 2023 provincial letter, a letter concerned that the property can get access. These are all part of the considerations, servicing considerations when you're talking about a rezoning. So in terms of the statutory approval process, You don't have a PAC, so I just use that interchangeably now with council. This is where we are today. You're reviewing the report asking any questions that you might have. If you're comfortable, you'll either give first reading or you will reject the application. Normally, councils forward it on to a public hearing so that you can hear from the public, and then it would go to second reading where you make a final decision. Okay? You do have a policy about public information meetings. In this case no public information meeting was held. However that is council can always send it back to staff to hold a public information meeting if you feel like that's something that should occur in this case where you get would get give the public an opportunity to just have a say before the public hearing and we can bring that back to you if that's your desire to have a public information meeting. So staff are recommending the proposed rezoning. It is consistent with your policies. It's enabled by policy 3.7.3.3 and 7.3.6. The parcel can accommodate the industrial activity. And it also reflects the surrounding general and marine industrial pattern. So you'll notice as I showed in the maps that once I shared my screen you saw. where there's industrial land zone designated on one side of it and is a major industrial area for your municipality. So there is a draft motion for council's consideration tonight.

[00:12:06] Penny Smith

Okay, thank you very much for that. Councillor Thorburn Irvine?

[00:12:12] Thoburn-Irvine

Sure. Crystal, I understand the adjacency and the complemented you know, complimentary area being the industrial park. So in seeing the map there, there are four units on them. I think it's called the Mayflower Apartments. I'm not quite sure, but there are people that live there. So, and they'll be behind what's going to be turned into potentially this industrial area. So you see those two sort of triangles, really. for apartments in their two duplexes. Do noise bylaws come into that for those people? That's just my question. I'm thinking about those people.

[00:13:06] Chrystal Fuller

Yeah. Sure. So I actually don't know. I'll defer to the CAO or Val if I don't know if you have noise bylaws or not.

[00:13:19] Warren MacLeod

No, we don't have any noise bylaws.

[00:13:25] Chrystal Fuller

So at this then at that point, if there's right now, then there would be no nothing the municipality could do if there are complaints about noise.

[00:13:36] Thoburn-Irvine

Yeah, I I'm under the impression that those are rental units and I've been there several times. There's probably 3 out of 4 of those that are being inhabited at this point. I just want to throw it out there. Just, yeah. Thank you.

[00:13:53] Penny Smith

Thank you. Okay. There is a prepared motion if someone would like to make that this evening. Councilor Cool.

[00:14:04] Ron Coole

We have resolved that the Council of the municipality of the district of Shelburne give first reading to his own PID 82573577. from the residential RES zone to the general industrial GI zone and that the application proceeds to public hearing in accordance with the Municipal Government Act. I move that.

[00:14:32] Penny Smith

Thank you. Is there a seconder for the motion?

[00:14:34] Ron Coole

Let's check it out.

[00:14:36] Penny Smith

Thank you. It's been moved and seconded. Discussion on the motion. You've heard Councillor Thorburn-Orvine's concern about noise, Councillor Richardson.

[00:14:47] Dale Richardson

the motion proceed to public hearing. And yet, am I to understand, Crystal, we don't have to necessarily have a public hearing on that?

[00:15:01] Chrystal Fuller

Sorry, let me just clarify. You are not required to have a public information meeting, which is sort of a public meeting before your public hearing. If I think it's a really good point, and so as part of the public hearing, you will be sending notifications out to neighbors within a certain distance that the public hearing is going to occur. Those people have the opportunity to come to the public hearing. However, it's important to note that the property owner gets the notification, not the residents.

[00:15:36] Dale Richardson

Thank you for that clarification. I was mixing up the two. Yeah, the public information is not necessary. It's a public. Comments that would be.

[00:15:51] Chrystal Fuller

Exactly.

[00:15:54] Thoburn-Irvine

So just one other question. As we move forward, we understand that we've had some feedback on our industrial park and that staff will be giving us the staff report on that in terms of, you know, general sort of tidiness or public view with this property that will turn into, you know, a different zoning. Would we apply that same standard that it should be, you know, As it relates to industrial zone that it's kept sufficiently neat and tidy, as for what we may achieve in our industrial park, would we apply those same standards or it just doesn't apply?

[00:16:41] Chrystal Fuller

So for the rezoning application, that the standards of maintenance are not a consideration in that. So you would have your dangerous and unsightly, which would probably be what would guide you in those sort of discussions with property owners. But it's not a consideration in the rezoning request. Thank you, Crystal.

[00:17:08] Penny Smith

All of those would fall under the dangerous or unsightly permit document that we have.

[00:17:14] Angie Shand

Correct, CAO.

[00:17:17] Penny Smith

Councillor Shand.

[00:17:18] Angie Shand

This may be something everybody else may already know the answer, but I still have things that I'm unsure of. When it comes to if they want, whatever it is that they were to choose to build, do we have a say at that point as if they can build whatever that structure is, like if they want to do welding or whatever it may be, if we don't feel that something that suits to be in that area, can it be not allowed or is it just whatever you want to build?

[00:17:45] Chrystal Fuller

So, it's whatever is the permitted use in the zone. So, it does not come back to council. That's administered by your development officer.

[00:17:55] Speaker ?

Yeah.

[00:17:57] Penny Smith

Does that make sense? Councilor Shand.

[00:18:00] Warren MacLeod

Any industrial activity would be allowed in there so long as it passes our building inspection and planning.

[00:18:11] Chrystal Fuller

And you'll see in the staff report, there's a list in the appendices at the end of it. There should be a list of the type of uses that are, I believe it's in your staff report that are permitted in the residential zone and the uses that are permitted in the industrial zone. And there are requirements for each of those uses. The minimums would be setbacks and law coverage, that sort of thing. And some of the industrial uses have additional requirements. So, but they're all as of right, meaning that the development officer would be the approval authority.

[00:18:48] Angie Shand

So someone in the municipality does feel to be able to say, this is not an appropriate use to place here. But, and my second piece to that is, so we're saying that this piece of property does butt up against residents. and we have no control as to what could be their next reneger.

[00:19:12] Chrystal Fuller

So I wouldn't characterize it like that. You have total control because you set the uses that are permitted in the zones and you set where the zones are. It's just that you, as council, once you set the regulations and the zones up, your development officer administers those. So if we look at the at what's permitted in the zone. I don't know if you have your land use bylaw, maybe or your report. There's a list of uses that are permitted in the industrial zone. So this parcel, if I may go back to the map, you can see on one side it's already industrial. And then on one side, there's residential. On one side, there's a road. And the other side is sort of a, I guess it's a private road. So this is one of these areas that interfaces. If it didn't switch, if this isn't industrial, then, you know, there's always going to be places where things butt up against each other. For council, your determination and what you have to consider your decision on is this rezoning request generally consistent with the policies of the municipal planning strategy. That's the test that you have to bring to your evaluation. And if you feel like it's not, then you turn it down. And if you feel like it is, then you approve it. So that's kind of the task that you bring. And your development officer is the one who will administer the regulations of the land use bylaw once you set the zone.

[00:20:58] Penny Smith

Okay. Good. Councillor Shand. Okay. Thank you, Crystal, for that clarification. Any other questions or comments regarding this motion? online. I don't know if there's anyone online. Sorry, CAO.

[00:21:17] Warren MacLeod

I'll just point out that across the road is also the Boy School, so that we are aiming to move towards housing development in that area, so just be aware of that.

[00:21:31] Penny Smith

Okay. Any other questions or comments regarding this motion? Hearing none, all those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Aye. Aye. Those opposed, no. Motion is carried.

[00:21:48] Chrystal Fuller

[00:21:48] Penny Smith

Okay, thank you very much, Crystal, for that. Enjoy the rest of your evening.

[00:21:54] Chrystal Fuller

Thank you. It's my 20th wedding anniversary, so I'm about to go. Oh, my heavens.

[00:21:58] Penny Smith

Congratulations. Enjoy. I'm going to leave.

[00:22:02] Chrystal Fuller

Thank you, Councilman Warden. Good night.

[00:22:04] Penny Smith

Thanks. Bye.

[00:22:06] Dale Richardson

It's only 20. You're just getting started.

[00:22:09] Penny Smith

All right, we're going to move on to operations. The first item is the waste diversion officer quarterly update. And that's miss Smith. Welcome. It's a great update. You've been a busy lady.

[00:22:27] Miss Smith

Um, actually, just to add since the report, um, uh, green cards were actually, a shipment of green cards were delivered. Okay. They're all settled in nicely in our new CCAN down at the Public Works. I had no part in the putting away. My co-workers did that while I was away. So that worked out on my favor maybe, but I was very grateful for that. Any questions for me?

[00:23:09] Penny Smith

Any questions regarding the report? You've done lots of different things here. You've done training, you've done group side collection, you've talked about the cleanup. Training was what I have to say.

[00:23:25] Miss Smith

I was really, I felt very fortunate to be able to attend. Uh, the training that I've, uh, I went to, uh, for this wanna, um, my supervisor went as well and it was, it was really great for us to do some networking there. That was great.

[00:23:40] Penny Smith

Yeah. And a number of us attended your, one of your talking trash. information sessions of one in Shelburne. That was excellent. And it's hard to believe, you know, just how much you learned from just listening to other people's questions. Yeah, it was that you don't think about until, you know, they bring them up and then one question kind of leads to another. And I thought it was really well done.

[00:24:04] Miss Smith

I, Angela, definitely took the lead on that. She's fabulous. I wish the attendance was better, but we'll keep trying because I really believe that if people were to attend and listen, they can take away the parts that are it's actually not that difficult to do levels to apply the concept.

[00:24:32] Penny Smith

Yeah, and it's a great opportunity to share different, you know, just different ideas about waste management and what works for some, you know, and perhaps sharing that those different suggestions and where it can take you from there. So even though there weren't a lot of people there, I think it was those who were there were very interactive and I think really enjoyed the session. So thank you for that. Councilor Thorben-Everine.

[00:25:01] Thoburn-Irvine

So just, I haven't gone on to the R6 app, but the new things that are now in the recycling lanes, I find myself like, I just haven't gone into the app. Will I find those updates in that app? Okay. Because yeah, you just, you know, I know what we were told and it's like, is this one of those items or not? So it is in the R6 app.

[00:25:24] Miss Smith

There's a really neat thing with the R6 app. If you look something up and it's not there, you can suggest it. So then it sends a message back to R6 and then they then put that information back in the app for next time.

[00:25:42] Penny Smith

Okay. I just wanted, before Councilor Richardson about the, wanted to mention the C and D transfer station. So really happy to read that things have been going well there.

[00:25:55] Miss Smith

From my perspective, definitely. It seems to be running smoothly. Not many hiccups. It looks great down there, I have to say. And I haven't had, myself personally, I haven't had any hiccups. Okay. Well, I'm sure you would have heard by now.

[00:26:16] Penny Smith

I think so. I Councilor Richardson.

[00:26:20] Dale Richardson

The warden still in my thunder. I was going to say it's reassuring to see the transition went well. The only feedback I have heard that is it's about the times just getting used to the change in time. I've never heard a negative thing about using the containers or anything else. Usually, if they have problems, they're not behind the doors and complaining. So congratulations, they went well.

[00:26:57] Penny Smith

Yeah. So just the hours of operation, did you say, Councillor Richardson?

[00:27:01] Dale Richardson

Well, it's the days it's open and closed.

[00:27:03] Penny Smith

Okay. Yeah.

[00:27:03] Dale Richardson

I mean, we went through a different format.

[00:27:06] Penny Smith

Yeah.

[00:27:07] Dale Richardson

So it will take a bit to be early on we obviously in vehicles that were coming on days that you know, we were closed. But that's followed by the wayside. I haven't noticed a lot. I'm not saying there isn't still some, but it's certainly it's been good.

[00:27:26] Miss Smith

I feel in the beginning it took some getting used to not everybody uses social media. We tried to put it out as best we could in paper form as well. I have to say that the calls are less for the hours of operation. The only thing that I would think that I've heard from users was that if they have bins are full, like so I guess that's a moving forward thing, like how we want to address that.

[00:28:03] Ron Coole

Yeah.

[00:28:06] Dale Richardson

of predicting how much you could fill a bin in an hour or it can be three days. So it makes it very difficult unless we had a very large number on hand in which if it becomes too busy then maybe we're to look at that.

[00:28:22] Penny Smith

And I assume just before Councilor Shand, I assume that you're keeping track of all of these different comments and questions and all of that. And there will be a review because we certainly want to offer the best service that we can there. So we can learn this year from the usage how to improve moving forward.

[00:28:42] Miss Smith

And the CND staff also have been, we talked with this when it changed over, they've been keeping track of different suggestions or things that may improve and in the hopes that we'll just work together to try to improve them.

[00:28:58] Penny Smith

Excellent. Great. Thank you. Councillor Shan.

[00:29:01] Angie Shand

I've got a couple of comments and questions. First comment is that the audit is there's no question that the audit is happening because you're seeing the post on Facebook. Oh, how come my garbage got rejected? My garbage got rejected. So clearly it is it's happening, but that's just a learning opportunity for people. If their garbage is rejected, then they will quickly learn how to do it appropriately. So there's no question. Those are happening. My question is. Great that the CCAN has arrived, but I'm curious in the budget, we also allotted to get some shading, I believe, for the area for you and some stands for the propane tanks and things. So just wondering if any of that has been lucky enough to happen for you yet.

[00:29:38] Miss Smith

So as of today, actually, the propane stand will be built. The shading, we're looking at different types of shading. So that hasn't been ordered yet. but the stands were ordered actually today. The fabrication of the stand was we had to go ahead today to go ahead and do that. So, yeah.

[00:30:03] Penny Smith

Great. Thank you. Any other questions or comments? Anything from online with councillor Sutherland? And I'm not sure if the deputy warden is with us. No. Okay, hearing none. Thank you very much for all your work with this and very happy to hear that things are moving in a positive direction. Thank you. All right. Next item is the speed radar sign installation update and that's Ms. Dion. Welcome.

[00:30:36] Ms. Dion

Good evening. So just following up on the previous council report on the speed radar sign, we went ahead and investigated the sign that was chosen at the previous meeting. We investigated the potential installation of that sign. We found out a few things that we required, you know, the approval of department transportation or department public works for the location of the sign and the installation, which we went ahead and proactively reached out and achieved that. So we do have a permit in place to install the sign, but we have need the council motion to tell us that we have to go ahead to buy it and where we'd like to take the funds from. The installation costs that you asked us to investigate are really minimal. It's essentially putting in some concrete to install the pole in the approved location. I just want to say that the approved location for this speed radar sign is what was approved by department of transportation. Everyone has an opinion on where the sign should be located. Some think it should be at the top of the hill right at the crosswalk. Some think it should be a kilometer away or more so that people have time to see it and slow down. Essentially the rules are that within five seconds at the posted driving speed is the location of where the sign has to be posted. So it will be put up in accordance with the requirements.

[00:32:07] Penny Smith

Okay.

[00:32:09] Ms. Dion

And there's a prepared motion just asking council if, um, you know, how they would like to pay for it and to give me approval to get the funds to come from the operating reserve.

[00:32:19] Penny Smith

Okay. Thank you. There is a prepared motion if someone would like to make that councilor shan.

[00:32:24] Angie Shand

We resolve that the council, the municipality of the district of Shelburne approved the purchase and installation of a speed radar sign at an estimated cost of \$5,960 plus HST. with funds to come from the operating reserve.

[00:32:38] Penny Smith

Thank you. Is there a seconder?

[00:32:39] Dale Richardson

Seconded.

[00:32:41] Penny Smith

Thank you. It's been moved and seconded. Any discussion on the motion? I'm very, very happy to see this moving forward. I think it's, we've been very fortunate that we haven't had any major issues. Incidents take place there. So no questions, no comments. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Aye. Those opposed, no. Motion is carried. Thank you for that. Next is 6C on budgeted expenses update game. That's Ms Dion.

[00:33:18] Ms. Dion

So our sewage treatment plant, we have been doing a significant amount of work there, this fiscal partially because of our polishing wetland and also with staff doing some efforts to do some cleanup and some long-awaited maintenance. But the more you dig, the more you uncover. So we had an electrical inspection completed on the building. And that electrical inspection discovered that the surge protection for the, all of the very expensive electrical equipment at the site was, it had failed. The cost of replacing that is significant around 20,000 plus HST. In the meantime, we also experienced a pump failure at one of our pumping stations. That was an unbudgeted, it was a brand new pump that failed. So we are investigating whether or not we can have that replaced under warranty or at least get some type of credit. But that being said, it was not budgeted. So we had to call in a company as an emergency repair as well. There was a power outage and after the power outage, our brand new keyboard at our septage receiving station failed. the company covered it under warranty. However, when the replacement came the same size and style of what we had recently installed was no longer available. We had to get the unit that worked with our system and that required us to have an electrician come in and do some and also some metal workers come in and do some modifications to the station itself in order to fit the new unit. So those two items were immediate repairs that had to happen in that moment, which were authorized by the CAO. We have reached out to order the surge protection, but it hasn't actually been completed yet. But we are hoping to get it in as quickly as possible. So with that being said, I've identified where I think the cost overages are going to come from, what budget line items will be over budget as a report, as a result of this. And I'm looking for a motion from council.

[00:35:31] Penny Smith

Okay. Thank you for that. And we're very fortunate to have some reserves to be able to deal with the items like this as they arise. Councilor Thorburn Irvine.

[00:35:41] Thoburn-Irvine

I'll read the motion. Thank you. Be it resolved, the council of the municipality of the district of Shelburne approved funding from the operating reserve for the unbudgeted repairs for the sewage treatment plant through GL number 00-24240-425. \$32,000 plus HST and the repairs for the pumping station through GL number 00-242-30-425 at a cost of \$13,000 plus HST.

[00:36:18] Penny Smith

Okay. Thank you. And that is 32,200 plus HST. Oh, sorry. No, that's okay. Sorry. Thank you for that. Thank you. And if we can have a seconder place for this motion. Councilor Cool. Thank you. It's been moved and seconded. Any discussion on the motion? You said 32,000. It's actually 34,200. What?

[00:36:36] Warren MacLeod

It's this 32,200. That's the 34,000. Down.

[00:36:38] Penny Smith

Maybe we should jump back. Me too.

[00:36:46] Ms. Dion

I have 34,200. Okay.

[00:36:47] Penny Smith

And we have recommended motions. We have 32,200.

[00:36:50] Ms. Dion

That must be in the actual report. The motion was 34,200. Okay.

[00:36:58] Penny Smith

So we will change that in our notes here. And if it's good with mover and seconder, 34,200. But, all right. Okay. It's been moved and seconded. Any discussion on this motion? Councilor Richardson.

[00:37:17] Dale Richardson

I thought we sort of had a handle on some of the pumping stations and it's sort of unnerving to have a brand new unit just packet it. So they didn't identify fault, it just was toast.

[00:37:31] Ms. Dion

It's just toast, however, in consultation with the company. they are offering to essentially troubleshoot the unit to see if they can determine if it was a catastrophic failure or if it's an electrical failure or a seal failure. And they will, once they know what the problem is, they will essentially make an offer to us. There is no warranty on the unit. So we're not, they're not obligated to offer us anything. nor are we obligated to buy the same unit again. So let's see what they can do and we don't have that answer yet.

[00:38:12] Dale Richardson

It is a bit unnerving to have a brand new unit that expected to last a number of years.

[00:38:19] Ms. Dion

Yes.

[00:38:19] Dale Richardson

This has been not a year, has it? Two. It has been two? Yeah. Okay. Anyhow, just thought I'd come up.

[00:38:28] Penny Smith

Good point. Councilor Cool.

[00:38:31] Ron Coole

Most of my questions just got answered because of warranties and that, but I do want to give credit where credit is due here. Thank the CAO and others for the quickness of putting this thing back together. Yeah.

[00:38:45] Ms. Dion

Yeah. And I'm, I'm very happy with how staff handled this.

[00:38:49] Penny Smith

Great. Thank you. Councilor Dover-Nervine.

[00:38:53] Thoburn-Irvine

So sorry.

[00:38:54] Penny Smith

No. Okay. Any other questions or comments? Not all those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. I suppose no motion is carried. Thank you for that. Okay. And then we move on to the final under operations D monthly building report for July 2026. So total construction to date of just over 3.7 million for the year since April for the fiscal year, I should say. three new seasonal dwellings, 190,000. That's total for three?

[00:39:33] Ms. Dion

Yeah.

[00:39:34] Penny Smith

Okay, I have to find it where they're going.

[00:39:37] Ms. Dion

I have a feeling that is the amount that is reported. Okay. So, one of the things I just wanted to point out about this report is I understand that council has requested that the building official give an update report on fiscal year over year. I have that draft report on my desk currently. What I've asked is it shows the 24, 25 fiscal year, the 25, 26 fiscal year. I've asked them to wait and assuming that council agrees to wait until the September data is entered, which will give us half of the year 26-27. And we'll add that to the bottom so that you can have an idea of the trend over the three years and you'll likely see that report at the last council meeting in October.

[00:40:22] Penny Smith

Okay, that sounds good. Yeah, I think we're always interested to just exactly what you're going to kind of watch the trend or see the trend.

[00:40:30] Ms. Dion

That what you'll see is that amount of construction in terms of the number of constructions is somewhat declining, but the dollar value of the constructions is of course increasing. So I don't like that trend because I'd like to see more construction, but in terms of impact to the municipality because the dollar value is there, I think it's

[00:40:55] Penny Smith

Yeah, well, when we look at what we've got in front of us right now, 33 permits for this fiscal compared to last is 55. But we're up by over half a million there. That's right. Total construction to date. OK, that's great. We'll be looking forward to receiving that in October. Thank you very much.

[00:41:18] Dale Richardson

What comes to mind is When we looked at the protection of the shorelines, there was a rush of a lot of permits, I think, were issued and put in, which not necessarily mean that they were building, but if they had an existing permit, it allowed them to build. So it may explain why there was a significant advantage just before that passed, and the downturn, of course, what's been in effect.

[00:41:55] Penny Smith

Yeah. Okay. Okay. Thank you. Enjoy the rest of your year. Yes. Thank you.

[00:42:00] Dale Richardson

Thanks.

[00:42:01] Penny Smith

Okay. We'll move on to administration and naval based demolition level hazardous materials survey. And that's our CAO.

[00:42:10] Warren MacLeod

Thank you, Warden. Um, the old naval base at the southern end of, um, Sandy Point, uh, has been under, um, a dangerous and incitely order. The process, uh, that, um, our bylaw officer has gone through with the various forms that are filed with the landowner has now got to the point where the municipality has the legal right to go in and rectify the situation. We've been taking a look at what the potential path forward is on that site, given the size of it. there has been a high level evaluation that is suggesting that the site could be demolished for salvage value under an RFP for salvage value. However, having said that, there are costs associated with going down that process, which would be attributed to the municipality. Those costs would be Firstly, what we're suggesting now is doing a hazardous material survey. So that's looking at your asbestos, your fuel tanks and lead paint on surfaces and identifying what the quantities would be. So I'm recommending that we proceed with that. Once that reports in place, I'll probably be coming to council for permission to go to RFP for demolition. but I'm qualifying that in the sense that I'm still waiting for some numbers in terms of how much it's actually going to cost roughly to remove the hazardous materials and also to remove the C&D materials from the site. The inanimate objects would remain on site, which would be, let's say, bricks and concrete blocks, that type of thing. Foundations would remain, that type of thing. I am feeling encouraged by the discussions I'm having with various people with regard to what the high level cost may be. There is a unique situation that has occurred recently and it's unrelated. So the Department of Justice have proposed a new billing mechanism for RCMP costs for municipalities. They've been meeting with each individual municipality. They've met with us. The billing mechanism for us is going to reduce our RCMP billing, this fiscal from 1.169 million to, I don't remember the number off the top of my head. I think it's about 889,000, something like that. So quite a significant savings. However, they said that the savings that you you make have to be spent on some type of public safety initiative or program. And. The CAO's clerks for the five units in Shelburne have been talking, in fact, we have a meeting tomorrow on what the possible uses for the savings could be. Senior services have come up, there are a number of other possible uses. However, I jumped in in our conversations with the Department of Justice and said, listen, I've got an unusual one here. It's a one-off. It's not an ongoing project. And that is we have a safety issue at the Naval base. Would you feel that those savings for the RCMP building would be appropriate for solving the safety issue at the Naval base and putting those funds towards demolition? I got a letter back for an email back from them at the staff level saying that they believe it does, but it's subject to minister approval. So it's possible that we'll have 280,000, whatever the number is to go towards demolition that is already budgeted for this year to go towards RCMP. So I will have more information from you on that once I get the cost estimates back. And I'll come back to you with a staff report on that. But in the meantime, we do have to proceed with a hazardous assessment report. And I'm asking you to give me a motion on that, please.

[00:46:57] Penny Smith

Just before we make the motion or I guess we can do it after we'll have the prepared motion if someone wants to make that. And then I can ask my question. Councilor Richardson.

[00:47:08] Dale Richardson

The results of the Council of Municipality and District of Shelburne provide CAO with the authority to obtain a demolition level hazardous materials survey report on the old Navy base located at 2882 Sandy Point Road. Funds to come from operating reserves in the amount of \$20,000. Thank you.

[00:47:33] Penny Smith

Thank you. It's been moved and seconded discussion on the motion. My first question is the \$20,000 that we're talking about. And even if Department of Justice agree that we can use the, we'll call it surplus from the RCMP, the policing costs, that all becomes a lien on the property to be. Okay.

[00:47:57] Warren MacLeod

It becomes a lien on the property.

[00:47:59] Penny Smith

I just want that to be clear because. I don't think residents should be paying for this cost themselves that wanted to confirm that that's money that will be. We will receive that back.

[00:48:12] Warren MacLeod

Yeah, we potentially will receive that back, but I do want to make it clear that under the MGA, it is our obligation to incur these costs. You know, as difficult as it is that someone has created this mess, we actually under MGA have to clean it up, sadly.

[00:48:29] Penny Smith

We have to clean it up, but it does become a lean against property.

[00:48:33] Warren MacLeod

Yep.

[00:48:34] Penny Smith

Thank you. Councillor Richardson and then Councillor Shand.

[00:48:39] Dale Richardson

Yeah, that sort of answers one of my questions was has circumstances changed at all with the ownership, which it doesn't sound like that position hasn't changed. Saying that, by all means, I think, yes, we would have the lean. I guess I'm trying to fathom through my mind how extensive the contamination can be on the site because it was a multi-purpose site, gymnasium, pool and everything else. And given the dates, it probably was using a lot of insulation aspects and so on. So how much of that I guess has been cleaned up, which with a lot of the buildings left, possibility that a lot of that hasn't been cleaned up in there.

[00:49:37] Penny Smith

Did you want to comment?

[00:49:38] Dale Richardson

I guess we do need a report and to find out where we land on that and hopefully it's not that extensive.

[00:49:48] Warren MacLeod

We have had hazard material specialists on site looking at it, giving us cost estimates. That's where the estimate of 20,000 comes in. We've also had a demolition expert on site looking at it. They feel it's doable, but I still don't have the numbers in terms of cost, in terms of what it's going to cost to remove the hazard materials and ship the CND offsite. So that's a question mark right now, but the next staff report I bring to you, I'll have those numbers for you.

[00:50:20] Dale Richardson

It's certainly just a statement. It would be great that that place is cleaned up. And it's unfortunate that the people that literally trashed the site eventually, I mean, we're having to clean it up. It's pitiful.

[00:50:39] Penny Smith

Can you remind us how large that property is?

[00:50:43] Warren MacLeod

in terms of acres? Yeah. Oh, I think it's something like 69 acres or something like that. Then there's about 16 buildings on site. And just to note that myself and the bylaw officer visited that property numerous times and every time we go to the property, there's new human activity that we witness on site, whether it be new murals on the walls or or new stuff that's ripped out of the ceilings or whatever, there is continual human activity at that base. And I am, we are very concerned that there's going to be somebody hurt down there at some point.

[00:51:29] Penny Smith

Thank you. Councillor Shand.

[00:51:31] Angie Shand

It is very unfortunate that it's in the state. I was wondering about the Where does that property stick right now with like it's taxes and things like, is it a potential that this may be something that comes up in this county to be able to take back at any point? Or are they in glistening?

[00:51:49] Warren MacLeod

They're in good standing. They're paying their taxes. Um, so we're cleaning up their mess and we're, we'll put the cost on, on, on the properties of lean. One of the things that might be interesting here is if you, if we are demolishing the buildings, that might actually make the property more marketable for the owner, in which case we might have a higher chance of seeing that lean come back to us. So.

[00:52:17] Penny Smith

Thank you, councillor Thorbringer.

[00:52:20] Thoburn-Irvine

I think I'm echoing the the obvious. I support what our other councillors have said. It's such a valuable piece of property. And so it's really encouraging to see that we're moving this along because I think our residents are very aware of it. And so, you know, they'll be They will welcome it when we can see the light at the end of the tunnel.

[00:52:41] Warren MacLeod

Yeah. There is one more item you should be aware of there. It doesn't impact us from a dangerous site perspective, but there is a landfill on site, which is adjacent to the naval bases part of the same property. The department, we've been engaging with the Department of Defense. They sent a team down to evaluate the landfill, which is a capped landfill. It's not a big landfill, probably a couple of acres at the most. But their conclusion is that they believe the cap is being breached by what is essentially an alder forest on top of it. It's not as a municipality, it's not our obligation to clean up that landfill. I am essentially working on behalf of the landowner. to try and get the federal government to take some form of responsibility there. But the original legal agreement when the Department of Natural Defense sold it to the development corporation was what I would describe as like an ironclad agreement. They passed all liabilities to that development corporation. So I'm doing my best. It's not looking encouraging. I'll, at the end of the day, be communicating with the landowner saying, listen, the landowner, the landfill that's on your property, we believe the cap's being breached. You need to deal with that. So that's not something we'll deal with. The landowner will have to deal with that.

[00:54:11] Penny Smith

OK. Thank you for that. Any other questions, comments? If not, all those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Aye. So suppose no motion is carried. I just want to thank our CAO for all, as you can tell from this conversation, there's been a lot of work happening on this file trying to find the best way forward with he and our by law enforcement officer and perhaps others who have been working on this. So thank you for that. And thank you for bringing that forward to Department of Justice as well as the questionable item perhaps for that money that we have. Okay, we will now move on to eight. Any other addition of youth members to council committees? And that's verbal and that's councillor shand.

[00:55:04] Angie Shand

I had just been reviewing a little bit now to start a summary that the information came in from the tri-camp to use summit overview and just kind of reading through it. And one of the things that was a big part of why this matters and what they're trying to do. is to give youth a voice and let them be heard and have a say in what happens in the community. So I was questioning wondering if there is anything with the committees that we have committees of council that have youth involvement. And I was told that we don't actually have youth as members on our committee. So I just thought it was something to maybe think about. Maybe really great to have a youth member on each of our council committees. If there is interest, they can bring a different voice. One of the things that we're always trying to do in our community is we want to keep our youth here and what can we do to keep them here and things in our community to help them. So, if they don't have a voice, it's hard to know if we don't have a young person on our committees. We're a little older to be making those choices and trying to figure out what they want to bring here. So, it may be of value to add a youth representative on each of our committees. So, I just wanted to bring that forward as a suggestion.

[00:56:13] Penny Smith

Okay, thank you very much for that. We did talk about that after myself and. I'm not sure if you had attended or not. No, I didn't. No, okay. And there were members from the town of Shelburne and others that who attended the summit in Yermitt. It was an airman really well represented with the youth who were there and just some of the ideas that they had as you read in the document were really great. We did bring it up at the Shelburne County leadership meeting as well. Just kind of putting it out there to see if there was something perhaps we wanted to do as a county even. I think at that point it was just said, well, We'll give it some thought and bring it back to another meeting. So that's kind of where it was left there. But I think it's a wonderful, would be a wonderful initiative to try to have some, get the interest of some of our youth to be a part of a number of the different committees that we have. And I guess we don't know who's interested until we put the ask out there.

[00:57:24] Thoburn-Irvine

Just listening to this for the first time, I think it is an opportunity and what comes to mind immediately that would be applicable, perhaps, would be the Recreation Committee. I don't know, like some committee in the Recreation Department, you know, you'll put thought to it.

[00:57:41] Penny Smith

So I don't know if we want to, when we look at our committees, I don't know if we'll be looking at them this fall. Have our appointments of warden and deputy warden again in November, but I don't know if we want to consider it at that point to look at the different committees that we have and to see. Perhaps putting it in our municipal newsletter just to put the ask it there to see if. There is some interest from the youth or how we want to go voted.

[00:58:11] Warren MacLeod

Yeah. It would be good if you could give me some direction now because it'll take a little bit of a little bit of work to talk to the, you know, the various youth groups in the community to see if there is an interest there. And then we can, we can bring that information back to you to say, yeah, we think there are some, some youth there that will be interested in participating.

[00:58:31] Penny Smith

Yeah. I'm wondering too, I think a number of us plan to attend the NSFM conference in November. And perhaps we could talk with the different members who are there to see what they do in their community or their municipal unit with how they involve youth as well. That might be an opportunity to see the different regions who may have youth involvement and how they implemented that.

[00:59:02] Warren MacLeod

We'll do some research and get back to you on that.

[00:59:05] Penny Smith

Okay, does that sound good?

[00:59:07] Warren MacLeod

We can we can put out some information on listserv to find out what other units are there.

[00:59:11] Penny Smith

Okay, good. Is that that good Councilor Shand to move it forward? Everyone's in agreement?

[00:59:19] Ron Coole

Councilor Cool. I agree with that. But just before we go on, I'm just wondering, and I might have missed it. Did we do six fees a monthly report? I don't think we did.

[00:59:35] Penny Smith

Yes, that's when we were talking about the monthly report and our inspection services going to the review.

[00:59:43] Ron Coole

I missed it.

[00:59:44] Penny Smith

No problem.

[00:59:45] Ron Coole

No problem. Thank you. Okay.

[00:59:49] Penny Smith

Councilor Richardson.

[00:59:51] Dale Richardson

Just a comment on committees and we always struggle to get the public involved. I think it's a great idea. Of course, the challenges are how large municipality is from Granite Village until you get to Clyde River. The logistics of getting younger people or students, especially involved in most of our committees meet in only evenings. But that being said, I think it's a great idea. But again, any idea that would involve the public or have more public participation, because everybody says, And the first thing you hear is you guys make all the decisions and you never consulted me. Well, you didn't want to be consulted. You don't want to participate in, in beyond committees. So it's pretty difficult. Yeah.

[01:00:50] Penny Smith

Well, one of the, one of the things that we discussed at the summit, because that did come up and a couple of the youth said, well, we can always do virtual.

[01:00:59] Dale Richardson

So.

[01:01:00] Penny Smith

And that was, you know, they had given it some thought as to, you know, if we were to move in that direction that, you know, some may not drive, of course. And like you said, I mean, with studies and different things that they made was what we can always do virtual. So, which was good. I thought, yeah.

[01:01:22] Dale Richardson

Which is second best. That being said, I think a meeting in person is better, but. Irregardless, it's the day we're in, virtual certainly would be compatible. Yeah.

[01:01:36] Penny Smith

Okay. Any other questions or comments on this item? Well, Councilor Shan, thank you for bringing that up. And maybe CAO, we can bring it up at our Shelburne County leadership meeting again to let them know how we're moving forward with the item. All right, we are moving on to correspondence. The first item is district 33 winery. Reconcens with provincial changes for local wineries, cideries, breweries and distilleries. And there is a draft letter that the CAO has prepared. And I believe you had forwarded to Mr. McClellan as well for his approval. Any questions or comments on that item? Is everyone in agreement with sending that letter through to the minister in support of? Okay, I'm hearing looking at nodding heads, so consensus around the table for that. No changes required to the letter. Okay, thank you. Next is the draft letter to NSFM requesting advocacy priority regarding the electrical transmission infrastructure in Southwest Nova Scotia. Any questions, comments on that item? CAO, did you wish to speak?

[01:02:57] Warren MacLeod

Yeah, I'll just add to that that the district of Digby and the district of Barrington have sent similar letters into the NSFM. And I'm anticipating letters from other units as their councils come back in September to send similar letters. So I'm hoping we'll get a positive response back from them.

[01:03:22] Penny Smith

Excellent. So is this an item, CEO, that was brought up at AMA, or was that separate? Was that separate?

[01:03:30] Warren MacLeod

There was a lot of energy discussion at AMA, but we've since had specific meetings with the Southwest CIOs. with IESO and I believe it's tomorrow we have, sorry, early next week we have a meeting with the Department of Energy all about the same topic. So it's all about advocacy and bringing this forward. So this is the first step to get it into NSFM. The interesting thing is that the Premier now is the Minister for the Department of Energy. So I'm hoping that our advocacy will get directly to him. ISO are also going to be preparing us a report in the new year about what the state of our infrastructure is in the Southwest, which will not be a good report. We've also had very interesting conversations with Renewal. So Renewal, or if you remember the company that we signed a contract with, to get 100% renewable energy for all of our prior requirements that in the process of completing a wind turbine farm in Queens, they have agreed to look at Shelburne as a potential site for a future wind farm. And they're going to do an evaluation there. I suspect that the will is there, but it might be that the transmission capacity is not there. So that's one more, I guess, item that we'll bring up with the Department of Energy that, listen, we have energy company that's interested in here, but you don't have the transmission capacity unit. You need to step in. You need to sort out this problem. The unfortunate thing is that this is a problem that's going to be hundreds of millions of dollars to solve. So this has to be a cabinet decision at the highest level. But hopefully, with NSFM coming up, I hope NSFM will come on board and advocate for us. And at some point, I'm going to be coming around to all the mayor's wardens in the Southwest, the Ocean 11, and get an advocacy letter pulled together by all of us. And just keep pushing it, keep pushing it.

[01:06:04] Penny Smith

So renewal is, I'm sure, aware of land use by law and just the designations and all of that. Very aware of that. Thank you. Councillor Thoreau, the other one.

[01:06:17] Thoburn-Irvine

So this is timely. It's timely. We've wanted this for a while, so I guess maybe we're on the cusp of making something happen. It's timely. There's a lot of players involved, and so maybe We'll see something positive out of that. This is a little bit of a separate question. I was going to ask you after council, but I'll just ask you now in terms of energy that the initiative that was on, I think it was Woodlawn Drive, the solar garden. Again, another energy solution. Has there been anything forthcoming with that?

[01:06:55] Warren MacLeod

No information has come to me on that.

[01:06:56] Penny Smith

Okay. So Councilor Richardson and I sit on that, on the community garden committee as volunteers.

[01:07:05] Ms. Dion

Yeah.

[01:07:06] Penny Smith

And we were just, we just got news that we were, I believe awarded money to, yeah, to finish that project. So fingers crossed that will go through. I don't, I mean, we don't know at this point until an announcement is made, but it was, it was very certainly positive. moving forward that we should hopefully have that, have the money to do that project. To do another greenhouse? No, no, solar.

[01:07:37] Thoburn-Irvine

Okay, the one that I was just asking about, solar garden, okay.

[01:07:40] Penny Smith

No, solar for the project with the greenhouse. I think you're talking about two different things. We are, but I understand what you're saying.

[01:07:49] Thoburn-Irvine

So that's good news. So this was a private initiative. I don't remember what the company was.

[01:07:54] Chrystal Fuller

[01:07:56] Thoburn-Irvine

It was a large right. There was a large piece of like 300 acres and there was an in the interior. There was 32 acres that they were planning for. So we've not heard anything.

[01:08:05] Penny Smith

No.

[01:08:05] Thoburn-Irvine

Okay. No.

[01:08:06] Penny Smith

Thank you. Sorry. I was thinking right over there. I was following your lead though. Good news. Councillor Richardson.

[01:08:14] Dale Richardson

Yeah. Further to that. They will be on slight. I think in the following week.

[01:08:21] Penny Smith

Okay. Wonderful. Yeah.

[01:08:23] Dale Richardson

to put in preliminary pilots for that.

[01:08:27] Ron Coole

Well, you're saying to Grant and I'm not going to go into the details of it because I saw that online today where they had awarded.

[01:08:37] Penny Smith

Okay. Excellent. CEO.

[01:08:39] Warren MacLeod

I'm going to digress here, but how has we've been doing that? Yeah. So you've taken all your vegetables and you've been selling them at the market. How has that been received?

[01:08:50] Penny Smith

We've been selling some at the market, but we've given, I'm looking at Councillor Richardson, I think over 300 pounds. We have provided to families in the Shelburne and Lockport area.

[01:09:03] Dale Richardson

We sell what we can at the market and what is left over usually in the production time, which is summer, by Monday. If we're selling Saturday or we harvest Saturday, sell Sunday. By Monday, we have to harvest again. So on Monday, what we have left from the market and what we have been harvesting on Monday has been going to shelters and the food bank. And we recently have pursued the Wednesday market in La Porte, which has been fine. And anything left there again goes to the food bank or places that we can place it. So it's over a radiant access to a thousand pounds of products we put out so far. Well, the 300 pounds is directly to the food banks and the other is trying to recover enough cost to cover expenses. But as we wheel, it slows down and of course the markets will disappear. when that happens, they will go to mostly the food banks and the shelters.

[01:10:23] Warren MacLeod

That's fantastic. Tomatoes, cucumbers, and tomatoes and stuff in sometimes.

[01:10:31] Dale Richardson

My spot. Beets, spinach, lettuce. We had one crop. We rotate through and we're on our second crop now. We just planted lettuce. and beats again. So it's, it'll be a rotational thing until the end of November.

[01:10:52] Penny Smith

The best beat greens. They're so good. All of it is, it's really wonderful.

[01:10:57] Dale Richardson

Yeah.

[01:10:58] Penny Smith

Yeah, we're pretty.

[01:11:00] Dale Richardson

Yeah, actually, I'm really proud because it's our first year and we've had some hurdles and well significant ones and we've overcome and really, I think we've done well to produce what we have.

[01:11:12] Penny Smith

Yeah, and I'll do a quick shout out to Matthew Roy from Coastal Grove, who was instrumental in helping us get this started. I mean, it's his knowledge that really brought it to where it is. And Councillor Richardson has volunteered countless hours there as well. So a wonderful, tiny group we are of, I think, seven or eight of us and then volunteers that. Yeah, and then people who come in, they spend like an hour or so just to help with the harvest or to help. Do whatever it needs to be done, I guess, at the site. So probably 30 or so total, when you count everyone that just pops in to say, you know, I'm here for a half an hour, how can I help or whatever? So yeah, it's been extremely rewarding to see everything get to the point where it is right now. And looking forward to the future and the vision that we have for it.

[01:12:11] Thoburn-Irvine

So, all right. So I'll just say that the other day I was, I saw council Richardson's truck there and I was on my way to Kenji with my international students. So we, we pulled in and got the tour and you know, and it's, it is, it's just a jungle of production in there. It really is impressive. So imagine it. We go to Keji, we hike eight kilometers, we come back and Council Richardson's truck is still there. So like you said, he did. So quite a commitment. Yes. Yes. For all of you. Yeah.

[01:12:52] Penny Smith

It's wonderful. Thank you for that. Okay. We are down to the last item under correspondence and that was from Abby Peterson. I think that motion needed to be made for that letter. Oh, yes. Thank you for that. Would someone like to make that motion?

[01:13:16] Warren MacLeod

Thank you.

[01:13:18] Penny Smith

Yes. Thank you for that for catching that. Someone like to Councilor Shand. Thank you.

[01:13:24] Angie Shand

We resolved that the Council of the municipality of the district of Shelburne request the NSFM board of directors to consider the inaccuracy of the electrical transmission infrastructure in Southwest Nova Scotia as an advocacy priority for NSFM. The further result that this council believes that this issue would be best reviewed by the infrastructure advisory committee or such other committee or ad committee as NSFM may feel is appropriate.

[01:13:52] Penny Smith

Thank you very much. It's been moved and seconded. I'm not sure how we got off topic the way we did, but. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Aye. Those opposed, no. Motion is carried. Okay, now we're going to do Abby's thank you letter. And you see that on the screen. And we'll move on next to committee reports and warden update. Are there any reports, committee reports? We've just gotten back from being away for over a month. Councilor Thorever-Nervine and Councilor Shand.

[01:14:29] Thoburn-Irvine

So, too, and they were both today. The Western County Regional Library Board, we held a governance meeting and dealt with that, the issues there. And I just wanted to put a plug in you, as far as the, as it pertains to the leadership team have been invited to the October meeting. So all the area CAOs, I think, I shouldn't say, I think it may be CAO. Pretty sure you and the deputy warden. So of all the units, we'll meet at the McKay library on the 28th of October, and that is going to be discussing our service review. So it's really important as we strive to advance for sustainable and stable funding for our libraries. So that's going to be an initiative where she touches base with all the leadership for the three counties, Digby, Yarmouth and Shelburne. So, yeah, so there's that piece. And then there was the committee for climate adaptation with Emily Cowan. There was an inter municipal learning an hour and a half discussion on climate adaptation. That was very good as well.

[01:16:05] Angie Shand

bigger and better than last year. It continues to grow. So we're excited for that event to happen. Also attended the Rosemey Manor Board meeting last week with the Deputy Board as well. Everything seems to be doing very well with the manner. Still no progress in having a new manner open for us. That's still kind of on pause. But they talked about how everything has gone well after the staff came back from the strike. The morale and everything with staff has been going very well, so to be very impressed with that.

[01:16:36] Penny Smith

Thank you very much, Councillor Cool.

[01:16:40] Ron Coole

It wasn't actually a committee alone, looking forward to getting back on committees this week. But back, I guess, July-August was before, after our last meeting. the warden and I, the MLA, some officials from town. I think I'd like to bring this up in the fact that we went to check on a road, that road in and with the Department of Public Works concerning the safety of the road there in West Handeloff, board area.

[01:17:14] Penny Smith

Well, yes, that was yourself and me. Yes, this is the clerk. Yeah, from town of block port and we had DOT representative and we had the deputy mayor. I believe they met with them.

[01:17:31] Ron Coole

Yeah.

[01:17:33] Penny Smith

Yes. And Mr. Wood.

[01:17:34] Ron Coole

That's right. Yes. And, uh, but I noticed he wrote another letter today concerning that to to go to, uh, public works and on that, but we haven't heard nothing more from that. And that's, I just wanted to.

[01:17:50] Penny Smith

OK. Councillor Thorburn Irvine. Oh, I'm so sorry. No, that's OK. OK, so gosh, I had to look back in my planner to see where we were because it feels like it's been a very long time since we met. The July 26th was the Lockport Legion breakfast that the Deputy Warden and Councillor Shand and I had attended. It was the celebrating their 80th anniversary, actually. Fabulous food there, I have to say, if people, I don't know if you typically go to the Lockport Legion for breakfast, but it's wonderful. August 5th, I attended the Barrington Recplex opening. Beautiful facility, loads of people there. They were expecting probably 30 people and there must have been, I don't know, 80, 90 people there. Lots of excitement. So really nice to see that open August 13th. I attended a lunch with the healthcare professionals and actually councillor shandon. The deputy warden was there as well. And it was really a send off for Dr. Khan. Who's left the family practice. August 19th to the 30th, I was out of the country on vacation with family, which was fabulous. And September 4th, Councillor Shan mentioned the Rosway Manor meeting. September 5th, I attended the Salwas Nova Transit Association barbecue and they were celebrating their new office that's located at the Barrington Lions Hall parking lot. It's a nice little office there. It's power internet, all of that good stuff. And I gave remarks on behalf of the municipality. And then this morning I was down to the waterfront bright and early for the arrival of the seaborne ovation, I think it was called, and it's 500 passengers. Now, obviously 500 people didn't come off the ship, but it was nice to see the people who did come along the waterfront, some were going to do a walking tour, others were being transported to other locations for the day, I will say. But it was still lovely to see, beautiful ship, lovely pictures online if anyone wants to see it. Okay. And that is it for committee reports and warden update. And it is now 7, 20 p.m. And we will adjourn our meeting. Thank you, everyone.