

**Steering Committee Meeting Notes**

**October 12, 2021 at County Board Room @8am**

**Attendance:** Warden Owen McCarron, Deputy Warden Hughie Stewart, Mayor Laurie Boucher, Deputy Mayor Willie Cormier, Jeff Lawrence, Glenn Horne, Shirlyn Donovan, Kate Gorman & Alisha Bowie.

**Regrets:** None

- 1) MIP (Municipal Innovation Project) Application
  - Still under development. Discussions ongoing internally on scope of work and with DMAH on eligible costs.
- 2) Update on Engagement Liaison Proposals
  - Discussion to extend the deadline for the proposals.
  - Deadline is this Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, extend to Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 3) West Hants meeting scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 4) Update on Meeting with Region of Queens
  - John Leefe, former Queens Mayor, cannot attend meeting.
  - CAO Chris McNeill and Mayor Darlene Norman to talk about consolidated Government and where they are at 20 years later, present to joint councils.
  - Date still being finalized.
- 5) No update on Guysborough meetings.
- 6) CAOs Meeting with West Hants CAO Mark Phillips
  - Mr. Phillips shared his experience with the Consolidation / Transition process.
  - Similar to the DMAH, Mr. Phillips shared that the increase in RCMP costs was the biggest surprise and obstacle during the West Hants process.
  - Mr. Phillips also shared the importance of engaging and communicating with staff throughout the process.
- 7) Everything achieved in October except for Joint Council workshop to develop draft guiding principles.
- 8) Committee Terms of Reference
  - This is the final review of the Committee TOR, as they will be going to County Council tonight; Town Council Monday night.
- 9) Additions:
  - Councillors who have with questions and general FAQ's - bring to committee for review.