Mayor Marshall welcomed everyone to the regular meeting of the Town Council for the Town of Bridgetown held on the above date at 7:00 p.m.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

MOTION: 110228.01 Agreed to accept the agenda as amended
MOTION: 110228.02 Approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Town Council for the Town of Bridgetown held on January 24, 2011 (as amended)
MOTION: 110228.03 Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Council for the Town of Bridgetown held on January 31, 2011 (as amended)
MOTION: 110228.04 Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Council for the Town of Bridgetown held on February 14, 2011 (as amended)
MOTION: 110228.05 Approved the next cycle of Financial Services Arrangements with Consultant J. DesRosiers, CA
MOTION: 110228.06 Accepted, for information, the following Town Standing Committee reports for January, 2011 in the Council package
MOTION: 110228.07 Accepted the reports as presented in the Council package
MOTION: 110228.08 Agreed to proclaim 2011 the Year of the Entrepreneur in the Town of Bridgetown
MOTION: 110228.09 Agreed to continue to accept miscellaneous grant applications until March 31, 2011 but to defer any decision on the allocation of funds until the 2011/2012 General Operating Budget is approved
MOTION: 110228.10 Agreed that Council adjourn to an in-camera session at 8:59 p.m.
MOTION: 110228.11 Agreed to adjourn at 9:47 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor A. Marshall, Councillors T. Agombar, R. Campbell, D. Kingston and G. Wright, Acting CAO G. Cooke and AA M. Merry.

Also in attendance: Solicitor John Cameron

Regrets: Deputy Mayor J. Smith and Councillor R. Fleming

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

MOTION: 110228.01 Agreed to accept the agenda as amended
On motion of Councillor Agombar, seconded by Councillor Wright, the Town Council accepted the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

APPROVALS

MOTION: 110228.02 Approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Town Council for the Town of Bridgetown held on January 24, 2011 (as amended)
On motion of Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Kingston, the Town Council approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Town Council for the Town of Bridgetown held on January 24, 2011 (as amended). Motion carried.

MOTION: 110228.03 Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Council for the Town of Bridgetown held on January 31, 2011 (as amended)
On motion of Councillor Wright, seconded by Councillor Agombar, the Town Council approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Council for the Town of Bridgetown held on January 31, 2011 (as amended). Motion carried.

MOTION: 110228.04 Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Council for the Town of Bridgetown held on February 14, 2011 (as amended)
On motion of Councillor Kingston, seconded by Councillor Campbell, the Town Council approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Council for the Town of Bridgetown held on February 14, 2011 (as amended). Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING

IRVING PROPERTY

IRVING OIL LIMITED SIGNING AUTHORITIES
Acting CAO G. Cooke advised Council a representative from Irving Oil Limited had informed him that the senior signing officer was out of country. The representative suggested sending a scanned image of the deed with one of the two required signatures as a sign of good faith.

REVERE BUILDING

Mayor Marshall advised Council that there will be a brief ceremony at the reopening of the Bridgetown Library at the new location, 38 Queen Street, on Thursday, March 3, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. The official opening ceremony will be later in the spring when the landscaping has been completed.
CDC Raftery will be preparing a request for proposal (RFP) for the rental space including a public washroom.

DRAFT

SEWER CHARGE BYLAW
Acting CAO G. Cooke reviewed for Council a draft of the sewer charge bylaw prepared by solicitor Cameron. Acting CAO G. Cooke recommended that Council repeal and replace the current bylaw with the revised sewer charge bylaw as this is a matter of revisiting rather than amending. Changes from the original sewer charge bylaw were identified and discussed including the elimination of a base rate and a flat rate to be replaced by 50% of the domestic water bill.

ACCOUNTING SERVICES

CONSULTANT J. DESROSIERS, CA
MOTION: 110228.05 Approved the next cycle of Financial Services Arrangements with Consultant J. DesRosiers, CA
On motion of Councillor Kingston, seconded by Councillor Campbell, the Town Council approved the next cycle of Financial Services Arrangements with Consultant J. DesRosiers, CA as presented. Motion carried.

Mayor Marshall advised Council that J. DesRosiers, CA has scheduled the first visit of her next cycle visit from May 12-18, 2011. The focus for the visit will be the 2010/2011 year end and the 2011/2012 budget which includes Thirty Six Thousand Dollars ($36,000.00) built into the budget for financial services.

CAO SUPPORT

Mayor Marshall advised Council that Acting CAO G. Cooke will be out of the province during June, July and August 2011 and arrangements must be made to replace this function.

WATER COMMISSION

UPDATE
Acting CAO G. Cooke advised Council that, with assistance from Solicitor Cameron, questions from the Nova Scotia Utility Review Board (NSURB) had been answered and forwarded. The NSURB Pubic Hearing will take place on Monday, March 21, 2011 commencing at 11:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall.

REPORTS

TOWN STANDING COMMITTEES

MOTION: 110228.06 Accepted, for information, the following Town Standing Committee reports for January, 2011 in the Council package
On motion of Councillor Agombar, seconded by Councillor Kingston, the Town Council accepted, for information, the following Town Standing Committee reports for January 2011:

- Tree Committee;
- Annapolis Valley Regional Library (AVRL);
- Annapolis Digby Economic Development Agency (ADEDA);
- Valley Waste Resource Management (VWRM);
- Friends of the Library (FOTL);
- Bridgetown Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC);
- Bridgetown Fire Services Committee;

in the Council package. Motion carried.

BVFD

The Town Council accepted, for information, the Bridgetown Volunteer Fire Department report for the month of January, 2011 in the Council package.

DEVELOPMENT/BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

The Town Council accepted, for information, the Development/Building Permit report for the month of January, 2011 in the Council package.

The Town Council accepted, for information, the Fire Inspection report for the month of January, 2011 in the Council package.

RCMP

The Town Council accepted, for information, the RCMP report for the month of January, 2011 in the Council package.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Town Council accepted, for information, the Aged Payables report as of February 22, 2011 in the Council package.

The Town Council accepted, for information, the Aged Receivables report as of February 24, 2011 in the Council package.

MOTION: 110228.07 Accepted the reports as presented in the Council package
On motion of Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Wright, the Town Council accepted the reports as presented in the Council package.

BUDGET 2011/2012

Mayor Marshall advised Council that the 2011/2012 budget would be a regular agenda item until the budget is passed.

Mayor Marshall distributed to Council a preliminary 5 year budget as prepared by consultant J. DesRosiers, CA. Mayor Marshall explained he had looked at various scenarios for tax increases in terms of revenue.

CORRESPONDENCE

FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR ACCOUNTING SERVICES
Council accepted for information the correspondence from Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations (SNSMR) and payment of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000.00) provided in funding assistance to the Town of Bridgetown.

PROCLAMATION

2011 YEAR OF THE ENTREPRENEUR
Council accepted for information correspondence from the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB)
MOTION: 110228.08 Agreed to proclaim 2011 the Year of the Entrepreneur in the Town of Bridgetown
On motion of Councillor Agombar, seconded by Councillor Kingston, the Town Council agreed to proclaim 2011 the Year of the Entrepreneur in the Town of Bridgetown. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS
FORMER WATERSHED

SILVICULTURE
Acting CAO G. Cooke advised Council, that through Superintendant Grant, he had been introduced to Mr. Beals. Mr. Beals proposed the silviculture of lands from Crosskill Lake to Cranberry or Long Lake. Silviculture is best described as a non intrusive, selective harvesting of wood that would generate between Ten and Twenty Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00 - $20,000.00) in revenue for the Town of Bridgetown. Solicitor Cameron advised Council that if they were to entertain the idea, requests for proposals would need to be issued.

THE READER

REGULAR TOWN SUBMISSIONS
Acting CAO G. Cooke recommended that Council consider regular town submissions to the Reader as an ongoing proactive way of communicating to the public.

REQUEST FOR DECISION

MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS
Mayor Marshall advised Council that the Town of Bridgetown generally allocates Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00) in miscellaneous grants to various not for profit organizations. Council reviewed the request for decision and recommendations from staff regarding the miscellaneous grant process.
MOTION: 110228.09 Agreed to continue to accept miscellaneous grant applications until March 31, 2011 but to defer any decision on the allocation of funds until the 2011/2012 General Operating Budget is approved
On motion of Councillor Kingston, seconded by Councillor Wright, the Town Council agreed to continue to accept miscellaneous grant applications until March 31, 2011 but to defer any decision on the allocation of funds until the 2011/2012 General Operating Budget is approved. Motion carried.

IN-CAMERA

MOTION: 110228.10 Agreed that Council adjourn to an in-camera session at 8:59 p.m.
On motion of Councillor Agombar, seconded by Councillor Campbell, the Town Council agreed that Council adjourn to an in-camera session at 8:59 p.m., pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, Section 22 (2)(c), to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried. The Council adjourned the in-camera session and returned to regular Council meeting at 9:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: 110228.11 Agreed to adjourn at 9:47 p.m.
On motion of Councillor Agombar, seconded by Councillor Campbell, the Town Council agreed to adjourn at 9:47 p.m. Motion carried.

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MAYOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT