

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

October 20, 2014

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger, Chair
- George El-Jakl
- Shaun Hatfield
- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson

Absent was member Jody Crook due to vacation.

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Community Grants.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by E. Nickerson that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by E. Nickerson that the minutes of the meeting held October 14, 2014 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

HEALTHY EATING POLICY

Samantha Goreham, the Municipality's Physical Activity Leader, together with Sheila Bird and Jane Cunningham from the Provincial Department of Public Health, appeared before the meeting for the purpose of making a presentation on a Healthy Eating Policy in municipal and recreation settings. A written proposed policy was previously circulated to members for their information and review. The policy was then presented and reviewed by the ladies attending the meeting.

There then followed a lengthy discussion regarding the implications of the policy, and how it may be implemented, in particular, at the Barrington Municipal Arena. It was indicated that tool kits for implementation at various municipal sites are being developed, and that these would be most useful in changing and introducing this policy in municipal settings. Additional information was requested, including how this policy was being implemented in other municipal units throughout the South Shore. This information will be obtained and forwarded to the Municipality.

Having completed their presentation and discussion of the proposed policy, the ladies retired from the meeting at approximately 8:10 p.m.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM MONTHLY REPORT

The Municipality's Community Development and Tourism Officer, Suzy Atwood, appeared before the meeting for the purpose of presenting her Monthly Report, and also a proposed plan for tourism development in the Municipality. These documents were previously circulated to members by email.

There then followed some discussion of revision of the Municipal website and the need for a professional designer to do so.

Resolution COW141017

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality approve the Community Development and Tourism Plan as circulated and proposed by the Municipality's Community Development and Tourism Officer.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW141018

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the Community Development and Tourism Officer prioritize the activities in the tourism plan, and prepare a budget with a timeline for completion of the various activities contained in the plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW141019

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality's Community Development and Tourism Officer investigate revision of the Municipality's website, obtain estimated cost information for doing so, and research the potential for hiring a professional designer to revise the website as soon as possible.

Motion carried unanimously.

Members also discussed the use of a webcam within the Municipality, and the need to retrieve the Municipality's camera from the site where it had been located at the Causeway.

Resolution COW141020

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality install its webcam at a Causeway location as soon as possible, and at least before the Christmas season in order to facilitate streaming of events there.

Motion carried unanimously.

Having completed her discussion of tourism matters with the members, the Community Development and Tourism Officer retired from the meeting at approximately 9:00 p.m.

FIRE SERVICES MOTIONS

As a result of the recent Fire Services Advisory Committee meeting held October 8, 2014, various motions have been forwarded for Council consideration.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council the Municipality provide \$4,600.00 from the Fire Services Fund for the cost of a driveway at property owned by the Barrington/Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department, in Villagedale.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Hatfield that consideration of the previous motion be deferred until legal advice has been obtained.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW141021

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the request of the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department to purchase two new Scott 2.2 air packs out of the money they have in the bank be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW141022

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department be requested to disclose to the Municipality all monies held in any bank accounts on their behalf.

Motion carried unanimously.

This disclosure is required for information purposes only to assist the Municipality in future endeavors with the fire departments.

BAY SIDE HOME BY-LAWS

Members were informed that Bay Side Home has completed and passed a resolution approving revised by-laws of the Corporation. A copy of these by-laws has been provided to the Municipality for municipal files, and a copy was forwarded to members in advance to the meeting.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN

A list of the proposed projects contained in the Capital Investment Plan was provided to members together with the agenda for their information and review. Members then discussed the various projects contained in the Plan.

Members indicated which projects were priorities and the approximate times at which each were anticipated to be initiated. The Plan will now be revised with this additional information, circulated to members, and forwarded to Council for approval.

Councillor El-Jakl then informed members that due to work commitments it was necessary for him to leave at 10:00 p.m. and retired from the meeting at this time.

The remaining members agreed to complete the business of the meeting.

ENGAGE NOVA SCOTIA

Discussion regarding pursuit of this initiative was deferred until the next meeting of the Committee.

COMMUNITY GRANT REQUEST

Members were informed that the Little Red School House wished to apply for a Community Grant. This organization is a local community hall and may qualify for a Community Grant under the Municipality's policy.

ARENA OPERATIONS

Members were informed that a complaint had been received at the Municipal Office, by telephone, concerning operations at the Arena. The substance of this complaint was communicated to members for their information and discussion.

There then followed much discussion of the change in operation of the Arena this year and subsequent activities there. The issues raised in the complaint have been addressed and dealt with accordingly.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:28 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website October 21, 2014.