

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

March 21, 2016

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:55 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- George El-Jakl, Chair
- Jody Crook
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
  
- Rob Frost, CAO

Absent with regrets:

- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- Shaun Hatfield

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was agreed that a discussion regarding the South Shore Tourism funding request be added to the agenda.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded D. Messenger that the minutes of the meeting held March 14, 2016 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### Tourism and Community Development Officer – Suzy Atwood Report

- o Seaside Tourist Rest Stop Project, tender awarded tonight for boardwalk, and power pole being moved
- o McGray Ave Project, breakwater complete, putting plans in place for boardwalk, and floating docks
- o Barrington River Trail Bridge, Phase 1 complete. Next phase will be the completion of the bridge. The Trails Committee would like to know that the municipality is still committed to funding
- o Beaches brochure is in draft form
- o RCMP Meet and Greet. Suzy to plan for the week of May 15-21 (Police week). Opportunity to meet RCMP and CAO
- o Municipal brochure close to complete
- o Marketing ads in many different places
- o Communities in Bloom – Banner contest being put in place
- o Adirondack chairs are being prepped to put out when weather is better

### Resolution COW160308

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality support the South Shore Tourism Team, and contribute to their operating fund \$810 as requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Services Coordinator – Dave Kendrick Report

- Policy 54, discussion around clarification of this policy. Current policy is now on website.
- CAO, and Fire Services Coordinator will have further discussion regarding this policy, and may look at a few amendments for clarity purposes
- In the shorter term we will hold further discussions with our fire departments about budgeting and spending responsibilities
- CAO, and Fire Services Coordinator will also have further discussions regarding the training and ability to respond from fire departments for certain events. After further internal discussion it will be brought back to council for further discussion

Offshore Oil and Gas Discussion with Nathan Blades from Clean Ocean Action Committee

- Nathan provided a very interesting discussion regarding off shore oil and gas in relation to our area and the fishing industry.
- The Clean Ocean Action Committee are looking for support from municipalities in the area. They are looking at three main goals
  - That Bid Areas 3 and 4 be removed from any future development for oil and gas exploration or extraction
  - That there is a guarantee that any future offshore oil and gas will not use any chemical dispersant
  - And thirdly that there be a requirement to have a capping stack ready to deploy on the Eastern Seaboard
- They are not opposed to the offshore oil and gas industry they just want to ensure that it can co-exist with the fishing industry so as to never have a negative impact on our most important industry
- CAO to draft a possible resolution that can be shared with Municipal partners, to look to have it taken to UNSM.

Volunteer Banquet

Resolution COW160309

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council to move April 11 CotW to Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup>, to allow for council/ /staff to attend the Volunteer Banquet if so desired.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Orchard

On receipt of a letter from Linda Symonds, there was discussion about the possibility of developing a Community Orchard. Ms. Symonds provided information of other areas where this type of initiative can be used to enhance unused municipal land. Council has asked that staff look at what options there may be to incorporate this into the existing community garden.

Waiting Period for Group insurance Benefits for CAO

Resolution COW160310

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council to waive the waiting period for Group Health Insurance benefits for the Chief Administrative Officer as agreed to in the contract.

Motion carried unanimously.

Row for Nanny's Cure

Discussion was had regarding the need for additional insurance for the Row for Nanny's Cure event. We will not require them to have further insurance, will investigate how we worked with them in the past, and staff will speak with the organizers.

Election List

Council needs to decide what list to use for the upcoming Municipal Elections. Report provided by CAO was discussed. Discussion covered the suggestion that we work together to improve the list received to make it as accurate as possible.

Resolution COW160311

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded D. Messenger that it be recommended to council to use provincial elections list.

Motion carried unanimously.

Humidity Study for Curling Rink and Arena

Further discussion will be had at the next Committee of the Whole regarding the Humidity Study and will come up for discussion during budget deliberations.

Sale of Surplus Municipally owned Property

The Municipality has four parcels of land that were obtained through tax sale that are deemed surplus. Council needs to make the decision as to how they would like to dispose of these parcels. As per policy, Council would like to waive the need for an appraisal, and may have further discussion regarding the need for a public hearing which also could be waived.

Resolution COW160312

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council to list the four municipally owned properties through local real estate agents, and waive the need for an appraisal.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary for the Meeting