

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

April 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:05 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Warden Eddie Nickerson
- Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor Jody Crook
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Councillor Shaun Hatfield

- Rob Frost, CAO

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was agreed that the following three items be added to the agenda.

- Discussion regarding the Clyde River Bus Stop
- Discussion regarding the Low Income Tax Exemption Policy
- An in-camera session was added to discuss sale of Municipal property

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the minutes of the meeting held March 21, 2016 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation from Sgt. MJ Deluco from the Barrington RCMP

Sgt. Deluco gave a brief overview of the Barrington RCMP detachment including the human resources, vehicles, real property, and other resources they have at their immediate disposal.

Sgt. Deluco then discussed crime statistics in detail, looking at which offences have increased or decreased. Two areas of concern identified by the local detachment is an increase in fraud and the operation of ATV's while under the influence of alcohol.

Clyde River Bus Stop

Prior to Sgt. Deluco leaving a discussion was held regarding the Clyde River Bus Stop. J. Crook confirmed that there are no school bus stop signs in the area. There was also discussion around having temporary electronic speed signs on location to encourage a reduction of speed in the area. Sgt. Deluco said she would speak with Dept of TIR regarding these signs.

Resolution COW160401

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality request that the Dept of TIR install School Bus Stop signs at the Clyde River Bus Stop.

Motion carried unanimously.

Humidity Study at Curling Club and Sandy Wickens Memorial Arena

General discussion was held to discuss the recommendations in the study, solutions, and costs. CAO was asked to have further discussion with the curling club regarding their operations and how the club and Municipality can work best together.

Further discussion regarding the cost of the implementation of recommendations will be held during budget discussions.

Barrington Dental Centre – Request for storage shed

Councillors discussed the request and wish to garner more information. They would like to know size, possible location, whether power is needed, and if there are options that would work within the existing building.

CAO has been tasked with meeting with the Dental office for further discussions.

Surplus Municipal Property – Baccaro

Resolution COW160402

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council to list the municipally owned property in question (PID 80062839) in coordination with the other properties currently being listed, to sell this property with the adjacent property, waive the need for an appraisal, and waive the need for a public hearing.

Motion carried unanimously.

Joint EMO and TCRSB Draft Agreement

Resolution COW160403

Moved by S. Hatfield and D. LeBlanc-Messenger that it be recommended to Council to accept the agreement between the Town of Clark's Harbour, the Municipality of the District of Barrington, and the Tri-County Regional School Board as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Accommodations for medical students

Discussion was held in regards to the request to support the funding for accommodations of medical students working with Dr. Baker.

The committee discussed what the procedure is for doctors working with medical students, and ultimately who is responsible for accommodations, etc.

Further discussion will be held during budget deliberations.

CAO has been asked to investigate further as to the way this program works, as well as what other municipal units are doing in this regards.

Solid Waste RFP

CAO presented recommendation for the acceptance of a contract to provide solid waste services.

Resolution COW160404

Moved by G. El-Jakl and D. LeBlanc-Messenger that it be recommended to Council to accept the proposal for collection and transportation of solid waste, recyclables, organic, and residual solid waste as submitted by Ridge Road Waste Management Ltd as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy Review and Policy 52

General discussion was held regarding the need for a policy review and where the review is currently. The CAO has reviewed all policies and has categorized those policies that need the most change, those that need minor change, and those that do not need any change. Policies will be reviewed, based on priority over the coming months.

Policy 52 still refers to the Annual General Meeting that is no longer required by legislation. This policy states when the budget will be passed which may slow down the process.

CAO has been tasked to review, and bring a revision back to CoW for discussion.

European Union and Possible Ban of Live Lobster Imports

Discussion was held regarding the talk in the European Union of the potential ban of live lobster from North America. The Warden shared the discussion that he had had with MP Jordan, who has committed to following up with Global Affairs, and Fisheries Ministers.

CAO also discussed research that had been done on this topic, specifically a conversation that he had had with Geoff Irvine, Executive Director for the Lobster Council of Canada. Geoff confirmed that there is a strong focus on this issue by a collective group of Canadian and US agencies working towards avoiding any disruption in export. Geoff said he would keep the municipality in the loop as things progressed.

Low Income Tax Exemption Policy

There was discussion about what to do should a citizen miss the deadline within the policy. General consensus was that the date needed to be adhered to in the interest of fairness. Further discussion ensued regarding this policy and how it could be amended to make it easier to apply, and that the salary level should also be reviewed.

CAO has been tasked with further review of this policy to be brought back to council.

Sale of Municipal Land

In-Camera

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook to move in-camera to discuss sale of Municipal property.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW160405

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl to recommend to council to give CAO authority to sell municipal properties currently listed at the agreed upon price.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website April 14, 2016.