

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

April 18, 2016

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:04 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger, Chair
- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- George El-Jakl
- Shaun Hatfield
- Jody Crook – Arrived at 7:30pm.

- Rob Frost, CAO

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was agreed that the following two items be added to the agenda:

- Citizen complaint regarding police patrol of vacant property
- An in-camera session was added to discuss contractual obligations

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by E. Nickerson that the minutes of the meeting held April 12, 2016 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION WITH TIR REPRESENTATIVES PAM MEHLMAN-SHAND AND GREG NEWELL

The following areas of concern were discussed with TIR representatives
TIR Issues that were raised or asked to be addressed:

- Woodside Cemetery Road
- Old Post Rd.
- Atwoods Brook Corner
- The Hawk issue with water collection on driveway
- Location near Sherose Island Road on Hwy 3 regarding water flow
- Baccaro Loop
- Lighthouse Rd, Baccaro
- Bateman Rd, North East Point
- Gravel on side of road in a number of places, just off causeway, between Shag Harbour and Barrington, Villagedale, etc
- Station Rd, Shag Harbour
- Flooding in basement, Barrington Passage
- Dip in the Causeway
- Proper protocol for contacting TIR when issues occur

EXEMPTION OF NOISE BY-LAW

Discussion occurred regarding the letter received from Dexter Construction concerning a request to be exempted from the Noise By-law.

Resolution COW160406

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to council to grant Dexter Construction an Exemption from the Noise By-law in order to complete dredging work as requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

LEASE AGREEMENTS

The CAO presented a discussion regarding expired lease agreements for a number of Municipal buildings. It was agreed that the CAO would gather more information about current properties under lease, including the amount it currently costs the Municipality to own and maintain said properties.

MUNICIPAL PROPERTY

It was further discussed that the CAO and staff compile a comprehensive list of municipal property including detailed information on current use, current assessed value, potential uses, potential tax revenues, and current cost of ownership to the Municipality. CAO will work on this information and bring back to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Councillor Hatfield asked that in relation to the property discussion that the Cape Sable Island School property be added to the next Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

RED CROSS REQUEST FOR DONATION

Resolution COW160407

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that no action be taken in response to request for donation from Red Cross at this time.

Motion carried unanimously.

No further action required.

REQUEST TO SELL LAND ON BRASS HILL (THE NECK)

In response to sell the Municipally owned property at Brass Hill (The Neck), council will have further discussion once the property review occurs, and a determination is made as to the value and potential use of said piece of property.

FINANCIAL CONDITION INDEX REPORT

The FCIs were reviewed and discussed. The CAO will look at ways of improving our tax collection and also discuss a method or plan of contributing to reserve funds.

POLICING CONCERN

A citizen asked a councillor to share with the RCMP a concern they had regarding vehicles hanging out at a vacant building. The CAO has been asked to pass this along to the RCMP.

MUNICIPAL CONTRACTUAL DISCUSSION

In-Camera Session

The committee moved In-Camera to discuss contractual obligation at 9:25pm

Out of Camera at 9:35pm

CAO given direction to follow up on contractual obligation.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website April 20, 2015