

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

September 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:08 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

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

- Rob Frost, CAO

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

- Provision of Right of Way for property owned by Richard Newell.
- Shelburne County Mutual Aid Letter.
- Sewer on Butler's Road.

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 D. LeBlanc-Messenger that the minutes of the meeting held August 11th and August 15th, 2016 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

CAPE SABLE ISLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RFP

One proposal was received for the use of the CSI Elementary School from James Brannen to develop the school into residential housing for seniors. The proposal and recommendation was provided to Council.

Resolution COW160901

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council to accept the proposal for the development of the Cape Sable Island School received from James Brannen, of company 3273244NS Ltd., and accept the sale price of \$20,000 as proposed.

Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY DISCUSSIONS

Requirement to record names of mover and seconder

Discussion took place regarding the recording of minutes. The practice of the Municipality has been to record the councillor that moved and seconded each motion, although this is not stated in any policy. Many parliamentarians recommend not recording the name of the mover and seconder as it is ultimately the group that makes a decision, not individuals.

Resolution COW160902

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council to stop recording the mover and seconder of each motion in minutes, and to continue to show names of those councillors who may vote opposed to a motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Revisions to Policy 59 “Committees of Council” and Policy 62 “Arena Policy”

Further discussion took place regarding Policies 59 “Committees of Council”, and 62 “Arena”, with suggestions and questions regarding some of the proposed changes that were brought forward.

CAO will continue to refine and return to CotW at a later date.

BUTLER’S ROAD SEWER

Discussion took place regarding a letter received from Mike Hennigar regarding the sewer on Butler’s Road. Mr. Hennigar requested Council take over the sewer from Hwy #3 up Butler’s Road to Mr. Hennigar’s residence. He further requested that Council take over the subdivision sewer once the subdivision is complete, and to consider assisting financially with the completion of the subdivision and/or sewer costs.

Resolution COW160903

Moved by D. LeBlanc-Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council to take whatever actions needed to take ownership and responsibility of the sewer on Butler’s Road from Hwy #3 to civic number 61 Butler’s Road.

Motion carried unanimously.

FLOATING DOCK POLICY

Discussion took place regarding the floating dock. CAO had received a call regarding the purchase of a berth for their boat.

CAO has been asked to develop some ideas around a policy for the floating dock based on what other municipalities may have and return to CotW for further discussion.

CHILDREN PLAYING SIGN – MCGRAY AVENUE

A concern was brought forward by citizens of McGray Avenue regarding the speed of vehicles on their road, and the danger posed to children and others.

Resolution COW160904

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. LeBlanc-Messenger that it be recommended to Council to ask the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to post *Children Playing* signs at the upper and lower access to McGray's Avenue.

Motion carried unanimously.

REGIONAL ENTERPRISE NETWORK

In a carry-over discussion from a previous CotW meeting, there was discussion held regarding joining the Western Regional Enterprise Network. CotW would like to hear more from the ED of the Western REN regarding what would be provided.

Resolution COW160905

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. LeBlanc-Messenger that it be recommended to Council to invite the Executive Director of the Western REN to attend a future meeting to discuss joining the Western REN.

Motion carried unanimously.

CREOSOTE WHARFS IN THE LANDFILL

A concern was brought forth by a citizen asking why the Federal Government was able to take creosote wharfs to the C&D Landfill without paying for them. Creosote wharf material is an acceptable material at the C&D landfill based on provincial legislation. Council has previously passed by policy that there would be no charge for sorted material coming from within the Municipality, which applies in this instance.

DATE FOR OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING

Due to the Municipal Election occurring on October 15, 2016, it will not be possible to swear in new councillors until October 25th, which is one day after the scheduled Council meeting for October.

Resolution COW160906

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council to change the date of the scheduled October Council meeting to Tuesday, October 25, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

BATEMAN ROAD

Discussion took place regarding previous commitments from Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to resurface Bateman Rd.

Resolution COW160907

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council to write a letter to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal asking them to resurface Bateman Road as per their previous commitment.

Motion carried unanimously.

PARK BENCH

The question was brought forth as to whether the Municipality would receive a donation of a park bench for the Island View Park. It was determined that we would indeed accept such donations as long as they matched with the plans for the park. Any such donations will be coordinated through Municipal Administration.

WOODS HARBOUR BALL FIELD

A letter was received from a group of citizens asking the Municipality to give them the Woods Harbour Ball Field so that it can be maintained for use as a sports facility.

Resolution COW160908

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. LeBlanc-Messenger that it be recommended to Council to sell the Woods Harbour Ball Field to the newly formed society for \$1.00, with the condition that should use cease as a sports field it be returned to the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL LAND

CAO presented options for disposal of Municipal land. The CAO will develop a breakdown of the current properties that have been recommended to be disposed of, and the recommended disposal method for each.

COURT ROOM

Discussion occurred as to whether there would be interest in seeing the court room cleaned out in order to make it a more functional room for a variety of events. It was agreed that this would be an excellent resource for the community.

Resolution COW160909

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. LeBlanc-Messenger that it be recommended to Council to have the court room cleaned out, and receive a quote on new commercial flooring.

Motion carried unanimously.

SOUND AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

There was a brief discussion to reiterate the importance of speaking directly into microphones during Council meetings due to sound quality issues.

WATER ISSUES

In order to assist those with a lack of water the Municipality has provided clothes washing machines.

Resolution COW160910

Moved by D. LeBlanc-Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council to purchase four clothes washing machines to be provided free of charge to residents.

Motion carried unanimously.

RIGHT OF WAY TO PROPERTY OF RICHARD NEWELL

Richard Newell has asked that the Municipality provide a right of way to his property from the Library parking lot. The CAO is to contact Mr. Newell for further discussion.

SHELBURNE COUNTY MUTUAL AID LETTER

A letter was received by the Shelburne County Mutual Aid group requesting that the Municipality work towards improving the display of civic number signs.

Staff will gather more info and return to Council with a number of possible options.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting