

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

November 15, 2016

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 8:50 p.m. following a presentation by the Department of Municipal Affairs, in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- Murray Atkinson
- Jody Crook
- Shaun Hatfield

- Rob Frost, CAO

- George El-Jakl was not present due to medical treatment.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

- Municipal Appreciation Breakfast.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Being duly moved and seconded be it resolved that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

RURAL INTERNET

Discussion took place regarding upcoming funding programs for Rural Internet Upgrades, and the discussions that have taken place between municipalities in the Western part of NS. A meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2016, in Caledonia with representation from all 9 rural municipalities in Western NS to discuss this project. The end goal of this meeting will be to discuss moving forward with a Memorandum of Understanding, and possibly a Municipal Corporation that would be able to work towards the improvement of the backbone service available throughout the Western Region.

GROUND SEARCH AND RESCUE – TAX EXEMPTION

As Barrington Ground Search and Rescue has now taken ownership of the property adjacent to their building that was formerly property of the Municipality, they have received a tax bill for the remainder of the years' taxes. Barrington Ground Search and Rescue has asked to have a tax exemption on the property in question as they do for their current property.

Resolution COW161104

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to provide Barrington Ground Search and Rescue with a tax exemption for the property adjacent to their current building (AAN 00228109).

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

WIND TURBINE GENERATOR

CAO presented information regarding our Wind Turbine. The company that installed and maintains the Wind Turbine declared bankruptcy last week. As part of our agreement we had a service contract in place and were only one year into a five year contract. The Municipality will now need to contract another service provider. More info will come to Council as information becomes available.

NANCY QUINLAN

Councillor Hatfield brought forth a discussion about Nancy Quinlan who has been consistently collecting garbage around the Causeway area, and has collected over 60 bags of litter this year alone.

Resolution COW161105

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to invite Nancy Quinlan to the CotW meeting on December 5th to present her with a certificate of thanks for her dedication to keeping the Causeway area litter free.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

McGRAY AVENUE

Discussion took place regarding activity at McGray Avenue. Councillors have received complaints regarding cars driving at high speeds, and loitering at the park at late hours. Discussion will take place with the RCMP at the next CotW meeting as Sergeant Deluco will be in attendance. It was further discussed that it would be good to have some direct discussions with residents to help determine possible solutions.

Resolution COW161106

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to write letters to invite residents of McGray Avenue to come to Committee of the Whole in January to discuss ongoing issues regarding speeding cars, and loitering issues.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

PROPERTY IN PORT CLYDE

Discussion took place about a property in Port Clyde that has received complaints for being unsightly and other reasons. The By-law enforcement Officer investigated this property and deemed that there was no case for a Dangerous and Unsightly complaint. There was contact made with Department of Environment, TIR, and the RCMP regarding this situation. All are either aware of the situation or will be investigating.

MUNICIPAL APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

The Municipal Appreciation Breakfast will be held this coming Saturday from 8 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Island & Barrington Passage Fire Hall and is open to all residents of the municipality and others who assisted doing the drought situation. Councillors will be there to assist the caterers and are asked to be there between 7 and 7:30 a.m. During the breakfast residents will have the opportunity to provide feedback about the Municipality, and tell us why they love living in Barrington.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting