

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

November 21, 2016

The meeting was called to order by the Deputy Warden at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Jody Crook - Chair
- Eddie Nickerson
- Murray Atkinson
- 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 items be added to the agenda:

- Barrington Passage Post Office
- Beach Signage
- Rural Internet

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

RCMP REPORT

Sergeant Deluco attended to present her report on activities for the past quarter. The criminal statistics for October of 2016 is slightly lower compared to October 2015. In general the crime statistics have not seen significant change. Sgt Deluco stated that there were a few areas where the RCMP were focusing efforts. There were a higher number of assaults the past three months as compared with last year's stats. They are also committed to improving their numbers in regards to traffic offences. There was good discussion regarding people hanging out at the NEP park at night and speeding or being loud in the same area. Sgt. Deluco will be pleased to discuss this issue with citizens when Council invites them to a future meeting.

Council will be inviting members of McGray Avenue in to discuss possible solutions and Sgt. Deluco will be participating as well.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Director of Finance, Forrest McWade, presented current financial information for half year, and to the end of October. The Municipality is on track currently for a balanced budget. Forrest will be presenting this information to Committee of the Whole on a quarterly basis.

Budgeting process for the coming fiscal year will be starting shortly.

WI-FI MCGRAY AVENUE

As follow up to the discussion with the RCMP regarding car disturbances around McGray Avenue, there was discussion regarding the wi-fi that is available at the park. It may be beneficial for the wi-fi to only be a seasonal service, or possibly have a time restriction to it so that it is only available during day time hours. CAO will investigate further.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports were reviewed as presented.

PACE PROGRAM

There was discussion regarding the PACE program and how it works. Should the Municipality wish to take part they will need to become involved early in 2017. More information, sample by-law and uptake in other municipalities, will be brought to Committee for further discussion and decision.

SHELBURNE COUNTY ARCHIVES

A request was received from Shelburne County Archives and Genealogical Society requesting they be granted a large space in the Municipal building to set up their offices. This was initially discussed with the Society in the summer, and since that time Council has made the decision to grant office space to Juniper House, and also to clean out the court house space to make it more functional for community use. CAO has been given direction to speak with the Society to inform them that the courthouse space is not available, and to discuss a few other options based on the amount of space they need.

VENDING PERMIT APPLICATION – TWISTED SISTERS

A vending permit application was received from Twisted Sisters for this coming year. There was some discussion in regards to the cost of vending permits, and it was asked to review this charge during budget discussions.

Resolution COW161107

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to approve the vending permit application received from Twisted Sisters.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

WESTERN REGION HOUSING AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT

Resolution COW161108

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to appoint Cecil Swimm to the Western Regional Housing Authority Board as a citizen representative from the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Resolution COW161109

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to appoint Cecil Swimm to the Planning Advisory Committee as a citizen representative.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES

Appointments to committees was further discussed to make a recommendation to Council.

Councillor Hatfield asked if we had a responsibility to ask when terms were completed at Bay Side Home. It was discussed and determined that Councils only involvement with Bay Side Home is to appoint members to the board as per legislation and the by-laws of Bay Side Home.

Resolution COW161110

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to accept the committee appointment recommendations .

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

The following councillors were recommended to be appointed to the following committees:

Planning Advisory Committee

- Jody Crook
- Murray Atkinson

Audit (will need the addition of 2 citizen reps)

- Eddie Nickerson
- Jody Crook
- Shaun Hatfield

Joint EMO

- Eddie Nickerson
- Shaun Hatfield

Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation

- Eddie Nickerson

Yarmouth Hospital Charitable Foundation

- Shaun Hatfield

Western Counties Regional Library

- Shaun Hatfield

Region 6 Waste

- Murray Atkinson
- Alternate Jody Crook

Joint Police Advisory Board

- Jody Crook
- Eddie Nickerson

Barrington Municipal Exhibition

- Jody Crook

There will not be an appointment to the Shelburne County Housing Coalition at this time.

POST OFFICE IN BARRINGTON PASSAGE

A request came in to ask Canada Post to address the lighting on the side of the Post Office Building in Barrington Passage.

Committee has asked that this be discussed at a future CotW meeting, and to also discuss sending a thank you letter to Canada Post thanking them for the work they did to the Post Office.

SIGNS AT STONEY ISLAND/SOUTH SIDE BEACH

A request came in for the Municipality to erect signs at Stoney Island/South Side Beach asking people to keep their dogs on a leash, to not litter, and that drinking is not allowed. It was discussed that the beaches are not our jurisdiction and that staff continue to discuss this topic with the Department of Natural Resources to try and address these concerns.

RURAL INTERNET

Further discussion was held regarding the meeting held in Caledonia of Municipal Units looking to form a MOU or Inter-municipal Agreement. There was much discussion as to what municipalities could and should do in terms of improving rural internet. In the near future there will be a draft MOU come to Council for a decision as to whether or not to participate in the regional project.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting