

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

January 9, 2017

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

All Councillors were present:

- Warden Eddie Nickerson
- Deputy Warden Jody Crook
- Murray Atkinson
- Shaun Hatfield
- George El-Jakl

- Rob Frost, CAO

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

- RV Dumping Station Signage
- Four Wheel Drive Lane

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded be it resolved that the minutes of December 5, 2016 be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Discussion took place regarding the information that is being received back from committees where Council has appointed representatives. With sometimes little verbal information given it is hard to share information with Council regarding outside committees, and does not provide detail to the general public as to the activities of Council and the committees. It was agreed that more written information would provide for improved communication all around.

Resolution COW170101

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to proceed with receiving a written report or present minutes from committees to which Council has appointed a Council representative.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

RURAL INTERNET (WESTERN REN AND NCS NETWORK

Discussion took place regarding the initiative plan to look at a joint rural internet initiative with more municipal units that did not come to fruition. Once the initial plan was no longer an option the Western REN proposed that they could lead an initiative for their participating units. This proposal was discussed. Western REN would lead an initiative to prepare an application to federal funding for a possible internet solution for Western NS. The preparation of this is estimated to cost approximately \$90,000 with \$70,000 coming from participating municipality.

Resolution COW170102

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to support the Western REN rural internet initiative up to the proposed cost of \$15,000 which will be funded by gas tax.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

Further discussion took place regarding a company called NCS Network that has said they have relatively low cost options to provide internet service in the area. Further information will be gathered for discussion purposes.

POLICY 52 SECTION 8

A proposed change to Section 8 of Policy 52 was brought forward that would give Council better management over their agendas. The current policy does not provide an ability to determine if presenting information is of a municipal nature or related to municipal business, and properly determine the appropriate meeting.

Resolution COW170103

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to accept the proposed changes to Policy 52 with the change that point d.) read “after consultation with councillors” as opposed to Warden.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

POLICY 43 – DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY POLICY

Discussion took place regarding the current policy and the limitations it gives to selling unnecessary property of the Municipality.

It was agreed that a draft policy would be developed and brought back to Committee for further discussion. Some general feedback was to change the name of the policy to “Disposal of Incidental Assets”, to include the ability to give un-essential property to non profit organizations, and to provide alternate methods for the sale of incidental assets.

POLICY 12 – SALE OF MUNICIPAL POLICY

Discussion took place on Policy 12, “Sale of Municipal Property” and the restrictions that this policy has created over and above what the MGA allows.

Resolution COW170104

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to repeal Policy 12, “Sale of Municipal Property”, as all necessary requirements are covered by the Municipal Government Act.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

SALE OF LOT 4 HWY 3 - AAN10590426 OR PID82569112

As part of the Municipal property review this piece of property was scheduled to be placed for sale. As the way this parcel was obtained was not through a Tax Sale there needed to be a waiver of certain parts of Policy 12.

Resolution COW170105

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to waive sections 5 and 6 of Policy 12, “Sale of Municipal Property”, so that the sale of Lot 4 Hwy 3 - AAN10590426 or PID82569112 can proceed.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

FIRE SERVICES COORDINATOR POSITION

Discussion took place regarding the position of Fire Services Coordinator. The current coordinator has given notice that he will be retiring at the end of March, so it is the prime time to review the nature of the position. A meeting between the CAO and the Fire Department Executive found the Departments to be in support of the position, with a possible adjustment to duties to allow for more hands on fire fighting. Councillors had questions in regards to the future intent of this position, whether it required a full time position or could be more of an administrative position. It was determined that this needs further discussion in relation to the fire service. A future meeting will be set to discuss fire services and how the coordinator position fits into the service.

THIRD APPOINTMENT TO PAC FROM COUNCIL

This topic has been moved to the next Committee of the Whole Meeting on January 16th, 2017.

WASHING MACHINES

This past summer the Municipality purchased three washing machines to be used by those affected by the drought conditions. One remains at the Arena, and two are in storage at the Municipal Office. There was discussion as to whether to keep the machines for potential future use or to donate them to non-profits that have expressed an interest in having one. It was the general understanding that most non-profits that may have use currently would be able to use them in the event of a future drought.

Resolution COW170106

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to donate two washing machines to Barrington Ground Search and Rescue in light of all the work that they provided during the drought situation.

Motion carried. (3-2) Warden Nickerson and Councillor El-Jakl voting against.

WHEN CHILDREN ARE PRESENT

A discussion had occurred at a Police Advisory Committee as to the definition of “when children are present” in relation to school zones. The following definition was provided by Sergeant DeLuco and shared with the Committee.

School zone speed limits have always been in effect "when children are present". This is not new. Children present is defined as being (i) on the highway in the school area , or (ii) outdoors, within 30 metres of the highway, in the school area. This reduced speed limit will be in effect 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year when children are present in the school area.

ENGINE BRAKES

Due to a complaint near Wireless Road the ability to use engine brakes was investigated.

The Motor Vehicle Act states:

Diesel engine enhanced braking system 181A (1) No person shall use a diesel engine enhanced braking system while operating a vehicle on a highway for which the speed limit is fifty kilometres per hour or less unless the use of the braking system is required by an emergency. (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to fire department or other emergency vehicles. 2000, c. 14, s. 1; 2001, c. 44, s. 4.

The area in question is a 60km/h zone, so it is possible for trucks to use their engine brakes. This will be shared with the complainant and shared on social media.

BARRINGTON WASTE AUDIT

There was discussion regarding our Municipal waste service, the Construction and Demolition Landfill, and other issues regarding solid waste. Due to previous discussions with Shelburne Municipality they have sent a proposal to the Municipality to provide us with a Waste Audit which would include a review of Roadside Collection, Compliance, Education, C&D, credits, etc.

Resolution COW170107

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to spend \$5000 to have a Waste Audit performed by the Municipality of the District of Shelburne.

Motion carried. (3-2) Deputy Warden Crook and Councillor El-Jakl voting against.

SEWER LINE COST SHARE

Discussion occurred regarding cost sharing on the installation of sewer infrastructure by contractors/developers. Questions were raised as to the policy of other municipalities in such instances. It was also discussed that this should only be for future development and not retroactive to completed projects.

CAO was asked to gather information regarding possible scenarios, to look at what other municipal units do, and to bring back more info or a potential draft policy for further discussion.

SPEED MIRROR SIGNS

This discussion will be moved to the January 16, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting.

MEETING WITH MP BERNADETTE JORDAN

Councillors were reminded of their meeting with MP Bernadette Jordan on January 25, 2017.

WATER BY-LAW

Brief discussion took place regarding a draft By-law for Water upgrades. There was a question as to regulations referenced in the document. Further discussion will occur at a future meeting.

It was also asked that the Planning Advisory Committee be asked to look at Watershed areas.

MUNICIPAL FACILITY TOURS

As part of budgeting and orientation for councillors it had been previously agreed to tour Municipal Facilities, or Municipally funded facilities. The plan is to start with Fire Departments as this will be relevant for upcoming budget discussions. The CAO and Fire Services Coordinator will try to schedule the first tour prior to a meeting in the near future.

RV DUMPING STATION SIGNS

It was brought forth that better signage on the highway advertising our RV Dumping Station may help draw in more traffic.

Resolution COW170108

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to contact authorities to investigate the ability and cost to install RV Dumping Signs on the Highway.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

FOUR WHEEL DRIVE LANE

There was a question as to whether there was a request brought to Council previously to name a lane on Cape Sable Island Four Wheel Drive Lane, and if a sign could be erected. Further information will need to be compiled.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was Adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting