

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

January 16, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Councillor El-Jakl at 7:05 p.m., in the Committee Room, in the Administrative Centre, Barrington, N.S.

All Councillors were present:

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

- Rob Frost, CAO

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

- McGray Avenue Parking Lot

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 January 9, 2017 be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports were presented to Committee. Questions came up as to the sewer system and the need for grease traps at restaurants. CAO will look at by-laws and report back.

PAC APPOINTMENT

Due to the change in the committee policy, Council is required to appoint a third councillor to the Planning Advisory Committee.

Resolution COW170109

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to appoint Warden Eddie Nickerson as the third councillor to the Planning Advisory Committee.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

Discussion took place regarding the appointments to outside committees (anything that is not a committee of council). There were questions as to which committees council should be appointing a representative to, and the process as to how these appointments should be made. There was discussion around developing a policy that would lay out guidelines for council to follow on any appointments they are making.

Resolution COW170110

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to have the CAO develop a draft policy that would address appointments to committees.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

SPEED MIRROR SIGNS

Discussion took place regarding digital speed mirror signs and the possibility of purchasing one or more in the next budget cycle. The purchase discussion will be brought up at a future budget meeting.

The CAO has been asked to speak with the Department of Transportation to ensure that we would be allowed to install these and if so what guidelines would we need to follow.

WATER UPGRADES BY-LAW

Discussion took place regarding a potential Water Upgrades By-law, and an initial draft was presented.

Some points that councillors asked to see was having certain sections added to a policy that goes in conjunction with the by-law, for example the interest rate or amount available. There was extensive discussion as to whether or not this will help those that need it the most and how we can ensure the resources are best utilized.

Further discussion will take place with the Province regarding testing for water prior to any water upgrades.

Another draft with amendments will come back to committee in the future.

LOBSTER TRAP CHRISTMAS TREE STATISTICS

The impressive social media stats that were recorded in regards to our Lobster Trap Christmas Tree was shared with councillors. The reach of this initiative was very far reaching, with good examples of how it had a positive direct impact on attracting people to the community.

CANADA 150 PROJECTS

The outline of potential projects to take place this year to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Canada was discussed with councillors. More information will be promoted and shared as events come closer, and when funding applications have been processed.

BRANDING INITIATIVE

The CAO brought forth the discussion regarding the planned branding initiative. This budget contained a small amount of money to begin this process. The Municipality will be going to possible companies that will be able to capture information from citizens regarding their recommendations for how best to promote and share Barrington.

CIVIC ADDRESSING

Discussion took place regarding a civic addressing project, and the need to have residences clearly and consistently marked. There was much discussion regarding the best method to get compliance with options from paying to have the entire project completed to having an opt-in system for a period of time.

Committee asked to look at a draft by-law that would include the following: all new construction would need to have a civic number in order to receive their occupancy permit, there would be regulations as to where the signs needed to be placed, height, size, etc, and then look at the options of making signs available for a period of time, or completing a full project.

Resolution COW170111

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to have the CAO develop a draft policy or by-law regarding civic addressing as a starting point for further discussion at a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

PACE PROGRAM

Discussion ensued as to whether or not the Municipality was interested in pursuing a PACE Program to provide a mechanism for citizens to borrow for energy upgrades.

Resolution COW170112

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to have the CAO develop a draft by-law regarding the Property Assessed Clean Energy Program for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

TRAFFIC COUNT PROGRAM

Councillors did not feel there was a need to request any traffic counts at this time.

Councillor Atkinson did ask about a crosswalk by the Mayflower/ Pizza Delight. Information had been gathered on this sidewalk in the past from Dept. of TIR. The CAO will share this information with councillors for further discussion.

SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES

The next round of properties to be brought forward for sale was presented to councillors and discussed.

Resolution COW170113

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to accept the list of properties suggested for sale, and have staff proceed with the sale of these properties.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

MCGRAY AVENUE PARKING LOT

A concern from a citizen was brought forward from a councillor regarding the condition of the paving at the McGray Avenue Park. The CAO explained that added costs to the park improvements meant that there was a need to find cost savings elsewhere. As funding was granted based on the paving of the parking lot, it needed to be paved, but there was not enough money to pave at the thickness that would normally be used. The recommendation is to look at additional coverage in the next budgeting process.

IN-CAMERA

Committee moved in-camera at 10:55pm to discuss a contract.

Committee came out of In-camera session at 11:15.

There was nothing to report from the In-camera session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website January 19, 2017.