

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

April 10, 2017

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

Councillors present:

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

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Two items were added to the agenda; McGray Avenue, and Port Clyde FD/Community Group.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Being duly moved and seconded be it resolved that the agenda be approved with additions.

Motion carried unanimously.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded be it resolved that the minutes of March 13th be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### BARRINGTON GIVING GARDEN

Lana Townsend presented on behalf of the Barrington Giving Gardens organization. This group is looking to plant sugar maples, fruit trees, nut trees, and develop community gardens for community use. The group would like to work with the Municipality to identify any lands that may be able to be used to plant trees and a possible garden. The group may also need to identify an area for the temporary planting of some saplings where they would be able to mature. Committee was supportive of this initiative and asked that Lana work with the CAO and other staff to identify areas that may be able to be used before returning to Council for final approval.

### DISCUSSION REGARDING THE OLD COURT HOUSE BUILDING

The topic of the Old Court House Building was discussed. Representatives from the Cape Sable Historical Society were present. Mr. Jamie Symonds presented a letter on behalf of the Society stating that although interested in owning the building they believe they need time to develop a plan before they would be able to assume ownership.

Committee asked a variety of questions as to the Society's ability and interest to take over the building, and general discussion ensued. As time was a factor, it was suggested that Council could look at giving the building to the Society and providing them with an operating grant to cover a certain time of costs.

Committee asked the CAO to come back to committee next week with some clarification on costs and other information.

## REVIEW OF DRAFT BY-LAWS

### Water By-law

Committee discussed the proposed Water By-law that could assist those affected by poor water sources in the Municipality.

### Resolution COW170401

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to have legal counsel review the proposed by-law and corresponding documents and to proceed with implementation.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

It was further discussed that there would be \$50,000 per year available for projects under this by-law, with a maximum of \$10,000 per household. How this is funded will be determined during budget deliberations.

### PACE Program

Discussion took place regarding the PACE program that would allow residents to access financing for energy efficient upgrades.

### Resolution COW170402

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to have legal counsel review the proposed by-law and corresponding documents and to proceed with implementation of the PACE program.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

## REVIEW OF POLICIES

### Policy 43, Disposal of Personal Property

### Resolution COW170403

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to approve the amendments to the Disposal of Personal Assets Policy (now called Disposal of Incidental Assets Policy), as proposed.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

Councillor El-Jakl excused himself from the meeting at 9:05pm.

COMMUNITY LITTER CLEAN-UP

There was discussion regarding how to best improve litter in the Municipality. It was determined that the money currently being spent could be re-allocated to hire summer students and also focus more on community clean-up programs.

This method will be used this summer with garbage collected being tracked to determine which method removed the most litter from the Municipality.

Resolution COW170404

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to repeal Policy 51, "Community Litter Clean-Up Incentive Program Policy".

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

AUDIT COMMITTEE

It was presented that we have received interest from Donna LeBlanc-Messenger to sit as a citizen representative on the Audit Committee.

Resolution COW170405

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to appoint Donna LeBlanc-Messenger to the Audit Committee for a two year term.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

GROUND SEARCH AND RESCUE

Clarification was received on a couple of points in regards to the Ground Search budget.

Resolution COW170406

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to approve the \$7,152 request from Ground Search and Rescue as the Municipality of Barrington's yearly contribution to their service.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

INVOICE FROM UNSM

Discussion took place regarding the letter received from UNSM, the letter prepared in response, and clarification on the change in costs. It was determined that the letter would not be sent at this time, and the topic could be further discussed when UNSM resolutions are discussed at a future meeting.

### RV DUMPING SIGN

It was shared that we could not place an RV dumping station sign on the western side of Exit 30 as it is a controlled access Highway, and the Province does not currently have an RV dumping station sign as an option within their signage program.

### Resolution COW170407

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to install an RV dumping station sign on the eastern end of the Municipality stating that there is an RV dumping station off Exit 30, as well as additional signs directing people to Sherose Island.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

Signage to Sherose, and in general will be discussed at a future meeting.

### RINK DIVIDERS

A letter was received from SCMHA regarding the purchase of a rink divider system and the interest of other users to assist in funding the cost. Committee felt that their role as the owners of the arena would be to find storage space, work with Minor Hockey around the efficiency of use, and have further discussion with Minor Hockey regarding shared advertising/fundraising opportunities.

### REQUEST FOR GRANT FROM SHELBURNE COUNTY LOBSTER FESTIVAL

A letter was received from the Shelburne County Lobster Festival seeking a grant of \$1,000 towards the Festival. The Committee was supportive of the contribution. The CAO did discuss the need to look at how these funds were allocated and how the banking is completed for this festival.

### Resolution COW170408

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to approve the \$1,000 request from the Shelburne County Lobster Festival Committee.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

### SUMMER READING CLUB

### Resolution COW170409

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to approve the request to provide 10 pairs of swimming passes to the Western Counties Regional Library to be used for the 2017 Children's Summer Reading Club.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL YARMOUTH HOSPITAL FOUNDATION SPRING GALA

Resolution COW170410

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to approve donating \$1,200 (value of a table) to the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation Spring Gala.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

With no objections, a proclamation will be brought to Council declaring May Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

CTI APPLICATION

Discussion took place regarding the CTI Application being prepared in coordination with the Western REN.

Resolution COW170411

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to approve the letter of support and the application to the Connect to Innovate Application being prepared in coordination with the Western REN.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

EMO MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

Resolution COW170412

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to approve the EMO Mutual Aid Agreement developed between the Municipality of the District of Barrington, and the Municipality of the District of Shelburne.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

McGRAY AVENUE

Councillor Hatfield discussed some of what he heard from residents regarding McGray Avenue when delivering invitations to the next meeting.

PORT CLYDE FIRE DEPARTMENT/COMMUNITY HALL

Deputy Warden Crook shared with committee the discussion that took place at the Community Meeting held in Port Clyde the previous week. There has been a committee created that consists of four members of the Fire Department, four members from the Fundraising/Community group, and the Deputy Warden. The Warden said that he could possibly attend if needed as an additional participant.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:35pm.

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Chair

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Secretary for the Meeting