

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

April 18, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Warden Crook at 7:03 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S.

Councillors present:

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

- Rob Frost, CAO

- George El-Jakl was absent due to medical appointments.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Four items were added to the agenda:

- Garbage on Stoney Island Beach
- Committee Reports
- Request to Transportation
- Villagedale Bay

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 April 10, 2017 meeting be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

BARRINGTON REGIONAL CURLING CLUB

Elwin Smith, President of the Barrington Regional Curling Club, presented on behalf of the Club. Elwin talked about the current activity at the Club, and the increases in activities and membership over the past year. He then went on to discuss current finance levels and the inability of the Club to cover the costs of all operating expenses this year. The last power bill received for January to February was partially paid, and with another power bill coming for March to April, he asked if Council would consider some financial relief to assist the Curling Club.

Resolution COW170413

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to pay the outstanding power bill (January to February) for the Barrington Regional Curling Club, and to pay the power bill for March to April once received.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports were received with no questions or comments.

OLD COURT HOUSE BUILDING

The topic of the Old Court House Building was discussed, with further information being provided to Committee regarding the yearly operating costs of the building as well as financials received from the Cape Sable Historical Society.

General discussion took place regarding the methods for disposing of the building.

Resolution COW170414

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to grant the Old Court House Building to the Cape Sable Historical Society with the following conditions:

- The Municipality would be responsible for the removal of the oil barrels currently on site
- The Municipality would provide the Cape Sable Historical Society with a one-time grant of \$7000 which equates to six months of operational funding
- The granting of this property is contingent on the Cape Sable Historical Society providing proof of status as a registered society
- The Cape Sable Historical Society will need to accept this proposal by noon on May 15, 2017
- Should the Cape Sable Historical Society reject this offer that they be notified that Council will proceed with the sale of the Old Court House Building

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

Council will need to hold a public hearing in regards to the sale of a property for less than market value.

OFF-SHORE OIL AND GAS

There was brief discussion regarding emails and information received from the Clean Ocean Action Committee, and the role of Council in the discussion of Off-shore Oil and Gas. It was determined that there is no action to be taken at this time and that council would continue to monitor information received from all parties involved.

UNSM RESOLUTIONS PROCESS

There was continued discussion regarding the UNSM resolutions process and some of the discussion had at the recent regional meeting. The CAO informed the committee that the UNSM Board is waiting until all regional meetings have provided feedback before issuing information regarding the resolutions process. It was decided to revisit this discussion again in June if further information is received from UNSM.

SHEROSE ISLAND BOAT LAUNCH

The proposed parking area was discussed at the Sherose Island boat launch. One question from Council was if the estimated price from staff included grubbing, which is to be confirmed by the CAO.

1906 OLD BAPTIST MEETING PLACE SOCIETY

A letter was received from the 1906 Old Baptist Meeting Place Society requesting support for the upgrades to their building on Seal Island as it is used by many residents of the Municipality. It was pointed out that the Island is actually in the Municipality of Argyle, but it was agreed that many Barrington residents visit the island.

Resolution COW170415

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to grant \$500 to the 1906 Old Baptist Meeting Place Society.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

GARBAGE ON THE BEACH

An issue of garbage on Stoney Island Beach was brought up. This matter will be looked into by the CAO and staff.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There was discussion as to whether it would be better to take committee reports to a Council meeting or a Committee of the Whole meeting. It was generally decided that timing and whether there was action items coming out of the minutes from committees as to which meeting was more appropriate. The main reason to add these reports was so that they would be captured in public record so either meeting will meet that objective. The CAO will review the policy and make changes necessary and return for further discussion.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

A request was brought forth from a citizen to see about the possibility of having a highway camera placed on the 103 near exit 29.

Resolution COW170416

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to write a letter to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to inquire as to the possibility of having a Highway Camera placed on the 103 between the Clyde River Bridge and Exit 29.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

VILLAGEDALE BAY

A concern was expressed to a councillor from a citizen regarding the health of the Villagedale Bay and if there was anything that the Municipality could do to investigate.

Resolution COW170417

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to write a letter to the Ministers of the Department of Environment, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Municipal Affairs, and Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans requesting an investigation into the health of the Villagedale Bay.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

BUDGET

Draft budget information was given to committee to review for further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting