

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

May 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Warden Nickerson at 7:10 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S.

Councillors present:

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

- Rob Frost, CAO

Absent due to medical reasons was George El-Jakl.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

An in-camera session was added to the agenda to discuss two property matters.

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 18th, April 25th, May 1st be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

SHELBURNE COUNTY HOUSING COALITION

Sheila Bird and Amy McKinnon were present to discuss the Shelburne County Housing Coalition and the strategic plan that has been developed. They talked about some of the initiatives the SCHC have been working on, and some of the things that municipalities can do to help improve the housing situation, including a toolkit that has been developed. Further discussion will occur at Committee of the Whole next week regarding a new program that was just sent out today. Sheila thanked the Municipality for having a representative on the Coalition and for ongoing support.

CIVIC NUMBERING SIGNS

A letter was received from the Shelburne County Mutual Aid Firefighters Association regarding Civic Numbering Signs, and the need to have all five municipal units participate. The Municipality of the District of Barrington has been in the process of developing a Civic Numbering By-law that will be coming back to CotW very soon for further discussion.

Resolution COW170501

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to write a letter of response to the Shelburne County Mutual Aid Firefighters Association informing them of action taken to date regarding Civic Numbering Signs.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

COMMUNITY WELL

Discussion had occurred in the Fall regarding a community well, and whether or not the Municipality should be looking at additional resources in the event of another drought situation. Committee discussed the possibilities of leasing wells in times of emergency, installing infrastructure, digging a central well, or looking to use the pending by-law as the main direction.

CAO has been asked to investigate the option of developing a long term lease agreement with a well owner that could be used in the event of an emergency.

JOINT MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

Discussion took place regarding the recommendations brought forth by the Joint Municipal Accountability and Transparency Committee. The Municipality of Barrington is currently close to following all the recommendations, and will only need to make some minor changes to policy to be in line with all recommendations. There was discussion as to whether all staff could or should be included in following the same process. The CAO will look at policies that may need to be adapted and come back to Committee with recommendations.

RFP FOR INFRASTRUCTURE STUDY

Discussion took place regarding the proposed RFP for an Infrastructure review. One suggestion was made regarding the Recreation building and the possibility of an addition to the Arena or Curling Club. This amendment will be made and the RFP will be issued.

COMMUNITY LITTER CLEAN-UP DAY

Discussion took place regarding the Community Litter Clean-Up Day to be held on Saturday May 27th. A few minor suggestions were suggested regarding the drop off locations. Amendments will be made to advertising materials and sent out to public.

FEES SCHEDULE

Committee discussed the various fees that are charged for rental of Municipal facilities. A few rates were suggested for amendments and to be brought back to Committee during final budget deliberations.

KIDZACT

A request came in for an Activity Grant of \$200 for Kidzact.

Resolution COW170502

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to contribute a grant of \$200 to Kidzact as per policy.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

TOM'S ROAD

A letter was received from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal stating that they would be willing to cost share 50/50 on the paving of Tom's Road, as previously requested, at a total cost of \$80,000. The Municipal contribution would be \$40,000.

Resolution COW170503

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to agree to the cost share paving of the J Class Road, Tom's Road, at a cost to the Municipality of \$40,000.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

IN-CAMERA SESSION

Committee moved in-camera at 10:23 p.m. to discuss two property matters.

Committee came out of in-camera session at 11:05pm.

Resolution COW170504

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to accept the offer of purchase on Lot 15 in the Business Park as presented.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting