

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

May 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Councillor Atkinson at 7:25 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S.

Councillors present:

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

- Rob Frost, CAO

Councillor George El-Jakl was on his way to the meeting, but the road was closed due to a traffic accident, and he was unable to make it.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Two items were added to the agenda:

- Lend of a model of the Joseph Howe Ferry.
- Discussion around questions for the Candidates meeting.

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 May 2nd, May 8th, and May 9th, 2017 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

RCMP REPORT

Sgt. Deluco was present to provide her quarterly report to committee; unfortunately she was called away to a MVA before the meeting began. She will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

McGRAY AVENUE

Discussion took place regarding the meeting with McGray Avenue residents, and the steps that Council can take to reduce the noise/speed issues.

Resolution COW170505

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to place two signs at the entrances of the McGray Avenue/NEP Parking Lot that say, "*Children Present, Please Drive Slow*".

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

Resolution COW170506

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to request the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to place a *sharp corner* sign at the top of McGray Avenue.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports were presented to Committee for information. A question was asked regarding fire service, specifically regarding responses to schools. It was asked to look into the possibility of having automatic mutual aid to any event at any of the schools. It was also decided to hold a committee meeting soon after the budget is passed to discuss fire service.

BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Resolution COW170507

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to approve the Temporary Borrowing Resolution in regards to the overdraft as presented.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

Resolution COW170508

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to approve all budgetary motions as presented.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

OLD COURT HOUSE PROPERTY

An email was received from the Cape Sable Historical Society stating: “At the May 3rd, meeting of the Cape Sable Historical Society, the board voted to accept the Municipality’s offer of the Old Court House as per the last letter to the Society.”

A public meeting will be held at the June meeting of Council, and a sales agreement will be developed for the transfer of the property.

FCM ASSET MANAGEMENT GRANT

Resolution COW170509

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs staff to apply for a grant opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program for Barrington Asset Review/Asset Management Development.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Municipality of the District of Barrington commits to conducting the following activities in its proposed project submitted to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program to advance our asset management program:

- Contracting of engineering services to review key Municipal Assets
- Receiving recommendations regarding current or future assets
- Developing policy and practices regarding asset management

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipality of the District of Barrington commits up to \$60,000 from its budget toward the costs of this initiative.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

POTENTIAL HOUSING PARTNERSHIP – CANADIAN HOUSING FEDERATION

Discussion took place regarding a letter received from the Canadian Housing Federation, and that they are looking for potential land that could be used in future development of affordable housing.

Resolution COW170510

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to respond to the Canadian Housing Federation/Shelburne County Housing stating that the Municipality of Barrington is interested in potentially offering land for the purpose of affordable housing.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

FCM LEGAL DEFENCE FUND

Resolution COW170511

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to contribute \$185 to the FCM Legal Defence Fund as requested.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

PROCUREMENT POLICY

Discussion took place regarding the need to update our Procurement Policy. A draft policy was presented and discussed.

Resolution COW170512

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to approve the Procurement Policy as presented.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

CIVIC ADDRESSING BY-LAW

Discussion took place regarding the need to look at a Civic Addressing By-law, and a draft by-law was presented. Some felt that the draft was sufficient, and there was also discussion around adding money to a future budget to buy the signs and posts for every home and have the civic numbers added. This draft will go back to a future Committee meeting for further discussion.

EMO CO-ORDINATOR

Resolution COW170513

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to appoint David Kendrick as the EMO Coordinator for the Municipality of the District of Barrington, effective June 1, 2017.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

JOSEPH HOWE FERRY

Discussion took place regarding the loan of a replica of the Joseph Howe Ferry that was built by Newton Nickerson. Mr. Nickerson's family would like to see it displayed at the VIC. Staff will contact the family and make the appropriate arrangements, and get a letter of agreement completed.

QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES DEBATE

There was a brief discussion regarding the questions to be asked of provincial election candidates at the meeting tomorrow (May 16th) night. Questions were reviewed to be sent out to candidates prior to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting