

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

June 19, 2017

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

Councillors present:

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

- Rob Frost, CAO

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Garbage Issue.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

One amendment was suggested for the minutes of June 12th. In terms of Long Point Road, it stated that the shoulder was washing out, and should read that the head of the road is washing out.

Being duly moved and seconded be it resolved that the minutes of May 16th and June 12th, 2017 be approved with amendment.

Motion carried unanimously.

WESTERN REN CONNECTOR PROGRAM

Brenda LaGrandeur from the Western REN presented on the Connector Program. The Connector Program intentionally networks youth and newcomers with business and community leaders. There are connectors and connectees. Connectors are local employers, community leaders, and business professionals; people who can make introductions through their own circles. Connectees are recent local and international graduates, ‘boomerangs’ who are returning home, and professionals moving here from other provinces or countries. Brenda helps make those initial connections to help people grow their network.

NOVA SCOTIA WORKS – SOUTHWEST EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Lauren Race from Southwest Employment Services spoke with Committee regarding Southwest Employment Services, and specifically about what she does as an Employer Engagement Specialist. Lauren will work with employers to help develop job ads, post ads, and find employees. Southwest Employment Services also provides lots of assistance to those searching for employment.

Lauren stated that there continues to be lots of opportunities for those looking for employment in this area.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports were presented and a few questions were asked about Property Services and CAO reports.

Resolution COW170613

Being duly moved and seconded to receive and place Property Service and CAO reports on file.

Motion carried unanimously.

PROPERTY DISCUSSIONS

There was discussion about holding a Committee meeting in the near future to specifically discuss property. Last year Council approved the sale of many parcels of land, and there needs to be further discussion regarding more parcels of land.

A meeting has been set for Tuesday, June 27th at 7 p.m. for a meeting in regards to Municipal Property.

The two other items on the agenda related to property: Robertson Building, and the request to purchase land by Mike Hennigar, will be discussed at the Property meeting.

HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

There was much discussion regarding the request for funding for a Housing Needs Assessment from the Shelburne County Housing Coalition. There were questions around what information and data is available now, and what will the planned use of this information be in the future. Committee has asked that the Council Rep, Councillor Hatfield, ask these questions at a future meeting, as well as if we would be able to receive the specific data collected for Barrington.

Resolution COW170614

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to contribute \$950 to the Shelburne County Housing Coalition Housing Needs Assessment.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

BANKING SYSTEMS

The CAO gave a brief report regarding upcoming changes in banking systems that will be used by the Municipality. Staff are working through the process of moving to an online system that will allow us to pay more invoices electronically, saving time and money.

CENTREVILLE REST STOP

This item was brought to Committee to have further discussion regarding plans for a rest stop in Centreville. There are currently two pieces of property that are being discussed. The Warden will speak to the owners of one piece to see their interest.

CAO and Property Services Manager will go investigate the site, as well as speak with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding the ability to have a driveway on the particular site.

Once information is gathered this will come back to Committee for further discussion.

ARENA POLICY

Discussion took place regarding changes proposed for the Arena policy.

Resolution COW170615

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to approve the Arena Policy changes as proposed.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

CIVIC ADDRESSING BY-LAW

Discussions continued from previous meetings regarding a Civic Addressing By-law.

Resolution COW170616

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to proceed with passing the Civic Addressing By-law as presented.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

STRATEGIC PLAN

There was discussion about reviewing our Strategic Plan and priorities. A future meeting date will be set to discuss in detail.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL

Resolution COW170617

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to write a letter to the newly appointed Minister of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, to open a discussion regarding the needs for road and maintenance improvement within the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

8:45pm – Councillor El-Jakl excused himself from the meeting.

ICE RENTAL CONTACT

It was requested that staff reach out to all user groups of the Arena to provide information regarding the new rate structure and Arena Policy.

SHELBURNE COUNTY EMO

There was discussion regarding EMO services and the possibility of providing service to all of Shelburne County. The CAO and EMO Coordinator will develop a proposal to review with the Committee of the Whole.

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Resolution COW170618

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to allocate \$21,859 to fund a portion of the Contingent Liability related to accumulated sick leave, and \$200,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

EVELYN RICHARDSON SIGN

Resolution COW170619

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to communicate with the Chapel Hill Historical Society that if they raise the funds to pay for an Evelyn Richardson sign that the Municipality would work with them to find an appropriate spot and erect the sign.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

WESTERN REN ALTERNATE

Resolution COW170620

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to appoint Councillor Shaun Hatfield as the alternate to the Western REN Liaison and Oversight Committee.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

GARBAGE ISSUE

The issue of garbage at Island View Park was brought forward for discussion. The CAO will ask staff to clean the area, and will also ask the By-law Enforcement Officer to speak with businesses in the area about the best way to help resolve any future issues.

LEASE AGREEMENT FOR DR. BAKER AND DR. YEE

Resolution COW170621

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to provide a rent supplement to Dr. Baker for office space in Parson's Mall to be occupied by an intern of the Dalhousie Residency Program at a cost of \$675 per month, until the end of March 2018.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the meeting

