

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

July 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:

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

- Rob Frost, CAO

Absent due to medical reasons- Councillor George El-Jakl

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Radiation/Cancer Therapy
- Causeway Beach
- Pool Shade
- Long Point Road

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 June 19th, June 20th and June 27th be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

CTI RURAL INTERNET APPLICATION

Evan Nemeth, from the Western REN, presented to Committee the details of the application to the Connect to Innovate Rural Internet Program. The Municipality of Barrington partnered with four other municipal units to have compiled and submit an application through the Western REN for funding. Evan discussed how the application would include a fibre “backbone” that would then be able to better serve our region. The fibre would allow for more internet solutions including wireless that would provide a high amount of coverage over the majority of the Municipality. It is the hope that we hear back regarding the funding by the fall, and will then evaluate the next steps depending on what funding has been made available.

CLEAN NS - PACE

Michael MacKay, from Clean NS, was present to discuss programs offered by Clean NS. This included the Home Warming Program, Clean Energy Financing (PACE), as well as the Clean Net Zero Project. Michael provided good information regarding each program and how there are options for all residents of Municipal Units involved with Clean NS. Michael was informed that we are close to the finalization of a by-law that would allow our residents to participate. Michael will email his presentation.

REQUEST FOR OFFICE SPACE – SOU WEST NOVA METIS COUNCIL

Tony Cunningham had sent a letter to Council requesting office space in the Administrative Centre for use by the Sou West Nova Metis Council. Mr. Cunningham was present to discuss the need and process.

Resolution COW170701

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to provide office space to the Sou West Nova Metis Council at a cost of \$100 per month on a month to month agreement.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

2016-2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

The CAO presented a summary of the 2016-2017 year. Committee asked that this presentation be given at Council later this month.

GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS

Resolution COW170702

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to provide a grant of \$500 to Doctor's Cove Old Cemetery Association, and a grant of \$500 to Greenwood Cemetery.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

Resolution COW170703

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to provide a grant of \$500 to the Keepers of the Baccaro Light Association.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

A letter was received from the Woods Harbour Community Centre requesting Council consider an area rate to help their operations. Committee did not want to entertain this discussion at this time.

Resolution COW170704

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to provide a grant of \$500 to the Yarmouth Regional Hospital Ladies Auxiliary.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

Resolution COW170705

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to provide a grant of \$1000 to the Yarmouth Regional Hospital Foundation.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

Resolution COW170706

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to provide a grant of \$100 to the Coast to Coast Ride for Kid's Cancer, to support rider Jill Smith.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

RIGHT TO KNOW PROCLAMATION

Being no objection to the proclamation it will be forwarded to Council.

LIBRARY BOARDS ASSOCIATION OF NS CONFERENCE

Resolution COW170707

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council that Shaun Hatfield attend the Library Board Association of NS Conference, in Annapolis, September 29 – October 1, 2017.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

REQUESTED NAME CHANGES

Discussion took place regarding the name change request received from NS Geographic Names Program. Council discussed and will let the public process unfold. There was discussion that it is most important that the Black Loyalist Cultural Centre, and Acadia First Nation be able to provide comment on the place names before further action, if any, is taken.

REQUEST – CAPE SABLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY – PROPERTIES ADDED TO TAX EXEMPTION BY-LAW

The Cape Sable Historical Society has asked that once transferred to their name that the Old Court House Building, as well as the parking lot/washrooms for the Woollen Mill Museum be added to the Tax Exemption By-law.

Resolution COW170708

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to add the two properties in question, PID 82572439 and Assessment Account No. 03404919, to the Tax Exemption By-law.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

There was also a brief discussion regarding the ownership of the light on the lighthouse owned by the Cape Sable Historical Society. This is to be further explored and returned to Committee.

BARRINGTON BAY TRAIL

Resolution COW170709

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to write a letter to the Woodland Multi-Use Trails Association, and the ATV Group to ask them to repair the Barrington Bay Trail.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

RADIATION THERAPY/CANCER TREATMENT

Resolution COW170710

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to write a letter to Minister of Health supporting the initiative to provide radiation therapy services in Yarmouth, and oral cancer medication to all Nova Scotians at no cost.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

Letter to be copied to MLAs for Argyle/Barrington and Yarmouth, the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation, Western NS Cancer Support Group, and Argyle, Yarmouth County, and Yarmouth Town.

CAUSEWAY BEACH

It was discussed as to what could be provided for services at the Causeway Beach as far as change facilities, washrooms, outdoor tap, etc.

It was determined that a meeting would be held to further discuss a long term Beach Strategy.

LONG POINT ROAD

Resolution COW170711

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to write a letter to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to clarify that the issue at Long Point Road is being caused by water run off from the road due to improper drainage, and to ask the Department to review possible solutions.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

IN-CAMERA

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

OUT OF CAMERA

Committee moved out of camera at 10:45 p.m.

Resolution COW170712

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to sell the seven municipal properties listed in the manner discussed in-camera.

Motion carried unanimously. (3-1) Warden Nickerson voting against

Resolution COW170713

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to accept the offer for lots 16,17,18 in the Business Park as per the offer received.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the meeting