

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

July 17, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Warden Crook at 7:04 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, Barrington, N.S.

Councillors present:

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

- Rob Frost, CAO

Absent due to medical reasons- George El-Jakl

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Grant Requests

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 July 10, 2017 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports were presented for information to committee. Committee noted that staff are very busy with many projects.

A discussion did come up in regards to the Municipal Newsletter, and that instead of individual councillor reports that a summary of projects that are ongoing be summarized for Council. The CAO will prepare this for the newsletter.

LETTER RE: PROVINCIAL ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

Discussion took place regarding further correspondence received from a resident of the Town of Shelburne regarding the Provincial Electoral Boundaries. Committee has heard very little concern from residents regarding electoral boundaries, and therefore will continue to monitor the situation and respond to concerns of residents if any arise.

WATER BY-LAW

Committee discussed the proposed Water By-law and associated agreement. Committee believes this to be a positive step to assist anyone with water supply issues in the future.

Resolution COW170714

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to adopt the Water By-law and Associated Agreement as presented.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

PACE PROGRAM

Committee discussed the proposed PACE By-law, including Upgrade Standards, Lending Rate and PACE Customer Agreement.

Resolution COW170715

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to adopt the PACE By-law, including Upgrade Standards, Lending Rate and PACE Customer Agreement as presented.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

BAY SIDE HOME BOARD OF DIRECTORS VACANCY

Council had been informed of a vacancy on the Board of Directors for Bay Side Home, and had advertised the vacancy. Committee received two applications.

Resolution COW170716

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to appoint Rodney "Michael" Stoddard to the Bay Side Home Board of Directors.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

Further discussion took place regarding clarity around appointments to the Bay Side Home Board of Directors, and whether all appointees are citizens, or if Council should appoint a councillor.

Resolution COW170717

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to clarify that Council does not appoint a Council representative to Bay Side Home Board of Directors, and only appoints members as per the authority granted in the Municipal Housing Corporation Act of Nova Scotia.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

DEED TRANSFER TAX

Discussion took place regarding the implementation of a Deed Transfer Tax, and a report presented to committee. Committee discussed the merits of such a rate, and the positive affect it could have on capital projects, while maintaining the regular tax rate.

Resolution COW170718

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to proceed to adopt a Deed Transfer Tax at a rate of 1.5%.

Motion carried. (3-1) Deputy Warden Crook voting opposed.

Should this resolution pass through Council a by-law will then be developed which will be further debated at an August Committee of the Whole meeting, and then, if recommended, would go through first reading at Council in August.

LANDSCAPING AND SIGNAGE AT MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE

Discussion took place regarding the landscaping in the front of the Administrative Centre in Barrington. There was discussion about cleaning up some of the old trees and shrubs that were growing there, and to look at the installation of a more visible sign for this building.

Resolution COW170719

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to have staff re-landscape the front lawn of the Municipal Administrative Centre and to erect a more visible sign.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

BUILDING AT C & D LANDFILL

Staff brought forth a discussion about looking at a pre-built module office as a good option to replace the current building at the C&D landfill. An estimated cost and availability will make it look like a good option for the landfill.

Resolution COW170720

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to proceed with the purchase of a module office building for the C&D Landfill.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

GRANTS

Resolution COW170721

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

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

There was a discussion about a request for a grant from the Red Bear Healing Home. Committee decided not to proceed with a grant at this time.

IN-CAMERA

Committee moved in-camera at 8:39 p.m. to discuss two property matters.

OUT OF CAMERA

Committee moved out of camera at 9:04 p.m.

Resolution COW170722

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to proceed with the purchase of land offered by the province at the end of Station Road in Barrington Passage (PID 80051964, AAN 03389022).

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting