

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

August 21, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Councillor Atkinson at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, Barrington, N.S.

Councillors present:

- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- Murray Atkinson
- Jody Crook
- Shaun Hatfield
- George El-Jakl (Chair) (7:05 p.m.)

- Rob Frost, CAO

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Floating Dock Policy
- Warden's Trip to Norway

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 August 14, 2017 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor El-Jakl arrived at 7:05 p.m. and took the Chair.

LEAH D'EON, MANAGER OF FINANCE

Leah d'Eon, Manager of Finance, was in attendance to present the first quarter financial report, and to discuss Paymentus, a new method of receiving payment.

Paymentus is a third-party payment system that will allow/provide the option for taxpayers to pay using VISA or Mastercard. The fee for the service will be charged to the taxpayer at 1.75% of the payment amount.

Leah presented the quarterly financials for the first quarter of the year, showing everything tracking as expected for this period in the year.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports were all received, with no questions brought forth.

5 YEAR CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN

The CAO presented to Council a proposed Capital Investment Plan. A 5 year CIP needs to be sent to the Province of Nova Scotia by September 1st, with the first year being approved by the Council in the annual budget. There was no major concern with the proposed 5 year CIP, and it will be sent in by the end of the month.

DEED TRANSFER TAX DRAFT BY-LAW

Resolution COW170807

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to proceed to first reading of the Deed Transfer Tax By-law as presented.

Motion carried. (3-2) El-Jakl and Crook voting against.

LETTER FROM MLA D'ENTREMONT

A letter from MLA d'Entremont regarding follow up with TIR concerns was received. Committee believes it is important that they as a Council continue to put their own pressure on TIR in regards to particular projects.

BRANDING

The initial branding report was brought before Committee by the CAO. Committee liked the branding booklet, making some suggestions regarding pictures and wording. Committee is leaning towards the third option for the logo, with some possible minor tweaks to the social media icon. Suggestions will be sent to the branding company for follow up, and then brought back to Committee.

LOW INCOME TAX EXEMPTION

Resolution COW170808

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to adopt the proposed amendments to the Low Income Property Tax Exemption Policy.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

IN-CAMERA

Committee moved in-camera at 8:40 p.m. to discuss property matters.

OUT OF CAMERA

Committee moved out of camera at 9:00 p.m., with direction having been given to CAO.

AQUACULTURE

The Warden asked if there would be interest in having someone from the Province in to discuss Aquaculture, and to hear about the trade mission to Norway. The consensus was that it would be good to hear more about it, so a meeting will be arranged.

Councillor El-Jakl left the meeting at 9:05pm

FLOATING DOCK

Discussion took place regarding the Floating Dock Policy and complaints that councillors have received from concerned citizens. Committee felt that the policy needs to be amended, although acknowledged that further discussion needs to take place regarding enforcement.

Resolution COW170809

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to amend the Floating Dock Policy to allow for 45 minute tie up time, and two smaller signs with the following four points:

1. 45 minute berthing time limit.
2. Boats in violation will be removed at owners expense.
3. Commercial use is prohibited.
4. Dock under video surveillance.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

Resolution COW170810

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to have staff contact the Queen of Heart's Dory Club to ask that they restrict their use of the floating dock to one space, and if needed tie a second dory to the first.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

CAO was asked to add a discussion regarding enforcement to the next Committee of the Whole meeting, and to find information on the derelict vessel legislation.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting