

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

October 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Warden Nickerson at 7:10 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

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

- Rob Frost, CAO

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Mink Ranch Concerns
- Paving RFP
- Sales Agreements
- Blood Clinic

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 September 18, 2017 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MPAL PRESENTATION

Samantha Goreham, MPAL Coordinator, and Debby Smith from the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage were present to discuss the MPAL Program over the past five years, and the future of this program. They presented on the benefits of the MPAL Program, and physical activity living in general. As it has been five years since the involvement of the Municipality it is time to start looking at a plan revision and a move forward path. This will occur over the next few months with some public consultation, and a survey that has been organized by the Provincial Department.

Samantha is holding a public session on October 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Room at Sobey's in Barrington.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Discussion ensued regarding appointments to Committees of Council and outside appointments. It is recommended that the list stay the same as last year, with the one change being that Councillor El-Jakl will replace Councillor Hatfield on the Joint EMO Committee.

It was asked that the list be separated when placed online so that it is easier to see the following four categories of appointments:

- Committees of Council
- Committees where Council has a financial interest (ie. Library)
- Committees to which Council appoints a councillor
- Committees to which Council appoints citizen representatives

UNSM ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Discussion took place regarding the UNSM and how it is currently responding to the needs of municipalities. Council will have a discussion in the near future regarding the activities to date of the UNSM, the results that have been achieved, and the response to continued requests of municipalities.

The CAO will contact UNSM staff to inquire as to the Board's response to the letter sent from Barrington Municipality.

WMTA AND SCAA TRAIL MAINTENANCE REQUEST

At a September meeting of the Committee of the Whole, there were representatives present from WMTA and SCAA to discuss the ongoing maintenance of the trails system in the municipality. Much discussion took place regarding how the municipality can best help these groups in the ongoing maintenance and improvement of the trails.

The general consensus was that the trails are a very important aspect of our recreational assets and that Council will consider the best way to support these organizations. Committee will first ask for a maintenance plan and costs, and then work with the organizing to develop a long term funding or grant model.

Resolution COW171001

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to request that the WMTA and SCAA provide Council with a 5 year maintenance plan including costs so that Council can best determine how to provide financial support for ongoing maintenance of trails in the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONIES

Remembrance Day Ceremonies were discussed including wreaths, and who would be representing the Municipality at each ceremony.

Warden Nickerson will attend Stone Church, and Stoney Island Ceremonies, as well as the BMHS Ceremony. Deputy Warden Crook will attend the Barrington Ceremony, and the Forrest Ridge Academy Ceremony. Councillor El-Jakl will attend the Woods Harbour Ceremony. Councillor Atkinson will represent the Municipality at the ERMES Ceremony.

LETTER FROM MINISTER OF FISHERIES AND OCEANS RE: VILLAGEDALE BAY

A letter was received from the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans regarding the health of the Villagedale Bay. Committee was pleased to see that there had been direction given to staff to investigate.

Deputy Warden Crook asked, and it was agreed, that the letter be forwarded to Stanley Lamrock.

TIR COST SHARE AGREEMENT 2018

Resolution COW171002

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to put forth Newell Road to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal as a road to be considered under the cost share payment agreement.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

MUNICIPAL AWARENESS WEEK

Municipal Awareness Week will be November 20th to the 26th, and Committee discussed how we could promote the event. Staff will develop a few ideas to come back to a Committee meeting, or to develop.

One idea brought forward was to work with the high school and have a class come hold a mock council meeting and debate an issue at the Council table. The CAO will reach out to the school to discuss.

MINK RANCH

Deputy Warden Crook brought forth a concern from a citizen regarding the Mink Ranch and the smell coming from there at certain times. It was discussed and recommended that concerned citizens should contact the Farm Practices Board with concerns. This will be relayed by the Deputy Warden to the citizens.

Councillor El-Jakl left the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

PAVING AT MCGRAY AVENUE

Discussion took place regarding the received tenders for the second lift paving of the McGray Avenue parking lot.

Resolution COW171003

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to increase the funding for the second lift to cover the lowest tender received.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Shaun Hatfield

NEGATIVE

Jody Crook
Eddie Nickerson

Motion defeated.

Resolution COW171004

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to direct staff to get quotes on cutting out and repairing the problem areas at McGray Avenue Parking Lot.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
Shaun Hatfield
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

Murray Atkinson

Motion carried.

SALES AGREEMENTS

The CAO reminded Committee that information received regarding sale of Municipal property is not to be discussed or disclosed publicly. Once a sale is completed it would then become public knowledge.

BLOOD CLINIC

Discussion took place regarding the displaced blood clinic in Barrington Passage. The CAO will follow up with NS Health to determine when the clinic will be back to Barrington Passage.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

CAO Performance Review

The annual CAO Performance Review that was scheduled will be rescheduled due to the meeting running late.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting