

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

October 16, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Councillor Hatfield at 7:02 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, at Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

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

- Rob Frost, CAO

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Pumpkin People
- Future Meetings Schedule

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 October 10, 2017 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

SIGNAGE AT SHAG HARBOUR GAZEBO

Eric Shand, Doug Shand, and Laurie Wickens were present to discuss signage at the Shag Harbour Gazebo. They would like to see a sign on this site recognizing Evelyn Richardson. The previous decision of Council was that if the Chapel Hill Society raised the funds that the Municipality would work with them to find a location. They have asked that the Municipality pay for a sign and place it at the site of the UFO site.

Resolution COW171005

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to ask the Chapel Hill Society, and the UFO Incident Society, to write a joint letter to Council that outlines their specific request, including location, and design of the requested signage.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

RFP – SALE OF THE ROBERTSON BUILDING

Resolution COW171006

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to accept the proposal received from Natasha Nickerson for the purchase of the Robertson Building.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports were received by Committee.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION DRAFT POLICY

A draft of the Active Transportation Policy was discussed by Committee. It was discussed that it would be a good policy to have in place should Council wish to work further on Active Transportation projects in the future.

Resolution COW171007

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to accept the Active Transportation Policy as presented.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

LETTER FROM DEBBIE ATKINSON

A letter was received from Debbie Atkinson, which included three concerns:

- 1) humidity at the Arena,
- 2) strong currents at Stoney Island Beach, and
- 3) fencing in of playgrounds.

The humidity issue at the Arena is being addressed and should be cleared up very soon. The Municipality currently has two fenced in playgrounds, and with review of assets at Sherose Island that playground may be further investigated depending on the move forward plan. A letter of response will be prepared for Ms. Atkinson.

Resolution COW171008

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to write a letter to the Department of Natural Resources asking them to erect a sign saying, “Warning! Strong current. Swim at own Risk”, on the Stoney Island Beach.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

DEED TRANSFER TAX BY-LAW

Further discussion took place regarding a potential Deed Transfer Tax By-law, with arguments being made in favour and against the implementation of such a by-law. There was general consensus that the Municipality will need to find additional revenues to accomplish the projects that have been discussed, although there was disagreement as to how to generate the needed revenue.

This item will be added to the next Council agenda for further discussion and decision.

CLARK'S HARBOUR FOGGIES

Andrew Holland, Manager of the Clark's Harbour Foggies, came to Committee to present Council with a picture of the Atlantic Champions. A prominent place will be found to display this gift from the team.

DECEMBER MEETINGS

The December meetings will be December 4th as a Committee of the Whole meeting, and December 11th will be a Council meeting.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Committee was reminded that they have been asked to send in their information regarding the strategic planning process.

RFP FOR THE PROVISION OF A TRUCK FOR PROPERTY SERVICES

Resolution COW171009

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to accept the tender from Smith and Watt for the provision of 2 Tonne, 4X4, truck at the price of \$60,697, plus HST.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

PACE AND WATER PROGRAMS

Resolution COW171010

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to set the amount of funds available for the PACE Program, and Water Supply Upgrade Lending Program at a maximum of \$50,000 for each program per year.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

PUMPKIN PEOPLE

The Warden was approached for permission to erect pumpkin people at the Island View Park by citizens. Direction was given to the CAO to allow at his discretion.

ADDITIONAL FUTURE MEETINGS

The CAO discussed the need to set some additional meetings to address some items that will take a longer time to discuss. These items include UNSM, Policy Review, Strategic Planning, and Engineers Review.

Committee agreed to set meetings on October 30th, and November 6th. The CAO will set the agendas based on consultants' availability, and urgency of issues.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting