

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

November 20, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Warden Crook at 7:05 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

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

- Rob Frost, CAO

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was agreed that the following items be added to the agenda:

- Financial Report
- Dehumidifier for the Arena

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 November 14, 2017 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MLA CHRIS D'ENTREMONT

MLA d'Entremont was present to talk to Committee regarding any provincial concerns that they may have.

Roads

On the subject of roads and transportation some of the common areas for concern for both the MLA and Council are Highway 3 in the Upper Woods Harbour area, Villagedale Road, and the Causeway. A few other areas were brought to the MLA's attention including Bateman Road and Sherose Island Road.

Capital Projects

There was a brief discussion about future capital projects, and further discussion will be held once Council makes more decisions on approved projects.

Health and Education

There was a discussion regarding dialysis and the continued need for service in the Barrington area. MLA d'Entremont has committed to having further discussions with the Department of Health. He has also committed to speaking with the Department of Education regarding school credits for those students who get training as a fire fighter.

Policing Services

Lastly, there was a discussion regarding policing services and the fact that the Municipality continues to pay for officers when they are not actually in place.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Manager of Finance, Leah d'Eon, gave a report as to the current financial position of the Municipality as of the end of September, half year. All areas are trending as they should for this period of the year.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports were received.

CAO REVIEW

Resolution COW171120

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to accept the performance review of the CAO as completed by Council.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

SOLID WASTE REPORT

Councillors are still working through the Solid Waste Report. A meeting will be set early in 2018 to have an in-depth conversation on the findings and recommendations of the report.

SEAL ISLAND LIGHT

A response was received from the Cape Sable Historical Society saying they would accept the light, with the condition that Council have an engineering study completed on the deck and light. Committee was of the opinion that when the light had been refurbished five years ago that an engineer had looked at all aspects and approved the project. They therefore felt that it is unnecessary to have further engineering work completed.

The CAO has been asked to gather information on the refurbishment and speak with the Cape Sable Historical Society.

LETTER FROM CAPE SABLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Discussion took place regarding the requests from the Cape Sable Historical Society. They had asked that Council ask the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal about local truck traffic signs to reduce the number of trucks in the area of the museums, that Council ask the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to install a crosswalk, and that Council consider designating the area of the museums as a Historical District.

Resolution COW171121

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to provide the following response and actions in regards to the requests from the Cape Sable Historical Society:

- Write a letter to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal asking as to the process for Local Truck Traffic Only Signs, and that they be installed if possible.
- Speak with the Cape Sable Historical Society regarding the requirements for the installation of a crosswalk, and that Council will not pursue this request.
- That the request to have a Historic Area Designation be referred to Planning Advisory Committee for discussion.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

PARSON'S MALL LEASE AGREEMENT FOR DR. YEE

Discussion took place regarding the end of the lease agreement that Council had agreed to with Dr. Yee for partial coverage of his rent to provide intern space.

Committee requested that the CAO gather information on medical related agreements over the past ten years.

The CAO will contact Dr. Yee, Dr. Baker, and Dr. Premachandra to try and arrange a meeting with the physicians and Council to discuss how to best provide medical coverage in the Municipality.

SOUTH WEST NOVA BIOSPHERE RESERVE

Discussion took place regarding the letter received from the South West Nova Biosphere Reserve.

Resolution COW171122

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to inform South West Nova Biosphere Reserve that at this time the Municipality is not supportive of funding Highway Signage.

Motion carried. (4-1) Councillor Hatfield opposed.

GREEN CARTS

Committee talked about the provision of green carts, and whether or not the Municipality should continue to provide replacements. This is done in many ways in other municipalities, and many charge residents for the cost, or don't supply them at all after the initial cart.

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended that having supplied residents with the initial green cart and replacements for numerous years that the Municipality will no longer provide additional carts.

Motion was tabled until next Committee of the Whole in order to obtain further information. The CAO has been asked to gather information on how much the Municipality has spent on green carts since the inception of the program, how much is spent per year, and the original motion of providing green carts and what it says about providing replacement carts on an ongoing basis.

UNSM BOARD REPORT

In follow up to previous discussions the CAO has been asked to develop a suggested process for UNSM resolutions, and other matters. Once this has been developed Council will invite the Rural Caucus representatives in to meet with Council.

CAMERAS AT INTERSECTION

Discussion took place regarding the suggestion from the Police Advisory Committee that the Municipality look at the installation of a camera at the intersection in Barrington Passage. The quoted cost would be in the \$9,000 range.

It was asked that in our discussion with Justice regarding paying for RCMP officers that we don't have that there be a discussion regarding cameras, and the possibility of offsetting costs with the implementation of a camera system.

The CAO will look to set up a meeting with the Minister of Justice.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

With the development of a strategic plan, and impending budgets, the CAO has been asked to set a series of meetings for public consultation, and budget meetings.

DEHUMIDIFIER AT ARENA

The report was received from the engineer that had been contracted to look at the Arena humidity issue. We will now find quotes based on the recommendation and return for further discussion.

PORT CLYDE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Discussion took place regarding the fire service provided in the Port Clyde area, and the lack of additional training that the department has received as promised last year.

The CAO has been asked to set up a meeting for Council to meet with the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department to discuss their lack of development and look at next steps. The CAO and Fire Service Coordinator will prepare information for the meeting, and some suggested guidelines as to how to proceed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned 10:30 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting