

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

January 8, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Warden Nickerson at 7:01 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

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

One member of the public was in attendance.

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Being duly moved and seconded be it resolved that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded be it resolved that the minutes of December 4, 2017 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### WESTFOR MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION

Marcus Zwicker, General Manager of WestFor Management, was in attendance to give a presentation to Committee about the forestry industry and WestFor's involvement. WestFor was formed two years ago by numerous small forestry companies, in response to the Province's request to deal with fewer forestry management contracts.

- There is currently 1.5 million acres of crown land in Southern NS.
- 25% of this land is parks and protected, and about 40% is used in the forestry.
- Approximately 50% of all wood waste in the province ends up at Northern Pulp in Pictou.
- Forestry is only using about 15% of forest growing every year
- WestFor's Management plans are all made public and maps can be found here <https://nsgi.novascotia.ca/hpmv/>
- WestFor would be able to provide forest management for a Municipal Unit

WOODS HARBOUR BALL FIELD SOCIETY

The Woods Harbour Ball Field Society requested that the ballfield in Woods Harbour be added to the Tax Exemption By-law.

Resolution COW180101

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to add the Woods Harbour Ball Field, AAN 04999088, to the Tax Exemption By-law (By-law 25).

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

REGION 6 ANNUAL BUDGET

Resolution COW180102

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to approve the Region 6 2018-2019 Annual Budget as presented.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

ROSEWAY HOSPITAL CHARITABLE FOUNDATION – LODGING FOR LOCUMS

Committee was supportive of providing funding towards the Lodging for Locums program. Before a decision is made, Committee has asked that the following information be collected. The Warden, the Municipal representative of this committee, will ask at the next meeting for clarification on the ask, where the budget for this program comes from, and how the breakdown of Municipal contributions are determined.

Staff will also bring back information on how much Council has contributed to this program in past years.

2018 NS LUMBERJACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

A request was submitted to Committee asking that the Municipality financially support the attraction of the 2018 NS Lumberjack Championships to the area. Committee expressed interest in having this event hosted in the Municipality, and would like to pursue this opportunity. Staff have been asked to request some further information from the event organizers, and also have a discussion regarding partnering with neighbouring municipal units.

REVIEW OF POLICIES

Resolution COW180103

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to amend Policy 22 “Use of Municipal Vehicle Policy”, and repeal Policy 25 “Regulations Governing the Use of Building Inspection Department Vehicle”.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

CHRISTMAS AT THE CAUSEWAY

Discussion took place regarding the Annual Festival of Lights events, and that the original name was intended to be Christmas at the Causeway. As this was the original motion of Council staff will be asked to continue the events under the name Christmas at the Causeway.

HEALTHY EATING IN RECREATIONAL SETTINGS

Discussion took place regarding the presentation regarding healthy eating in recreational settings. Committee believes that a policy to affect good behaviour will not necessarily create the required results. Committee will not implement a policy, but will work with staff to work at developing an improved culture of healthy eating options.

PARKING IN FRONT OF THE POST OFFICE IN BARRINGTON PASSAGE

There have been concerns expressed about the safety of people who park in front of the Post Office in Barrington Passage as the cars come very close to being on the white line.

Resolution COW180104

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to ask the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to post no parking signs from Petro Canada to Snow's Road in Barrington Passage.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Murray Atkinson  
Jody Crook  
George El-Jakl  
Shaun Hatfield

**NEGATIVE**

Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

GRANT REQUEST – WESTERN REGIONAL LIBRARY

Resolution COW180105

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to approve the grant request of \$400 for the Western Regional Library Adopt a Book Campaign.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

IN-CAMERA – LAND MATTER – 9:05 P.M.

Committee moved in-camera at 9:05 p.m. to discuss a land sale matter.

Committee moved out of camera at 9:15 p.m.

Resolution COW180106

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to accept the offer on the sale of the property PID #80047251 as presented.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website January 10, 2018.**