

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

February 20, 2018

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

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

One member of the public was in attendance.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Lumberjack Championships.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded be it resolved that the minutes of February 12, 2018 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

TYLER NICKERSON RE: SEWER EXTENSION AND ACCOMMODATIONS

Mr. Nickerson was present to discuss two topics with Committee.

The first topic has to do with the planned expansion at his property in Barrington Passage. The intent is to develop a parcel of land behind the Starboard Inn to develop affordable housing, as well as a campground. The affordable housing would be single dwelling units that would be turn key module homes. In order to do this project Mr. Nickerson would need to install a large sewer lateral, and was asking if Council could consider partially funding. It was explained that municipalities typically don't fund additional sewer development, but would be willing to accept the sewer if completed to specifications.

The CAO will follow up with Mr. Nickerson to discuss what is needed from him for him to proceed with the development, and also provide contact information discussed.

The second item Mr. Nickerson wished to discuss was accommodations in the area. Mr. Nickerson has been speaking with the CAO, and working with numerous hotel chains regarding the possibility of developing a hotel for the area. In his research he has been asked to have a feasibility study completed in order to determine viability. Mr. Nickerson asked if this would be of interest to Council to perform such a study. Committee expressed interest in seeing this study completed, making clear that if the Municipality completes the study the information would be open to any interested party.

The CAO has been asked to gather information and bring a recommendation back to Committee of the Whole Council.

ELWIN SMITH – RE: PAVING OF THE CURLING CLUB PARKING LOT

Mr. Smith was present to discuss the Barrington Regional Curling Club, provide an update and make a request to have paving completed. Mr. Smith stated that the membership has been gaining over the past few years, and the club has worked hard to reduce expenses and increase revenue. Mr. Smith requested that Council consider paving part or all of the Curling Club parking lot.

It was expressed to Mr. Smith that there are plans in the works for the further development and beautification of the Sherose Island Recreation Complex, and that the first step is to complete the Recreation Complex portion of the project, and then as part of the further development/ beautification that the paving could be explored.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports were received by Committee.

REVIEW OF POLICIES

Proposed Amendments to Policy 6 “Use of Municipal Facilities”

Resolution COW180206

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to approve the amendments to Policy 6 “Use of Municipal Facilities”.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

Proposed Amendments to Policy 42 “Municipal Grants”

Resolution COW180207

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to approve the amendments to Policy 42 “Municipal Grants”.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

Proposed Repeal of Policy 11 “Court Appearances and Representation”

Resolution COW180208

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to repeal Policy 11 “Court Appearances and Representation”.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

REQUEST FOR YOUTH BALL FIELD

Additional information on number of teams using ball fields in the Municipality was presented to Committee as requested at a previous meeting. Discussion took place as to the benefits of building a new ball field or altering a current field for improved use. This may include additional lighting of fields, changing fences and infields, or other possibilities. Committee has requested information on the cost to add lights to a current field. They are also interested in meeting with all of the users of the ball fields in the spring to discuss options.

WILSONS SHOPPING CENTRE

A request for a variance has been brought forward by Wilsons Shopping Centre. Information was provided to Committee and there will be a public hearing held at the next meeting of Council.

WELL EASEMENT RE: ACINOM PROPERTIES LTD

Discussion took place regarding a well easement request from Acinom Properties, for use by the East Bay Realty Office Building.

Resolution COW180209

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to deny the well easement as requested.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

TRI-COUNTY WOMEN’S CENTRE RE: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY

Discussion took place regarding the request for nominations for the International Women’s Day event. Committee felt that it is difficult to single out one individual considering the many women that enrich the Municipality. Also given the short notice that they don’t have time to properly advertise and select a single candidate. With this in mind they will put forth a number of names to the requesting parties.

Resolution COW180210

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to submit a list of names with brief bios as nominations for the International Women's Day Recognition event.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Jody Crook
Shaun Hatfield
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR RELIEF OF TAXES DUE TO LOSS BY FIRE – BUTLER'S ESTATES LTD

A request was received for tax relief due to the fire in the former Community Health Centre.

Resolution COW180211

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to approve the tax relief as requested by Butler's Estates Ltd.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

REQUEST FOR GRANT – FRA PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION

Resolution COW180212

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to approve a grant of \$2,000.00 to the FRA Playground Association.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

LUMBERJACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

This item was added to the agenda for further discussion from a previous meeting. Committee is supportive of having the event in the Municipality, but there is some concern as to the proposed location and its ability to accommodate a large number of people.

ABSENCE

Councillor Hatfield let Committee know he would be away for the month of April.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website February 22, 2018.