

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

August 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Warden Crook at 7:07 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Jody Crook (Chair)
- Murray Atkinson
- George El-Jakl
- Shaun Hatfield
- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
  
- Ken Smith, Interim CAO
- Leah d'Eon, Manager of Finance
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Nova Scotia Marathon Committee Terms of Reference
- Staff Reports – Interim CAO

### 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 August 13, 2018, be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

### PARK NAME AND SIGN DESIGN – LR. CLARKS HARBOUR

Naming and sign design of the park in Lower Clarks Harbour was discussed.

It was agreed that the contest be open to all residents of the Municipality and Council will make the final decision on name selection.

### STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports were circulated to members in advance to the meeting and were accepted as presented.

The Interim CAO provided the following verbal report on four initiatives he is currently working on:

Chief Administrative Officer Recruitment Process Update

He provided an update on the hiring of a Chief Administrative Officer. He advised that 56 applications have been received to date and some interviews have been scheduled.

Nova Scotia Marathon Committee Terms of Reference

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a draft Terms of Reference for the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee, “Nova Scotia Marathon Committee”. This matter will be discussed later in the meeting.

Recreation Centre Design

The Interim CAO reported that he is scheduled to meet with the Architects on Thursday in Chester to provide feedback on their progress to date in preparation of the next meeting with Council and staff.

Travelling Visitor Information Centre

As a result of our tourism partnership with the Municipality of Shelburne, a meeting was held with Digital Fusion earlier today to discuss “Show Me Map” and how it works. It was noted that the Board of Trade for Lunenburg had implemented the project.

TIR COST SHARE AGREEMENT 2019-20 CONSTRUCTION SEASON

Correspondence has been received from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal advising of their 2019-2020 Cost Shared Agreement for paving J-Class Roads.

It was reported that the last J-Class road on our list is scheduled to be paved this current fiscal period.

It was noted that funding under this program is also made available for local roads. It was agreed that contact be made with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to determine what “local road” would qualify under the program.

Question was raised regarding the classification of the Wireless Road in Barrington Passage and Bateman Road in North East Point. It was further agreed that the department be asked for an updated list of roads, showing their classifications and indicating how and when the classification was determined.

BARRINGTON & AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LETTER RE: POP-UP BUSINESSES

Correspondence has been received from the President of the Barrington and Area Chamber of Commerce expressing concern regarding the impact of outside “pop up” businesses coming into our community.

The letter made reference to a recent sales event held by Tuskett Ford in the Sobeys Parking Lot in Barrington Passage, but related to all pop up businesses. The Chamber expressed concern that these businesses do not pay taxes, do not invest in any infrastructure, do not support our local economy, etc.

The Chamber is asking the Municipality to revisit By-law 13 “Trade and Licensing”, and provide greater protection to established businesses in the area by increasing rates so as to deter transient business activity.

Reference was made to previous discussions relating to transient business activity in the Municipality. It was noted that there are transient businesses in our municipality on a regular basis, outside businesses selling bait, fishing supplies, etc.

Resolution COW180806

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a letter be forwarded to the Barrington and Area Chamber of Commerce advising that we encourage businesses to come to our municipality and feel that current fees outlined in By-law 13 “Trade and Licensing” are adequate.

Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFER OF SEAL ISLAND LIGHT – DOME/LENS

It was reported that the Cape Sable Historical Society has advised that they are willing to take over the Seal Island Light dome/lens, as is/where is. The Municipal Solicitor has provided Bill of Sale and Asset Purchase Agreements providing for this transfer. The Bill of Sale provides for a purchase price of \$1.00.

It should be noted that the Cape Sable Historical Society has been registered with the Registry of Joint Stock Companies as a numbered company “1347622 Nova Scotia Limited”. Both agreements are in the name of the numbered company, formerly The Cape Sable Historical Society.

Resolution COW180807

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Seal Island Light dome/lens be transferred to 1347622 Nova Scotia Limited, formerly The Cape Sable Historical Society at a purchase price of \$1.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The Interim CAO informed members that he has been in discussion with Michelle Goreham, President of the Community Fundraising Committee. Ms. Goreham has advised that she has been involved with the committee since 1995 to raise funds for the Arena. Fundraising is becoming less and less and it is now time to disband the group. She advised that they have approximately \$17,000.00 in their bank account.

It was suggested that they may want to make a donation towards the cost of arena projects, such as, roof repairs or the purchase of a new ice resurfacer.

Resolution COW180808

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Community Fundraising Committee be advised of arena projects that they could provide a donation towards, such as arena roof repairs, purchase of a new ice resurfacer, etc..

Motion carried unanimously.

MUNICIPAL BALLFIELDS

It was noted that \$80,000.00 was set aside in the budget for ballfield lighting. An estimate to providing lighting on the Basil Blades Memorial Ballfield came in at \$207,675.00 plus hst.

Much discussion took place regarding all municipal ballfield which included usage, maintenance, upgrades, etc.

Upon the recommendation of the Interim CAO, it was agreed that a staff report be prepared and brought back to a future meeting of the committee.

NEW TAX LAWS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019 RE: COUNCIL REMUNERATION

It was reported that new Tax Laws come into effective January 1, 2019, relating to remunerations paid to councillors. The 70-year old tax exemption benefiting elected officials will be removed in the new year. Currently 1/3 of the remuneration paid to elected officials is non-taxable. Effective January 1, 2019, the full remuneration will be taxable.

Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities is recommending that remunerations be adjusted to accommodate the forthcoming changes. Municipalities are encouraged to adjust pre-tax levels of compensation for elected officials to allow them to maintain the same levels of compensation after the new tax laws have been applied.

It was noted that it is difficult to apply the same formula to everyone as different officials are in different tax brackets depending on other sources of income. One suggestion, is to select an average and apply it across the board.

It was agreed that a staff report outlining options be prepared on this topic and presented to the Committee at their meeting scheduled for September 17, 2018.

ATLANTIC HALL AT THE HAWK SOCIETY GRANT REQUEST

A grant application has been received from the Atlantic Hall at The Hawk Society requesting funding in the amount of \$1,500.00, to assist with the cost of repairs to their hall.

Resolution COW180809

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Atlantic Hall at The Hawk Society be granted \$500.00 to assist with upgrades to their hall.

Motion carried unanimously.

NOVA SCOTIA MARATHON COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Interim CAO, as a result of the meeting held on August 16, 2018, recommended that a Nova Scotia Marathon Committee be formed to organize and promote the Marathon. The proposed committee would consist of staff, council and community members.

A draft terms of reference was reviewed by members and a few amendments were suggested.

It was agreed that the Terms of Reference be revised and presented to Council for consideration.

IN-CAMERA SESSION RE: POSSIBLE LAND ACQUISITION, PERSONNEL MATTER AND LEGAL MATTER (MGA SECTION 22(2)(a)(c)(g))

At this time an In-Camera Session was held to deal with possible land acquisition, in accordance with Sections 22(2)(a) of the Municipal Government.

It was noted that the personnel matter and legal matter were removed from the in-camera session.

At the conclusion of the In-Camera Session, the regular council meeting was called back to order.

CLEMENTS POND PROPERTY

Resolution COW180810

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to Wade Smith acknowledging his request for the Municipality to create and maintain access to Clements Pond for camp site lease holders and the general public and advise that the Municipality will maintain their position in keeping with the Camp Site Lease Policy.

Motion carried.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Murray Atkinson  
Jody Crook  
George El-Jakl  
Shaun Hatfield

**NEGATIVE**

Eddie Nickerson

It should be noted that Section 13 of the Camp Site Lease Policy states: “The Municipality shall not be responsible for providing access to camp sites or any future maintenance and upkeep of roads.”

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary for the Meeting