

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

September 10, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Warden Nickerson at 7:00 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
- Shaun Hatfield

- George El-Jakl - Absent

- Ken Smith, Interim CAO
- Leah d'Eon, Manager of Finance
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

- Crow Neck Beach
- Postal Delivery – Newellton
- CAO Update
- Floating Dock Monitoring Agreement
- NSFM Conference Registration
- CHF PROPOSAL/MOU

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 the meeting held August 20, 2018 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. JIM NICKERSON RE: SPRUCE COVE SUBDIVISION, NORTH EAST POINT

Terry Nickerson addressed members on behalf of his father, Jim Nickerson. Mr. Nickerson provided some background information on the development of Spruce Cove Subdivision. There is still 90 acres remaining to be developed and a plot plan showing the proposed layout of 42 new house lots was provided. During discussion it was noted that property of Spruce Cove Enterprises Limited abuts the Old Grand Trunk which connects to Daley Road and Sidney Heights Road, located in North East Point. This provides an opportunity to create an access road across the Island.

Mr. Nickerson informed members that the property was listed with East Bay Realty last week for \$350,000.00, but wanted to make them aware of this unique opportunity and asked members to consider how the purchase and development of this property could fit into their future plans.

Terry Nickerson, Jim Nickerson and their family were thanked for appearing before the Committee and presenting their proposal.

It was agreed that this matter be placed on a future agenda of the Committee of the Whole Council for discussion. Terry Nickerson agreed to provide copies of information and plans presented tonight.

GRANT REQUEST – WOODS HARBOUR COMMUNITY CENTRE

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a grant application received from the Woods Harbour Community Centre. It was determined that the application was incomplete. It was agreed that additional information be requested and the matter be further discussed at the next meeting of the Committee.

REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT – FISHERMEN’S PREMIUM ATLANTIC LOBSTER INC.

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with correspondence received from John Crandall Nickerson of Fishermen’s Premium Atlantic Lobster Inc. requesting a letter of support. For the past 6 years, Mr. Nickerson has been trying to lobby the Province of Nova Scotia to incorporate and adopt, through the Motor Vehicle Registration, a motor vehicle license plate with a theme reflecting the lobster industry, which could be purchased at an additional cost. The money generated from the sales of the license plates, he is hoping, would be used to promote the seafood industry.

Resolution COW180901

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a letter of support be provided to John Crandall Nickerson of Fishermen’s Premium Atlantic Lobster Inc., in support of the Province offering a Lobster License Plate at an additional charge and proceeds from sales be used to promote the seafood industry.

Motion carried unanimously.

FEDERAL DISASTER MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION FUND CRITERIA

As requested, the Interim CAO provided information to members on the criteria of the Federal Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund. He is attempting to obtain additional information on the Fund and will report back to Committee at their next meeting.

IMPORT REPLACEMENT – STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION PLANNING SESSION FOR SHELBURNE COUNTY

Correspondence has been received from Robert Cervelli, Centre for Local Prosperity advising of their Implementation Session scheduled for October 20, 2018 for launching a local procurement strategy for public-sector anchor institutions in Shelburne County and their request for funding.

It was agreed by consensus, that the Centre for Local Prosperity be advised that we are interested in attending the session scheduled for October 20, 2018 and will determine from the session whether a financial contribution will be made.

CROW NECK BEACH

It was agreed that contact be made with the Department of Natural Resources in an attempt to schedule a meeting to discuss facilities and beach development at various beaches.

POSTAL DELIVERY NEWELLTON

Question was raised regarding the location of postal boxes in the vicinity of the Newellton Cemetery. Safety concerns have been expressed regarding this location and question has been raised as to why all postal boxes are not located in the parking lot of the Newellton Community Hall which is located less than a km away and already have some postal boxes on site.

Resolution COW180902

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to Canada Post asking why two locations, so close together, have been established in Newellton for mail pick up and if there is no recorded reason as to why, then they be requested to consider locating all postal boxes, in one location, in the parking lot of the Newellton Community Hall.

Motion carried unanimously.

CAO UPDATE

Recreation Centre Design Update

The Interim CAO advised that engineers are ready to meet with Council and Staff again. Monday or Tuesday night next week had been suggested. Members agreed that Monday night at 5:00 p.m. would work if they are ready.

NS Marathon Meeting

A NS Marathon Meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre.

Ballfield Meeting

The Interim CAO, Recreation Director and Property Services Manager will meet with a sample of users of the Barrington Ballfield and the Centreville Ballfield tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. to receive input on improvements and upgrades required at each location. Information gathered will help establish priorities and will be included in a staff report.

Boat - North East Point

Discussions continue regarding the derelict vessel located in North East Point.

Hotel study

The Hotel Study will be on the next agenda for discussion.

Sandy Wickens Memorial Arena

It was reported that ice will be installed and ready for use on September 17, 2018. The Property Services Manager has advised that the two new dehumidifiers have made a significant difference in the Arena.

The Olympia has been repaired and hopefully will last the season. The Shelburne County Arena Association has offered and we have accepted their old Zamboni to be used as a back-up ice resurfacers and/or for parts. A new Olympia has been ordered and its expected date of delivery is May or June, 2019.

FLOATING DOCK MONITORING AGREEMENT

It was reported that the existing agreement with Carl Stewart is due to expire this month.

Resolution COW180903

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that Carl Stewart be contacted to determine whether he is interested in continuing this monitoring service for the Municipality and if so, then a new agreement be entered into for another 1 year period with the same terms and conditions as outlined in the previous agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

NSFM CONFERENCE

Members were advised that the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Annual Conference is scheduled to be held on November 6 - 9, 2018, in Halifax.

Warden Nickerson and Councillor Hatfield expressed an interest in attending. Both will be registered for the Conference and rooms will be booked at the Westin Hotel.

CHF HOUSING PROPOSAL/MOU

Members were asked to provide clarification on the parcel of land offered to the CHF Housing Proposal. It was agreed that the entire parcel of land located at the end of the Business Park property on Stirl's Road in Barrington Passage, PID 82560954, be offered for the housing project.

BOUNDARIES MEETING

The Warden provided a brief report on the Boundaries Meeting he attended in Shelburne on Friday, September 7, 2018.

WATER SITUATION

Drinking water availability was questioned. Members were advised that we are currently in the process of drafting a letter to the province requesting potable water.

IN-CAMERA SESSION RE: PERSONNEL MATTER (MGA SECTION 22(2)(C))

At 8:45 p.m. an In-Camera Session was held to receive an update on recruitment of a Chief Administrative Officer.

Councillor El-Jakl participated in the In-Camera Session by phone.

The regular meeting was called back to order at 10:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting