

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

September 17, 2018

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

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

- Ken Smith, Interim CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was suggested and agreed that the “HVS Hotel Study” be removed from the main Agenda and discussed during the In-Camera Session to be held later in the evening.

It was also suggested and agreed that “Naming of the Sherose Island Trails” be moved up on the Agenda since the Recreation Co-ordinator was present to address this topic.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the September 10, 2018 meeting be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

LANA TOWNSEND RE: SMOKE FREE OUTDOOR SPACES

Lana Townsend, MPAL Co-ordinator appeared before the meeting. She requested a letter of support for an application for funding of up to \$2,000.00 to assist with the cost of signage for designated Smoke-Free Outdoor Spaces throughout the Municipality, such as playgrounds and the soccer field.

During discussion of the matter, it was noted that the only “no-smoking” policies that we have in place is contained within Policy No. 6 “Policy Governing the use of Municipal Facilities”. She distributed a draft Smoke Free Outdoor Spaces By-law for review.

Some discussion then took place regarding enforcement.

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a letter of support be provided to the MPAL Co-ordinator in support of her application for funding to assist with the cost of “Smoke Free Outdoor Spaces” signage.

Being duly moved and seconded that the above motion be amended by inserting after the word signage “and that before the application deadline we look at the possibility of drafting a Smoke Free Outdoor Spaces By-law”.

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion which now reads as follows was put to a vote:

Resolution COW180904

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a letter of support be provided to the MPAL Co-ordinator in support of her application for funding to assist with the cost of “Smoke Free Outdoor Spaces” signage and that before the application deadline we look at the possibility of drafting a Smoke Free Outdoor Spaces By-law”.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed that proposed signage locations be forwarded to members for consideration, should funding be approved.

The Interim CAO suggested that some comparisons be carried out by staff with other municipal units regarding implementation of Smoke Free Outdoor Spaces By-laws.

Ms. Townsend was thanked for appearing before members and making her presentation.

ANNA KENNEY RE: NAMING OF THE SHEROSE ISLAND TRAILS

Anna Kenney addressed members and advised that in order to bring more awareness and usage of the Nature Trail on Sherose Island, the Recreation Department has requested input from the community on naming the 4 different loops that make up the Nature Trail. Numerous names have been suggested for each loop. The Recreation Department will be asking Grade 6 students from FRA, ERMES and CHES, along with BMHS Students to vote for their favorite name. Once votes have been cast and tallied, signs will be made and posted. Funding for this project has been accessed through a Walkability Grant offered by the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

The Co-ordinator also informed members that a request has been received for Council to consider upgrading the Nature Trail, so that the school track and field team can use it as a cross country trail. The Co-ordinator is currently looking into the possibility of accessing funding for upgrades through the Great Trail Grant.

Mrs. Kenney was thanked for appearing before members and making her presentation.

SPRUCE COVE SUBDIVISION PROPERTY – NORTH EAST POINT

Dave Andrews, Building Inspector/Development Officer appeared before the meeting. It was reported that he and the Interim CAO visited Spruce Cove Subdivision, Daley Road and Sidney Heights Road, last week to get a better understanding of the property being offered by C. Jim Nickerson.

Discussion took place regarding land area, number of lots, road development, ongoing maintenance, lots sold in last 10 years, etc.

Resolution COW180905

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that C. Jim Nickerson be advised that the Municipality does not have any intention in becoming residential developers of this magnitude, at this time.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Andrews was thanked for his presentation to members.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff Reports were circulated in advance to the meeting.

General discussion took place regarding dispatch services. It was noted that Barrington/Port LaTour Fire Department and Island and Barrington Passage Fire Department have both decided to move to Valley Communications for dispatch services. Woods Harbour Shag Harbour has decided to stay with Yarmouth Dispatch Services for the time being before making a decision to stay or switch.

TIR COST SHARE AGREEMENT 2019-20 CONSTRUCTION SEASON

In advance to the meeting, each member was provided with a list of roads eligible for paving, repaving or double chip under the TIR Cost Share Agreement for 2019-20.

Each member was provided with a list of eligible roads. This matter will be further discussed at the next meeting of the Committee.

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

As requested at the August 20th Meeting, the Finance Manager provided a Staff Report regarding the new tax laws for elected municipal officials that will take effect on January 1, 2019.

The NSFMR has recommended that council members' salaries be adjusted to reflect the upcoming tax changes. Municipalities are encouraged to adjust pre-tax levels of compensation for elected officials to allow them to maintain the same level of compensation after the new tax laws have been applied.

Using the NSFMR formulas and an online tax calculator, the Finance Manager, has been able to produce estimates on the income tax implications of the new tax change. It is important to note that these calculations were based on the assumption that municipal income is the only source of income.

The total estimated annual pay increase required to allow council members to maintain the same level of pay is as follows:

Warden	\$3,163.54
Deputy Warden	\$3,333.12
Councillors	\$3,100.16

Total Est. Budget Implications \$15,985.39.

After some discussion, it was agreed that this matter be tabled until after the NSFM Conference to be held in November 2018, which will give the Warden an opportunity to talk with other municipal units regarding this matter.

This matter will be further discussed at the November 19th Committee Meeting.

REQUEST FROM THE CAPE SABLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY RE: USE OF PROPERTY

It was reported that an email has been received from Samantha Brannen, Manager of the Cape Sable Historical Society requesting permission to use the property adjacent to the south of the Old Court House. They are currently performing lawn maintenance on this property and have erected a temporary bench for visitors to use.

Resolution COW180906

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Cape Sable Historical Society be granted permission to use the property adjacent to the Old Court House as requested and that they be responsible for lawn maintenance of the property.

Motion carried unanimously.

NSFM INTERIM REPORT ON 2018 RESOLUTIONS

In advance to the meeting each member received an email from NSFM and a copy of the Interim Report on the 2018 Resolutions. The NSFM is requesting feed back either written or through attendance at on the three planned discussion meetings.

Resolution COW180907

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a letter be forwarded to the NSFM expressing our concern that the resolutions process is flawed and advising that Council feels that resolutions should be dealt with at the Annual Conference rather than through a series of meetings held throughout the Province.

Motion carried unanimously.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – NS MARATHON COMMITTEE

It was reported that Expressions of Interest have been received from the following:

Crystal Stoddard
Jennifer Shand
Gerilyn Crowell
Cara Newell – Citizen Rep for the Town of Clarks Harbour
Sasha Crowell
Talent Wilson
Brandi Nickerson
Amanda Nippard
Cara M. Atkinson

During discussion of this matter Councillor Hatfield expressed an interest in serving on the Committee as a citizen representative and submitted a completed application form.

Resolution COW180908

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that Crystal Stoddard, Jennifer Shand, Gerilyn Crowell, Cara Newell (citizen rep.), Sasha Crowell, Talent Wilson, Brandi Nickerson, Amanda Nippard, Cara M. Atkinson and Shaun Hatfield (citizen rep.) be appointed to serve on the Nova Scotia Marathon Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

IN CAMERA SESSION RE: SALE OF SURPLUS MUNICIPAL PROPERTY, CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND PERSONNEL MATTER (MGA SECTION 22(2)(a)(c)(e))

At 8:56 p.m. an In-Camera Session was held to deal with contract negotiations, sale of surplus municipal property and a personnel matter.

Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk and Suzy Atwood, Tourism and Community Development Co-ordinator were present for a portion of the In-Camera Session.

The regular Council meeting was called back to order at 10:20 p.m.

REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA SESSION

Direction was given to staff to list the following surplus municipal properties with a real estate company:

PID 80033517 - Clam Point
PID 80033525 - Clam Point
PID 80054752 - Atwood's Brook
PID 80054778 - 2 Islands.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

