

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

January 21, 2019

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

- Jody Crook, Chair
- Murray Atkinson
- George El-Jakl
- Shaun Hatfield

- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson was absent due to work commitments.

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was agreed that the following items be added to the Agenda:

- Arena Banners
- Sponsorship Requests:
 - SouWest Recreation Complex Advisory Committee
 - Tri County Women's Centre, International Women's Day
- Proposed amendments to Floating Dock Policy.

APPROVAL OF 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 last meeting held January 14, 2019, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

RCMP REPORT

Acting Sgt. Dave Toope appeared before the meeting and presented stats for the 3rd quarter. Files are down overall, with significant increases in some areas, such as domestic disputes.

He informed members that a more detailed report is presented to the Police Advisory Board outlining specifics which members may find beneficial. In other areas this report is presented back to the Committee through their member serving on the Board.

He informed members that he is willing to continuing with the quarterly stat reports, if members wish and would be willing to meet with Committee at any time to discuss specific matters of concern.

A brief discussion then took place regarding the current complement of members at the detachment, speed zones and tickets issued, etc. Acting Sgt. Toope informed members that speed zone concerns should be taken up with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

General discussion also took place regarding the legalization of cannabis. Acting Sgt. Toope offered to sit down with members when considering the development of policies and by-laws dealing with cannabis, as it relates to enforcement.

STAFF REPORTS

The following monthly Staff Reports were circulated in advance to the meeting:

- Building Inspection – November and December
- Property Services – November and December
- Recreation – November and December
- MPAL – November and December
- Tourism and Community Development - December

During discussion of this matter it was noted that it would be beneficial to members to have information on more high level topics.

It was agreed by consensus of members that in future, the CAO will incorporate important items from the various staff reports into one report which he will present to Council. This new process will begin in February.

DISCUSSION RE: LEGALIZATION OF CANNABIS

The CAO informed members that there are three different streams which need to be considered when dealing with cannabis, which are municipal policies, law enforcement and MPS and LUB.

It was generally agreed that:

- Refer matter back to PAC to consider changes to MPS and LUB relating to cannabis grow operations.
- Draft Substance Abuse Policy.
- Arrangements be made for Acting Sgt. Toope to meet with us to discuss enforcement

EXTENDED ICE TIME REQUEST – SANDY WICKENS MEMORIAL ARENA

Councillor Crook received a request from a minor hockey group to extend the ice in the arena for an extra month.

The CAO reported that extending the ice in the arena for one month would have an impact on the budget. At the present time the actuals show a forecasted deficit of approximately \$20,000.00. The cost to extend the ice would be approximately \$21,365.00, resulting in a total deficit of \$41,365.00.

It was noted that three groups have reached out to us regarding the potential extension. Both the Minor Hockey Association and skating club, as well as Minor Baseball who typically host a 5 week indoor baseball drills camp during April and May.

The CAO provided 3 options for members to consider:

- Status Quo
- Pilot Project September 2019 to April 2020
- Extend Ice Time as Requested.

Members discussed the possibility of extending ice for a 2 week period. General discussion took place regarding staffing, equipment, ice rental commitment by groups, etc. It was agreed that the CAO collect additional information and forward to members by email in advance to the January 28th Council Meeting, when Council will decide whether or not to extend ice time.

TAX REDUCTION APPLICATION – ADAM CHARLES BENJAMEN KENNEY

A Tax Reduction Application was received from Adam Kenney for his property located at 81 Centreville/South Side Road, AAN 08405174, which was destroyed by fire on December 12, 2018. Mr. Kenney is applying for a reduction in taxes from December 12, 2018 to March 31, 2019. It is estimated that the total amount of the reduction will not be more than \$446.00.

The Assessment Roll for the 2018 taxation year was finalized on December 1, 2017 and PVSC does not adjust assessments due to fire. PVSC will provide details on the anticipated 2019 assessment and an adjustment will be made based on that.

Resolution COW190108

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Tax Reduction Application received from Adam Kenney for his property identified as Assessment Account Number 08405174, be approved in an amount not to exceed \$446.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

OFFER OF LAND – THOMAS M. BARTLETT

The CAO informed members that an offer to donate land was received from Thomas M. Bartlett. He has two parcels of land in the Port LaTour area that he would be willing to donate to the Municipality. Parcels are identified as PID Number 80063118 and 80059132.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that the Municipality has begun to sell surplus land and therefore would have no interest in the parcels being offered by Mr. Bartlett.

Resolution COW190109

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality not accept the offer of land received from Thomas M. Bartlett and help him connect with Ducks Unlimited and Nature Conservancy of Canada.

Motion carried unanimously.

FORMER PORT CLYDE FIRE HALL

The CAO provided an update on meetings with the Clyde Area Community Centre Association and the Barrington/Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department. Both organizations have agreed to the terms of the agreement and the Community Group is willing to accept funds of \$44,108.24 and the fire department of \$20,355.25, these amounts are as of January 21, 2019.

The Community Group is also willing to accept ownership of the former Port Clyde Fire Hall property. The next step in this process will be to hold a public hearing in regard to the sale of the property for less than market value, as required by Section 51 of the Municipal Government Act.

Resolution COW190110

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that funds be disbursed to the Barrington/Port LaTour Fire Department in the amount of \$20,355.25 and to the Clyde Area Community Centre Association in the amount of \$44,108.24.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW190111

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a Public Hearing be held regarding the sale of the former Port Clyde Fire Hall property to the Clyde Area Community Centre Association.

Motion carried unanimously.

DRAFT PROPOSED POLICIES

Hospitality Policy

The CAO informed members that the Province has mandated all municipal units to adopt a Hospitality Policy. A draft Hospitality Policy was forwarded to members in advance to the meeting.

Resolution COW190112

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that notice of consideration be given for the adoption of the draft Hospitality Policy, as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Travel and Expense Policy

The CAO informed members that the Province has also mandated the adoption of an Expense Policy. A draft policy was circulated to members in advance to the meeting. The policy contains a combination of current policies, provincial requirements and new sections dealing with travel and expense. The policy was reviewed in detail.

Resolution COW190113

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that notice of consideration be given for the adoption of the draft Travel and Expense Policy, as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

ARENA BANNERS

Further to discussion at our last meeting regarding the location of the “Newellton Dogtowners Banners”, it was reported that the banners were thrown out by mistake 10-11 years ago. The CAO informed members that he has been in discussion with Danny Shand and has offered to provide information on where he can get banners reproduced.

SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS

International Women’s Day

Correspondence has been received from the Tri County Women’s Centre requesting the Municipality to sponsor their Annual Celebration Gala to be held on March 8, 2019, by providing \$250.00

Resolution COW190114

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the International Women’s Day Annual Celebration Gala be sponsored in the amount of \$250.00, as requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

SouWest Recreation Complex Advisory Committee

The CAO informed members that a sponsorship request has also been received from the SouWest Recreation Complex Advisory Committee requesting sponsorship of their fundraiser event to be held next month. The group is requesting 2 hours of free ice time at the Arena.

Resolution COW190115

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality sponsor the SouWest Recreation Complex Advisory Committee fundraiser event by providing 2 free hours of ice time at the Sandy Wickens Memorial Arena.

Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO POLICY 70 – FLOATING DOCK POLICY

Proposed amendments to the Floating Dock Policy were circulated to members in advance to the meeting.

During discussion of proposed amendments, it was agreed that “48 hours be reduced to 24 hours”.

Resolution COW190116

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that notice of consideration of amendments to Policy No. 70 “Floating Dock Policy” be given and that Section 5 be amended as follows and maps be added to form part of the policy:

“Any boat docked, moored or left unattended, or obstructing use of Municipal Property identified as PID Number 80024060 as shown on attached maps, for more than 24 hours, will be removed by the Municipality or a person contracted on its behalf, after due effort has been made by the Municipality to notify the owner or operator. The vessel will be moved to another location and the vessel owner shall be responsible for all associated costs. In special circumstances, the Municipality may waive costs.”

Motion carried unanimously.

DERELICT VESSEL

Councillor Hatfield informed members that he was once again contacted by the owner of the derelict vessel that was removed from the boat launch area at McGray Avenue, in North East Point. He once again instructed him to contact the CAO and provided his phone number.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting