

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

January 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:06 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, NS, with the following members present:

- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson, Chair
- Murray Atkinson
- George El-Jakl
- Shaun Hatfield
  
- Jody Crook – Absent, away on vacation.
- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Derelict Vessel - North East Point
- Arena Banners

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the last meeting held December 3, 2018, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously

### 2016 AND 2018 WATER SHORTAGE ISSUES

Dave Kendrick, Fire Services and EMO Co-ordinator appeared before the meeting to discuss possible suggestions to alleviate water concerns. In advance to the meeting he provided 3 staff reports which were as follows:

- Staff Report Re: Installation of a Pipeline and Fire Hydrant on Wireless Road.
- Staff Report Re: Establishment of Washer and Shower Building in Barrington Passage.
- Staff Report Re: Establishment of Water Facility in West Head.

These reports along with a draft letter to the Honourable Chuck Porter, Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting support and financial assistance to address future water shortages were attached to the Agenda placed on the Municipal website. The letter to Minister Porter has been prepared on behalf of the Municipality of Barrington, Municipality of Argyle, Municipality of Yarmouth, and the Region of Queens.

During discussion of the staff reports it was noted that long term leases would be required for the pipeline and hydrant to be installed on the Wireless Road and the establishment of a water facility in West Head since both developments would be on private property. If more than just a water facility is to be developed in West Head, sewer requirements would have to be addressed as well.

The proposed letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs was then discussed. The CAO informed members that the letter does not bind Council to carry out the projects as outlined in the letter. The CAO is suggesting we request funding first, then work out the details of the projects. If members wish, we can highlight our projects in the letter as “suggestions and possible projects to address water shortage”. It was also suggested that the Municipality may be more successful in receiving funding if we submit our request as a joint effort instead of on our own at a later date.

Resolution COW190101

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the proposed letter to the Honourable Chuck Porter, Minister of Municipal Affairs be approved, subject to our proposed projects being identified as “suggestions and possible projects to address water shortage”.

AFFIRMATION

Eddie Nickerson  
Murray Atkinson  
Shaun Hatfield

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

FCM MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019-2020

The 2019-20 Membership Invoice has been received from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in the amount of \$2,510.28.

Resolution COW190102

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the 2019-20 FCM Membership be approved and the invoice be paid.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTEST FOR SIGN DESIGN FOR STUMPY COVE PARK

As a result of the contest held for sign designs for Stumpy Cove Park, only one submission was received. That submission was from Cal Brown of South Side.

Resolution COW190103

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the sign design submitted by Cal Brown for the sign to be posted at Stumpy Cove Park be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

MUNICIPAL SIGNAGE STRATEGY

It was suggested and agreed that staff prepare a Municipal Signage Strategy to be considered by members. Such a Strategy would be for 2 - 3 years and would be phased in over time. The Strategy could include:

- Community Signs
- Tourism Related Signage for beaches, museums, etc.
- Branding Signage
- Color Coded Signage would be considered
- Signage to introduce business district, beaches, regions, etc.
- Make Signage more attractive
- Electronic Signage for Barrington Passage (Could be separate item)

REGION 6 BUDGET 2019-2020

Correspondence has been received from Region 6 requesting approval of their 2019-20 Annual Budget. The Municipality's portion of this budget amounts to \$5,456.60.

Resolution COW190104

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the 2019-20 Region 6 Annual Budget be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FROM SHELBURNE COUNTY ATV ASSOCIATION

A request has been received from the Shelburne County ATV Association for funding to purchase a shipping container to house their Kubota tractor and other equipment used to maintain the trails. The container would be placed next to the building owned by D.M Snow Contracting Ltd. on property of the Department of Natural Resources, on Station Road, in Barrington Passage. The cost of the shipping container and delivery to Barrington is \$5,951.25. The Association is requesting \$2,500.00 towards this purchase.

Resolution COW190105

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that \$2,500.00 be provided to the Shelburne County ATV Association to assist with the cost of a storage container to house their equipment used to maintain trails.

Motion carried unanimously.

QUOTE TO CLEAR ROADWAY TO FORMER KNOWLES PROPERTY

The Property Services Manager has been attempting to obtain quotes to have a roadway cleared from Highway No. 3 to the former Knowles property located in Barrington Passage. After numerous attempts, only one quote was received which was from Undercut Tree Removal in the amount of \$1,800.00 to \$2,200.00.

Resolution COW190106

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the quote received from Undercut Tree Removal to clear a 60 foot roadway from Highway 3 to the former Knowles Property be accepted as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that the removal of wood and clean up of brush would also need to be addressed.

BARRINGTON VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE STATS – 2018

Members were advised that the Visitor Information Centre received 2,584 visitors during the 2018 tourist season, as compared to 2,261 the previous year.

NS BUILDING CODE CHANGES

The Building Inspector has advised by memo that proposed amendments to the NS Building Code will offer additional compliance options as it relates to the construction of tiny homes and recreational cabins. Proposed amendments are scheduled to become effective April 1, 2019.

Proposed amendments also remove the exemption for accessibility in single-family dwellings and requires them to be built to adaptable housing requirements. It is proposed that these amendments will become effective September 1, 2019.

SHEROSE ISLAND ROAD

Councillor Atkinson expressed concern regarding seaweed washing up on Sherose Island Road during high tides and circulated a photo he took on December 22, 2018. This presents a safety concern with there being 25 - 27 residences in the area, the Recreation Complex and a lobster business located on Sherose Island.

Resolution COW190107

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a letter be forward to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal expressing Council's concern regarding seaweed being washed up on Sherose Island Road during high tides and request them to take action to address this safety matter.

Motion carried unanimously.

DERELICT VESSEL - NORTH EAST POINT

It was reported that the yellow boat located in the vicinity of the boat launch on McGray Avenue, in North East Point has been removed.

Councillor Hatfield indicated that he had received a call from the owner expressing concern that we removed the boat and requested to know how he could get it back. The owner was instructed to contact the CAO.

It was suggested that our policy be amended to address future similar situations.

ARENA BANNERS

It was reported that Danny Shand and Ricky Smith are looking for the “Newellton Dogtowners Banners” that previously hung in the Sandy Wickens Memorial Arena. It was questioned whether these were the banners that were taken down a couple years ago because of their condition.

The CAO will check with the Property Services Manager to determine where they are being stored and will inform members.

IN-CAMERA SESSION RE: DR. RECRUITMENT AND FIRE SERVICES CO-ORDINATOR

At 8:30 pm an In-Camera session was held in accordance with Sections 22(2)(e)(c) of the Municipal Government Act regarding doctor recruitment and the position of Fire Services Co-ordinator.

The regular meeting was called back to order.

It was reported that direction was given to the CAO in the In-Camera Session relating to these topics.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary for the Meeting