

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

June 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:05 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, NS, with the following members present:

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

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Long Point Road - Newellton
- Pope's Road - Woods Harbour

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 minutes of the Committee of the Whole Council Meeting held May 21, 2019 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

CAPE LIGHT

Leigh Stoddart and Rex Stoddart of the Friends of the Cape Light Lighthouse Society and Samantha Brannen, Museum Director of the Cape Sable Historical Society appeared before the meeting to discuss the display of the Cape Light.

Mr. Stoddart explained that the Friends of the Cape Light Lighthouse Society is willing to turn the Cape Light over to the Municipality or the Cape Sable Historical Society to be housed at The Hawk. He indicated that members of the society are getting older and he was not sure how long the society would continue to operate and therefore they are not interested in entering into a long term lease agreement. It was noted that the society is still willing to oversee the placement of the concrete slab and construction of the building at The Hawk.

Mrs. Brannen, Museum Director of the CSHS, indicated that board members seem acceptable to taking ownership of the Cape Light, subject to them being able to secure proper insurance and that there would be no cost to the Society. It was noted that ongoing maintenance, mowing, etc. could be worked out and contained in a long term lease agreement.

Mr. Stoddart suggested that before proceeding with this project that a complete assessment of light parts take place to ensure that all pieces are there and ready for assembly. It was suggested that the CAO arrange for Joe Flemming, Nova Scotia Lighthouse Preservation Society, to carry out the required assessment of pieces to ensure that the light can be assembled. It was agreed that this assessment be carried out before the building is constructed at The Hawk.

Mrs. Brannen was requested to provide a letter explaining the Society's interest and expectations as it relates to accepting the Cape Light.

Representatives of the Friends of the Cape Light Lighthouse Society and the Cape Sable Historical Society were thanks for appearing before the Committee.

BAKERS FLATS BOAT LAUNCH

It was reported that some residents have expressed interest in having a boat launch constructed at Bakers Flats.

Being duly moved and seconded that the CAO explore the possibility of constructing a boat launch at Bakers Flats including cost, require approvals, etc.

Motion carried unanimously.

MUNICIPAL POLICIES

Personnel Policy "Employee Definitions"

It is recommended by staff that Personnel Policy "Employee Definitions" be amended to provide a definition for "Term Employee".

Proposed wording was presented.

It was agreed that Notice be given this evening and consideration of amendments take place at the Council Meeting to be held on June 24, 2019.

Repeal Policy 64 - "Economic Development Grant Policy"

It was reported that Policy 64 "Economic Development Grant Policy" can be repealed as contents of this policy have been combined with Policy 42 "Municipal Grants Policy".

It was agreed that Notice be given this evening and consideration to repeal Policy 64 take place at the Council Meeting to be held on June 24, 2019.

Policy 38 "C. & D. Landfill Policy"

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of Policy 38 "C. & D. Landfill Policy". Many suggested changes were brought forward.

Proposed amendments will be drafted and the policy will be brought back to a future meeting for further discussion.

During discussion of this policy it was noted that the landfill is now visible from Highway 103. It was agreed that steps be taken to install some type of screen to block the site from view.

DOG BY-LAW

As a result of a recent incident in Clyde River where a dog bit someone, concern has been expressed regarding the strength of our by-law in serious situations. Members were asked whether they were interested in considering some firmer wording for our by-law.

It was agreed that the CAO would draft proposed amendments to the Dog By-law for consideration by the Committee.

KENNY ROAD PROPERTY

The CAO informed members that there is a parcel of land for sale at Kenny Road.

It was agreed that the CAO collect information relating to this property and bring it back to the next meeting.

TAX REDUCTION REQUEST - FREEMAN GEORGE ROSS

A Staff Report was provided on this matter. Freeman George Ross has submitted an application requesting a reduction in taxes for 2018-19 and 2019-20 for his property located at 2916 Highway 3, Lot 5, Brass Hill, NS, AAN 01644815. On January 21, 2019, Mr. Ross' home was destroyed by fire.

Based on information provided by PVSC, staff is recommending that Mr. Ross receive a tax adjustment in the amount of \$602.55 for the 2019-20 taxation year and \$105.75 for the 2018-19 taxation year. The total amount of the adjustment recommended is 708.30

Resolution COW190601

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that Freeman George Ross receive a tax adjustment on AAN 01644815 in the amount of \$602.55 for the 2019-20 taxation year and \$105.75 for the 2018-19 taxation year due to his home being destroyed by fire on January 21, 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

LONG POINT ROAD - NEWELLTON

Resolution COW190602

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting that the shoulder of Route 330 from the Newellton Community Hall to Long Point Road be cut down to allow proper water run off in this area.

Motion carried unanimously.

POPE'S ROAD - WOODS HARBOUR

Resolution COW190603

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting that the chip seal be repaired on Pope's Road.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting