

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

July 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:03 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 THE AGENDA

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

- Crosswalk in Barrington Passage
- Information pertaining to public meetings

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 June 17, 2019, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR PROPOSAL

Kerry Muise and Angie Greene, representatives of the Yarmouth and Area Chamber of Commerce appeared before the meeting to provide information on their “Community Navigator Funding Proposal”. The Chamber initiated a task force to investigate local doctor recruitment in the Fall of 2018. After many meetings with community physicians, Doctors Nova Scotia, recruiters, etc., YACC has concluded that the region would benefit from a full-time Community Navigator as well as help with securing housing for incoming residents, doctors and other medical professionals.

During the presentation it was noted that the Province currently has two recruiters covering the area from Kentville to Bridgewater. The Community Navigator would assist the provincial recruiters in providing detailed community support and communication.

Initially, the Community Navigator would concentrate heavily on the recruitment of anesthesiologists for the Yarmouth Hospital to address the current shortage.

The Town of Yarmouth, Municipality of Yarmouth and Municipality of Argyle have all committed to providing funding for this project in the amount of \$20,000.00 for each of the next 3 years. Financial commitments have also been made by the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation and the Province and the Chamber will also be asking for Corporate and private donations.

Ms. Muise advised that the purpose of the presentation this evening is to ask the Municipality of Barrington to consider being part of this project. If not this year, then maybe next year. They indicated that they were aware of our recent involvement to bring a doctor to Barrington.

They also asked that we have a representative sit on their Committee should we wish to come on board, regardless if we provide financial support or not.

Ms. Muise advised that there have been some changes from their original proposal and would therefore send a revised proposal which outlines current financial commitments.

Ms. Muise and Ms. Greene were advised that members will consider their request and get back to them at a later date.

SOU'WEST RECREATION COMPLEX ADVISORY GROUP

The Sou'West Recreation Complex Advisory Group has made inquiry as to what type of information Council is seeking in order to determine whether Council will support their pool project. The CAO has advised them that Council would require a feasibility study, a business plan and their vision of the governance structure. Members agreed that this information would be required in order to assess the project.

MUNICIPAL POLICIES

Draft Amendments to Policy 38 "C & D Landfill Policy"

Members were provided with a copy of Policy 38 "C & D Landfill Policy" which has been revised to bring it up-to-date with terms and requirements and to also remove disposal fees. Disposal fees will now be set by resolution of Council from time to time.

Discussion took place regarding the disposal of furniture at the site. It was agreed that a fee be charged for the disposal of furniture deposited by commercial users and non-residents.

Discussion also took place regarding the disposal of furniture, rope and lobster traps by commercial users and residents of the Town of Clarks Harbour. It was suggested that the Town be charged a tipping fee for the disposal of this type of waste since the Municipality is charged to dispose of the waste at Queens Landfill. Inter-municipal agreements and the amount of waste deposited by the Town will be researched.

The policy will be revised and brought back to a future meeting of the Committee.

Draft Amendments to Policy 55 "Flag Policy"

As requested by the Committee, Staff has prepared a revised "Flag Policy" to provide for a Special Purpose Flagpole.

Much discussion took place regarding the draft revisions. It was agreed that the Policy be revised to provide for the CAO to approve/deny applications received to fly flags and that flags

be permitted to be flown in support of Cancer Week, Epilepsy Week, etc. upon request by non profit organizations.

During discussion of this policy it was also agreed that a new taller flagpole should be installed adjacent to the Kiack Brook and a surveillance camera be installed if required.

It was agreed that flag policies of the Town of Shelburne, Region of Queens and the Province be circulated to members.

The policy will be brought back to a future committee meeting for further discussion.

DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A draft Terms of Reference for the creation of a Recreation Advisory Committee was prepared and circulated to members for review.

Resolution COW190701

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a Recreation Advisory Committee be formed and the Terms of Reference be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. & D. LANDFILL FEES

It was agreed that disposal fees be dealt with once revision to the C & D Landfill Policy have been finalized.

STAFF REPORT - SIGNAGE STRATEGY

A Staff Report was provided to member on the Signage Strategy. The CAO is recommending that since Council's capital plan is already saturated with important projects that will require substantial time and financial investment, we focus on the development and implementation of a signage strategy in year 4 of Council's Capital Investment Plan.

Resolution COW190702

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality add the development and implementation of a signage strategy to the Capital Investment Plan.

Motion carried.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Jody Crook
George El-Jakl
Shaun Hatfield

NEGATIVE

Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson

During discussion of this matter it was agreed that we could have a look at existing signage and carry out required upgrades.

It was also noted that the Crow Neck Beach Sign on Highway 103 needs to have the brush cut back to make it more visible. The CAO agreed to take steps to have this matter addressed.

REVIEW OF DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO DOG BY-LAW

In advance to the meeting, members were provided with 3 options on how the Dog By-law could be amended to make it stronger as it relates to fierce, dangerous or aggressive dogs.

Resolution COW190703

Being duly moved and seconded that steps be taken to add Option 1 to the “Dog By-law” and revisions be brought back to the Committee for review.

Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT TRAINING FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

The CAO provided information on Financial Management Training for Elected Officials. AMA would require 1 month notice to arrange training on either a Saturday from 9 - 4 or two evening sessions. It was agreed that possible dates be obtained for September or October and presented back to Committee for a decision.

GRANT REQUEST - GOODWILL CLUB

It was reported that a grant request has been received from the Goodwill Club. The Club is requesting funding in the amount of \$500.00 to assist with operating costs.

Resolution COW190704

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a grant in the amount of \$500.00 be provided to the Goodwill Club, as requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLEAN OCEAN ACTION COMMITTEE - DRAFT MEDIA RELEASE

Information was emailed to members in advance to the meeting. The Clean Ocean Action Committee and the Campaign to Protect Offshore Nova Scotia has provided a draft Media Release call for a full public inquiry on the impacts of offshore oil and gas exploration and extraction.

COAC and CPONS are giving councils an opportunity to provide comments and questions relating to the draft release.

CROSSWALK - BARRINGTON PASSAGE

Discussion took place regarding the Rainbow Crosswalk which was recently installed in Barrington Passage. It was noted that Highway 3 is owned by the Province of Nova Scotia and the Department of Transportation has advised that they will be dealing with the matter when time permits.

Moved that it be recommended to Council that a letter be forwarded to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting that the crosswalk be left the way it is.

There being no seconder to the motion, the motion was declared lost.

INFORMATION PERTAINING TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

Question was raised as to whether adjoining property owners are notified of Public Participation Meetings when considering amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law. The CAO advised that this is not a requirement of the Public Participation Program Policy.

CSI CAUSEWAY

It was reported that grass needs to be trimmed along the Causeway. The CAO will bring this matter to the attention of the Director of Property Services.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

