

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING
September 13, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:12 p.m., in the Multi-purpose Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Jody Crook, Chair
- George El-Jakl
- Shaun Hatfield – arrived 7:13 p.m. – left at 9:15 p.m.
- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson

-Regrets from Andrea Mood-Nickerson

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Debbie Mader, Executive Assistant

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Fort St. Louis
- Vaccine Passport

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 Special Committee of the Whole Council Meeting held August 5, 2021, and the minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole Council held August 9, 2021, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Firefighters Recognition

Discussion took place on how firefighters should be recognized for acts of bravery, valour or heroism. Currently firefighters are recognized for their time served. Direction given to the CAO to request the Fire Services Coordinator to ask the fire chiefs for their feedback. If there is interest, the CAO will draft an amendment to the policy and bring it to a future committee meeting.

Draft Virtual Meetings and Attendance Policy

The CAO explained the amendments to the draft Virtual Meetings and Attendance Policy. Discussion took place on whether virtual attendance should be allowed by committee members and/or for presenters. Committee members felt they would like to bring this back to a

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committee meeting in October after they have had time to digest the discussion and amended policy.

WATER LENDING PROGRAM RE: NUMBER OF REQUIRED QUOTES

The current lending agreement for the water lending program states that individuals must provide three (3) quotes from well drilling/digging companies to accompany the application for the water loan process. It was felt that residents requiring a new well are having trouble getting the three (3) quotes for the application process.

Direction was given to the CAO to lower the quote recommendation from three (3) to one (1).

GRANT REQUESTS

Seaside Cemetery Club

A grant application has been received from the Seaside Cemetery Club requesting funding to assist with the upkeep of the cemetery.

Parkdale Cemetery Club

A grant application has been received from the Parkdale Cemetery Club requesting funding to assist with the upkeep of the cemetery.

Goodwill Club

A grant application has been received from the Goodwill Club requesting funding to assist with the addition of a pump in their building.

Resolution COW210901

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Seaside Cemetery Club, Parkdale Cemetery Club and the Goodwill Club all be provided with a grant in the amount of \$500.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Riverdale Cemetery

Conflict of Interest

Deputy Warden Crook declared conflict of interest and vacated his seat.

Deputy Warden Crook's spouse is the President of the Riverdale Cemetery Association.

A grant application has been received from the Riverdale Cemetery requesting funding to assist with the upkeep of the cemetery.

Resolution COW210902

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Riverdale Cemetery be provided with a grant in the amount of \$500.00

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT ON MEETING WITH DEPUTY MINISTER, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The CAO provided a report from the meeting that was held at the Municipal Office with senior officials of the Department of Transportation. Discussion took place on the different levels of the department that requests should be submitted to. It was decided that each Councillor should make a list of issues in their district to bring back to the Committee in October to submit all requests at the same time with the exception of the Sherose Island Causeway. Sherose Island is used by a large percentage of the Municipality and the flooding of the Causeway causes much concern to all Councillors.

Resolution COW210903

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a letter be written to the Deputy Minister of Public Works to address the flooding at the Sherose Island Causeway.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED COASTAL PROTECTION ACT REGULATIONS

The CAO provided members with concerns relating to the proposed Coastal Protection Act regulations.

Direction was given to the CAO to submit our feedback to the Department of Environment and write a letter to the local MLA, Minister and Deputy Minister of the Department of Environment, NSFM, Tri-County Municipalities and the Premier outlining the concerns raised and discussed.

TENDER EVALUATION REPORT MODB2102 ACCESSIBLE UPGRADES – ADMIN CENTRE

A tender for accessibility upgrades to the Administrative Centre was presented to Committee for new entrances and ramps. One tender has been received from MBA Group Inc. in the amount of \$83,500.00 plus HST.

Resolution COW210904

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council to accept the tender from MBA Group Inc. in the amount of \$83,500.00 plus HST for accessibility upgrades to the entrances and ramps for the Administrative Centre.

Motion carried unanimously.

FORT ST. LOUIS

Deputy Warden Crook provided an update on the property at Fort St. Louis and stated that the property is in the process of being deeded to the Cape Sable Historical Society from the Lovitt Family.

VACCINE PASSPORT

Discussion took place on what the Municipality's role for enforcement of the Provincial Vaccination Policy regulations should be. The Municipality will have to wait until further direction is given from the Provincial Government to see how it will affect our facilities.

Councillor Hatfield left the meeting at 9:15 p.m. due to work commitments.

The regular committee meeting was adjourned to go In-Camera at 9:17 p.m.

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IN-CAMERA SESSION – MGA SECTION 22(2)(e) CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

An in-camera session was held in accordance with Section 22(2)(e) of the Municipal Government Act to discuss contract negotiations.

The regular committee of the whole meeting was called back to order at 9:30 p.m.

REPORT TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FROM IN-CAMERA SESSION

Direction was given to the CAO to discuss the draft contract discussed in-camera to the community group in question.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting