

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING
December 6, 2022**

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

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

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Debbie Mader, Executive Assistant

- Andrea Mood- Nickerson – absent due to illness

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that minutes of the regular meeting held November 15, 2022, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There were no matters arising from previous meetings.

BGSAR GRANT REQUEST

Jeff Gregory and Julie Smith were in attendance to give a presentation to the Committee regarding their grant request. They outlined the duties and responsibilities of the Barrington Ground Search and Rescue Association. They provided their financials and budget for the purchase of a new vehicle to the Committee, outlining that the association has contacted all five municipal units in the county for funding as well as contributing 50% of the cost themselves.

Resolution COW221201

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council to include \$14,400.00 in the 2023/2024 grants to organizations budget, to provide to the Barrington Ground Search and Rescue to purchase a new vehicle.

Motion carried unanimously.

CENTREVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH FOOD BANK GRANT REQUEST

In advance of the meeting members were provided with a copy of a grant application received from the Centreville Baptist Church Food Bank for a grant to assist with the cost of their operations. Some concern was expressed by members that the food bank was not its own entity, but all agreed that food costs are extremely high and has left many with the challenge of paying for groceries.

Resolution COW221202

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council to provide a grant in the amount of \$2,500.00 to the Centreville Baptist Church Food Bank, to be used specifically to purchase food.

Motion carried unanimously.

CHAPEL HILL MUSEUM GRANT REQUEST

In advance of the meeting members were provided with a copy of a grant application received from the Chapel Hill Museum for a grant to assist with the cost of their operations.

Resolution COW221203

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council to provide a \$500.00 grant to the Chapel Hill Museum.

Motion carried unanimously.

2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN – FINAL DRAFT

A final draft of the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan was provided to members prior to the meeting for consideration. Discussion took place on some of the objectives and wording used.

Resolution COW221204

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council to move forward with the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan with the word “Expand” changed to “Improve” in the title of goal 3.3 on page 9.

Motion carried unanimously.

ISLAND VIEW PARK - PARKING LOT

Councillor Hatfield informed members that he has been approached by constituents regarding the poor condition of the parking area at the Island View Park.

Resolution COW221205

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council to request drainage improvements from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to the area of the Island View Park parking lot.

AFFIRMATIVE

Shaun Hatfield

Jody Crook

George El-Jakl

NEGATIVE

Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

The CAO presented the conceptual design and opinion of probable cost for a new Community Health Centre. The CAO explained the elements of the design, which were influenced by previous discussions of Council and feedback received from the local healthcare community.

Resolution COW221206

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council to proceed with the development of the detailed design of a new Community Health Centre, based on the conceptual design presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT TO BAY SIDE HOME BOARD OF DIRECTORSConflict of Interest

Councillor Shaun Hatfield declared conflict of interest, vacated his seat and left the meeting room.

Councillor Hatfield's sister-in-law is the Administrator of Bay Side Home.

Resolution COW221207

Being duly moved and seconded that it is recommended to Council to appoint Jamie Symonds and Tyson Ross as members of Bay Side Home Board of Directors.

Motion carried unanimously.

TOWN OF CLARKS HARBOUR CANADA DAY FUNDING REQUEST

In advance of the meeting members were provided with a copy of a request for funding to support the Town of Clark's Harbour Canada Day festivities.

Resolution COW221208

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council to provide the Town of Clark's Harbour with a grant towards their Canada Day festivities in the amount of \$1000.00 from the special events budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

IN-CAMERA SESSION RE: ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY

At 9:02 p.m. members moved In-Camera, in accordance with Section 22(2)(a) of the Municipal Government Act, to discuss the acquisition of property.

Councillor Hatfield left the meeting at 10:10 p.m. due to a prior commitment.

The regular meeting was called back to order at 10:30 p.m.

REPORT ON IN-CAMERA SESSION

It was reported that during the In-Camera session, authority was given to the CAO to proceed, within certain parameters, with negotiating the purchase of a property.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

No items were brought forward.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting