

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 11, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:13 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
- Andrea Mood-Nickerson

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that minutes of the last meeting held May 16, 2023, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

RCMP QUARTERLY REPORT

Staff Sgt. Mark MacPherson, Shelburne Detachment Commander, appeared before the meeting and provided statistics on activities for the last quarter ending June 30, 2023. Domestic violence and drinking and driving continue to be of concern.

General discussion took place regarding court facilities in the Administrative Centre and the Joint Police Advisory Board.

In closing, Staff Sgt. MacPherson expressed thanks to members and staff for their help and co-operation during the Barrington Lake Wildfire.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Bay Side Home Tax Exemption Request

Requested information has not yet been received and therefore this matter was deferred to a later date.

### LOBSTER CAPITAL OF CANADA LOGO APPLICATION BLPA

The Barrington Leisure Park Association has made application to use the municipal logo, "Lobster Capital of Canada". Their plan was to put the logo on t-shirts that would be used at a planned event. Currently, our policy only provides for lobster industry related companies within the Municipality and the Town of Clarks Harbour to apply for use of the logo. The Association is requesting the policy be changed to allow for broader use of the logo.

After some discussion it was agreed that draft amendments to the policy be prepared for consideration of members.

### POLICIES

#### Draft Volunteer Policy

In advance of the meeting, members were provided with a draft Volunteer Policy for review.

Notice was given that Council will consider adopting the policy at their next meeting.

#### Proposed Amendments to Policy 59 Re: AAC Terms of Reference

It was agreed that proposed amendments to Policy 59 "Committees of Council" relating to the terms of reference for the Accessibility Advisory Committee be deferred to August, as additional amendments are being drafted. These amendments will relate to the Recreation Advisory Committee and the Joint Police Advisory Board.

### AUDIT COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Current appointments to the Audit Committee expired March 31, 2023. Vacancies were advertised and two expressions of interest have been received.

#### Resolution 230701

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that Donna LeBlanc-Messenger and Bradley Goreham be appointed to serve on the Audit Committee for a two year term to expire March 31, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously.

### FEDERAL FUEL CHARGE EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

The Fire Services Co-ordinator has received correspondence from the Island and Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department asking Council to request the Federal Government to exempt fire departments from the new fuel charge.

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#### Resolution 230702

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a letter be written to the Federal Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, requesting that volunteer emergency service providers be exempt from the new fuel charge and the letter be copied to FCM, NSFM, MP Rick Perkins, MLA Nolan Young and all municipal units in Nova Scotia.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT RE: SEAL ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE

An email has been received from Sonia Symonds-Newell, Concern Citizens for the Seal Island Lighthouse, requesting Council to send a letter in support of their efforts to have the deplorable condition of the lighthouse addressed.

#### Resolution 230703

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to MP Rick Perkins advocating to keep the light on the federal list of lighthouses that they continue to maintain.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### GRANT REQUEST – BONNY CASTLE CEMETERY

A grant application has been received from the Bonny Castle Cemetery requesting funding in the amount of \$500.00.

#### Resolution 230704

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a grant in the amount of \$500.00, for the 2023/24 fiscal year, be provided to the Bonny Castle Cemetery.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### BY-LAW NO. 9 “NOISE BY-LAW”

As a result of previous discussions concerning the Noise By-law a number of suggested amendments were brought forward for consideration of members.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Point of Reception be clarified as being within a dwelling or an outdoor space attached to the dwelling.

It was agreed that steps be taken to move forward with the changes.

#### MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL

This matter was placed on the agenda by Councillor Mood-Nickerson. She expressed an interest in having the municipal pool open from June 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> each year. The CAO advised that other than staffing issues, there should be no reason why this cannot happen. The Recreation

Budget will be built to support the pool being open during this period of time for 2024.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

No future agenda items were brought forward.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary for the Meeting