

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 15, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Andrea Mood-Nickerson – Chair
- Jody Crook
- Shaun Hatfield
- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- George El-Jakl - Arrived at 7:08 p.m.
  
- 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 August 8, 2023 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

There were no matters arising from previous meetings.

**PRESENTATION – KASSIA REGNIER RE: FOODCYCLER PILOT PROGRAM**

Kassia Regnier, Municipal Program Coordinator, FoodCycler Municipal Solutions, appeared before the meeting virtually. She explained that FoodCycle Science provides municipalities with innovative residential food waste diversion solutions to reduce organic waste. They have many municipal partnerships in Canada and the US and would like to extend the partnership opportunity to the Municipality of Barrington. Ms. Regnier is asking whether Council would be interested in participating in a FoodCycler Pilot Program.

A copy of her presentation is attached and forms part of the minutes.

It was agreed that the CAO research the matter in more detail and provide options for consideration of members.

**DPW COST SHARED PAVING PROGRAM**

Correspondence has been received from the Department of Public Works, requesting road submissions for the 50/50 cost shared program for the 2024-25 construction year.

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that Symonds Road, Butler's Road, Atwoods Road and New Road be submitted, in that order of priority, to the Province for paving under the cost shared program.

Being duly moved and seconded that the above motion be amended by deleting "and" before "New Road" and inserting "and Shag Harbour Station Road" following "New Road".

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion reads as follows:

Resolution COW230804

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that Symonds Road, Butler's Road, Atwoods Road, New Road and Shag Harbour Station Road be submitted, in that order of priority, to the Province for paving under the cost shared program.

Motion carried unanimously.

WESLEY HERITAGE COMMUNITY SENIORS ASSOCIATION RE: GRANT APPLICATION

Deputy Warden Crook requested that this matter be placed on the agenda for further consideration. The Wesley Heritage Community Seniors Association requested a grant in the amount of \$6,666.00 and was only awarded \$2,500.00 for their project. The Association has requested that their application be reconsidered for the full amount and expressed concern regarding amendments being made to the Municipal Grants Policy after their application was submitted.

During discussion it was noted that the decision on their grant application was made prior to considering amendments to the Municipal Grants Policy.

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Wesley Heritage Community Seniors Association be granted the full amount of their request of \$6,666.00 for their project of which \$2,500.00 has already been paid.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook

Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Shawn Hatfield

Andrea Mood-Nickerson

Motion defeated.

CORRESPONDENCE RE: PROVINCIAL NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Correspondence has been received from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting Council to submit a list of suitable municipal properties that could be added to their list of inventory for new housing developments.

Resolution COW230805

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the following list of properties be submitted to the Province for inclusion in their property inventory for new provincial housing developments:

PID 80050487 – Sherose Island  
PID 80158553 – Brass Hill  
PID 80051063 – Barrington Passage (Not entire property)  
PID 82550179 – Oak Park  
PID 82552563 – Oak Park  
PID 82552571 – Oak Park  
PID 80067358 – Clyde River

Motion carried unanimously.

SERVICE EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

As part of the renegotiation of the Service Exchange Agreement, the province has circulated a Municipal Financial Capacity Grant Fact Sheet as well as a Provincial-Municipal Service Exchange Agreement Impact Sheet.

Copies of both documents are attached and form part of the minutes.

CAMPING FACILITIES AT SAND HILLS BEACH PROVINCIAL PARK

The CAO informed members that over the past few years, numerous requests have been received regarding the possibility of introducing camping facilities at Sand Hills Beach Provincial Park, in Villagedale.

Resolution COW230806

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a letter be forwarded to the Minister of Natural Resources and Renewables requesting that consideration be given to investigating the feasibility of introducing camping facilities at Sand Hills Beach Provincial Park and the letter be copied to MLA Nolan Young.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook  
George El-Jakl  
Shaun Hatfield  
Andrea Mood-Nickerson

NEGATIVE

Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson

Motion carried.

NSFM UPDATE

In advance of the meeting members were provided with a NSFM Monday Memo Summary Sheet covering the period July 18<sup>th</sup> to August 14, 2023.

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

The in-camera session was cancelled.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson requested “Municipal Grants Policy” be added to a future meeting for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Being duly moved that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary for the Meeting