

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING  
October 10, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:09 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 September 19, 2023, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

**BARRINGTON RCMP QUARTERLY REPORT**

Staff Sgt. Mark MacPherson and Acting Sgt. Sara Laurie appeared before the meeting and presented the Quarterly Report for the period of July to September, 2023.

Information was circulated on a new program "Online Crime Reporting" and general discussion took place on matters of concern.

They were thanked for appearing before members and making their presentation.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**Planning Initiative Intermunicipal Agreement**

The Regional Planning Initiative Intermunicipal Agreement and Project Charter to provide planning services to participating municipal units in the Tri-Counties was once again discussed.

Resolution COW231001

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality not participate in the Tri-County Regional Planning Initiative at this time.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook  
George El-Jakl  
Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson

NEGATIVE

Shaun Hatfield  
Andrea Mood-Nickerson

Motion carried.

GOOD WILL CLUB OF BARRINGTON - GRANT REQUEST

A grant request was received from the Good Will Club of Barrington requesting funding in the amount of \$500.00.

Resolution COW231002

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a grant in the amount of \$500.00 be provided to the Good Will Club of Barrington for 2023/24.

Motion carried unanimously.

FRA HOME AND SCHOOL GROUP - GRANT REQUEST

Conflict of Interest

Andrea Mood-Nickerson declared conflict of Interest, vacated her seat and left the meeting room.

Councillor Mood-Nickerson is a member of the FRA Home and School Group.

A grant request was received from the FRA Home and School Group requesting funding in the amount of \$500.00.

Resolution COW231003

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a grant in the amount of \$500.00 be provided to the FRA Home and School Group for 2023/24.

Motion carried unanimously.

DRAFT ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATION POLICY

In advance of the meeting, members were provided with a draft "Asset Retirement Obligation Policy". The policy is required as a result of new accounting standards.

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Notice was given that the adoption of the draft Asset Retirement Obligation Policy will be considered at the next Council Meeting.

#### POOR CELL COVERAGE

This matter was placed on the agenda at the request of the CAO. He informed members that cell coverage in our Municipality has deteriorated recently and it seems to be a common theme among our neighbours as well. Other municipal units have sent letters to local federal and provincial elected officials, Regional Enterprise Networks and directly to service providers.

The Municipality of Shelburne has invited us to join in a County-wide letter and the Municipality of Clare has shown an interest in coordinating a regional meeting on the topic. As the topic has not been discussed officially by members, the CAO is seeking feedback and direction on the matter.

#### Resolution COW231004

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality work with its neighbouring municipal units to address the poor cell signal in the Municipality with our federal and provincial colleagues, the Western Regional Enterprise Network and cellular service providers.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

No future agenda items were brought forward.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary for the Meeting