

December 2, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Jody Crook at 7:02 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, NS, with the following members present:

- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson, Chair - arrived at 7:16 p.m.
- Murray Atkinson
- Jody Crook
- George El-Jakl
- Shaun Hatfield

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was agreed that the following items be added to the Agenda:

- Tender for truck
- In-Camera Session Re: Sale of Municipal Property.

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 minutes of the last meeting held November 18, 2019, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION BY BRENNAN GOREHAM RE: ATLANTIC FISHERIES FUND

Brennan Goreham, Director, Atlantic Fisheries Fund, Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, appeared before the meeting. The purpose of Mr. Goreham's presentation was to increase awareness of the Atlantic Fisheries Fund. His presentation provided an overview of the Atlantic Fisheries Fund, including the funding model, eligible applicants and eligible projects. A copy of Mr. Goreham's presentation is attached and forms part of the minutes.

Mr. Goreham was thanked for appearing before the meeting and making his presentation.

The Chair was then turned over to Eddie Nickerson at 7:32 p.m.

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UPDATE OF FIRE CAPITAL PURCHASING PLAN

As a result of Council's decision to put a freeze on all area fire rates and capital purchases, until staff has had an opportunity to review the process for all future capital purchases, the Fire Services Co-ordinator has been working on a Capital Purchasing Plan.

The Fire Services Co-ordinator appeared before the meeting to update members on progress to date on the development of the plan and to receive feedback. During this process recommendations will be made by staff to improve financial sustainability and achieve stable area rates. Much discussion has taken place with fire department representatives during the development of this plan.

The following funding models were explored and discussed with fire departments:

1. One rates for all department budgets.
2. One rate for existing loan payments and new trucks.
3. One rate for existing loan payment and new trucks and gear.
4. A rate for capital equipment purchases based on the cost of 1 SCBA and 3 sets of turnout gear per year per department and set the fire area rates every 3-5 years rather than every year.
5. Keep the fire department rates as they currently are.

The Fire Services Co-ordinator advised that departments are more acceptable to Option 4 or Option 5.

By locking in the rates for a fixed number of years the only impact on the taxpayer would be changes in assessment. This would then remove the uncertainty factor for municipal budgeting and make the process more efficient.

During discussion of this matter question was raised regarding the possibility of BMHS offering a personal development credit for students that join a fire department and undergo the required training. The Co-ordinator advised that an application has been submitted for review. The next review date is scheduled for 2021.

Resolution COW191201

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Minister of Education requesting support of our application for schools in our area to offer a Personal Development Credit for students that join a fire department and undergo the required training and a copy of the letter be sent to MLA LeBlanc and other municipal units in the province be requested to forward letters of support of the program.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Fire Services Co-ordinator was thanked for appearing before the meeting and making his presentation.

A copy of the Fire Services Co-ordinator's Power Point Presentation is attached and form part of the minutes.

MARTIN HOPKINS CONCERNS RE: ROSEWAY MANOR

In advance to the meeting members were provided with information relating to concerns

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expressed by Martin Hopkins regarding the poor condition of Roseway Manor.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that Mr. Hopkins has made his concerns known to Cathy Hambleton, Roseway Manor Administrator and Suzanne Bright, Investigation and Compliance Office with the Department of Health and Wellness.

Resolution COW191202

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality forward a letter to the Minister of Health and Wellness requesting that they investigate concerns at Roseway Manor as expressed by Martin Hopkins in his letter to Suzanne Bright, Department of Health and Wellness.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed that the CAO advise the Municipality of Shelburne of concerns raised by Mr. Hopkins and action taken by the Municipality of Barrington.

BEACH STRATEGY

Each member was provided with a copy of the draft Beach Strategy in advance to the meeting.

The strategy identifies five strategic outcomes for our beaches and identifies “Actions” for each strategic outcome which are as follows:

Strategic Outcomes	Action Items
Everyone can experience a day at the beach.	1. Deliver infrastructure that will support beach access and use.
Our beaches are vibrant, healthy and clean.	2. Monitor and improve the vibrancy of our beaches. 3. Maintain clean beaches.
Our infrastructure complements the beach and nature of the beach and is respected and maintained.	4. Develop a Beaches Resource Team who will work together with the best interests of our beaches, residents, wildlife and visitors in mind. 5. Fund, support and maintain infrastructure development at our beaches, that support our overall vision and outcomes of our beach strategy.
Our beaches are easy to find and help to tell our history, heritage and habitat.	6. Develop a signage strategy that incorporates wayfinding signage, beach signage and interpretive panels when and where required, which is consistent with our branding. 7. Work with local historical societies/groups, government organizations and Birding Studies Canada for relevant photos and information for interpretive panels. 8. Install and maintain all signage and interpretive panels.
There is collaborative stewardship of our beaches.	9. Develop collaborations and partnerships that support our beaches strategy. 10. Actively engage local stakeholders in regards to our beaches strategy.

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The Strategy also provides an overview of key actions to be taken over the next 4 year period, beginning with 2019. A copy of the Beach Strategy is attached and forms part of the minutes.

Councillor Hatfield suggested that beach signage be dealt with in 2020 and not 2021 as indicated in the Beach Strategy.

Much discussion took place regarding beach signage and beach access and parking at Crow Neck Beach.

Resolution COW191203

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Beach Strategy be accepted as amended to focus on beach signage early in the new year.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Jody Crook
George El-Jakl
Shaun Hatfield

NEGATIVE

Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

Resolution COW191204

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that staff develop a Signage Strategy for all beaches in the Municipality, in January 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

During discussion of this matter it was agreed that David Hodd of Nova Scotia Nature Trust be invited to meet with members to discuss access and parking at Crow Neck Beach.

CHARGING STATION FOR VEHICLES

General discussion took place regarding charging stations for electric vehicles and available Federal funding.

POLICIES

Policy 59 “Policy on Committees of Council”

Draft amendments to Policy 59 “Committees of Council” were circulated to members in advance to the meeting. Amendments include the following:

- Delete Nominating Committee
- Delete Hiring Committee
- Add Recreation Advisory Committee
- Add Heritage Advisory Committee
- No remuneration will be paid to non-council members except PAC until current terms expire.

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- As a general rule, Form A will be required 7 days in advance to the meeting.
- Terms of Reference for RAC has been amended to provide for 1 representative from the Town of Clarks Harbour and the quorum has been increased to 5
- Mandate for the Committee of the Whole Council has been revised.
- Terms of Reference for the NS Marathon Committee has been included in policy.
- etc.

It was agreed that “Notice of Consideration” of amendments to Policy 59 “Policy on Committees of Council” be given this evening and Council consider amendments at their meeting to be held on January 27, 2020.

TENDER - SALE OF SURPLUS VEHICLE

The CAO advised that tenders were invited for the sale of a surplus municipal vehicle which was formerly used by the Building Inspection Department. The vehicle in question is a 2009 Dodge Ram 1500.

Six tenders were received which were as follows:

Dave Smith Jr. Auto Sales & Salvage	\$1479.00
Keaton Nickerson	\$1050.00
Robert Robicheau	\$1037.00
Larry Hopkins	\$1000.00

2 tenders were received after the deadline and therefore could not be considered.

Resolution COW191205

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council to accept the tender received from Dave Smith Jr. Auto Sales & Salvage, for the purchase of the 2009 Dodge Ram 1500, in the amount of \$1,479.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

At 9:50 p.m. an In-Camera Session was held to deal with the sale of Lot 5, in the Brass Hill Subdivision. This session was held in accordance with Section 22(2)(a) of the Municipal Government Act.

The regular Committee Meeting was called back to order.

REPORT ON IN-CAMERA SESSION

It was reported that during the In-Camera Session direction was given to the CAO regarding the sale of Lot 5 located in the Brass Hill Subdivision.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

