

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

February 18, 2020

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

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

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the Agenda:

- Crow Neck Beach.
- In-Camera Session Re: Legal Advice. (MGA Sec. 22(2)(g))

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 meeting held February 10, 2020, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

Rebecca Cassidy Rose, Community Navigator for Physician Recruitment and Retention, was scheduled to appear before the meeting.

Ms. Cassidy Rose did not show and therefore members moved on to the next item on the agenda.

ENSLOW'S MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING SERVICES

Members were informed that Richard Enslow has advised that he is unable to accept the tender awarded to him last month for janitorial services for a 3 year period. Changes have taken place in his workforce and he will not be in a position to properly undertake a contract of this size. Mr. Enslow has agreed to provide janitorial services for the next few months to give us an opportunity to address our needs.

In light of this information, a new outsourcing analysis will be carried out and the hiring of a full-time janitor will be discussed during the budget process.

RFP - 2021 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS OF DOUBLE-BITTED AXE THROWING

As requested at the last meeting of the Committee, the CAO provided more information on hosting the 2021 World Championships of Double-Bitted Axe Throwing. The CAO provided a Sample Bid Proposal for review by members. The proposed budget for the event is estimated to be \$135,000.00 not including filming costs. The proposed budget with filming and production costs is \$195,000.00.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that the Municipal Grant Policy allows the Municipality to contribution 20% towards these types of events. In kind donations and equipment loans, etc. could be in addition to this amount.

Resolution COW200203

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality support the 2021 World Championships of Doubled-bitted Axe Throwing in the amount of \$20,000.00 plus in-kind contributions of \$15,000.00 as indicated in the "Sample Budget" provided.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW200204

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality submit a Bid Proposal to host the 2021 World Championships of Double-bitted Axe Throwing based on the Sample Bid Proposal presented to Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the Sample Bid Proposal including the Sample Budget is attached and forms part of the minutes.

FUNDING REQUEST FROM ROSEWAY HOSPITAL CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

As reported at the last meeting, the Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation is requesting funding from the Municipality in the amount of \$62,000.00 to assist with the cost of purchasing a new digital x-ray unit.

As requested by members, the CAO circulated information on funding provided to the Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation and the Yarmouth Hospital Charitable Foundation over the last 5 year period.

Resolution COW200205

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality provide funding to the Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation to assist with the cost of a new digital x-ray unit and required renovations in the amount of \$15,000.00 per year, for the next three (3) years, for a total contribution of \$45,000.00.

Motion carried.

AFFIRMATION

Murray Atkinson
George El-Jakl
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

Jody Crook
Shaun Hatfield

COMMERCIAL WASTE COLLECTION NOTICE

Members were advised that Council has referred this matter back to Committee for further discussion.

The proposed commercial waste collection notice was once again discussed and referred back to Council for a decision.

REQUEST FROM CLYDE AREA COMMUNITY CENTRE ASSOCIATION

The Clyde Area Community Centre Association has requested to be exempt from municipal taxes. Steps are being taken to amend By-law No. 25 to provide for this exemption. Second Reading of By-law amendments will take place at the next Council Meeting.

A letter has now been received from the Association requesting that the outstanding taxes on their account in the amount of \$6,259.20 plus interest be adjusted.

It was agreed that the CAO draft a resolution providing for the adjustment of taxes which will be considered by the Committee at their next meeting.

BILL 58 - MINIMUM PLANNING REQUIREMENTS

Correspondence has been received from the Office of the Minister of Municipal Affairs advising that Bill 58 regarding minimum planning requirements was proclaimed on Tuesday, December 2, 2019. The legislative and regulatory changes establish a framework for mandatory planning, minimum planning requirements and engagement with abutting municipalities.

This information was presented for “information purposes only” as the Municipality currently complies with all minimum requirements.

2021 TRAVEL MEDIA ASSOCIATION OF CANADA ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND AGM

Correspondence has been received from the Yarmouth & Acadian Shores Tourism Association requesting a letter of support and a financial commitment for YASTA’s bid to host the 2021 Travel Media Association of Canada Annual Conference and AGM. This is a four-day national conference which is usually held between March and June. The Association is requesting funding support in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Benefits to the Municipality were briefly discussed. It was agreed that the CAO would explore the possibility of the Municipality becoming a member of the Association.

Resolution COW200206

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality provide funding support in the amount of \$5,000.00 to Yarmouth & Acadian Shores Tourism Association to host the 2021 Travel Media Association of Canada Annual Conference and AGM.

Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION RE: ALCOHOL AT EVENTS HELD IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE

The CAO informed members that more and more inquiries are being received regarding the use of the Multi-Purpose Room for social events which in some cases may involve alcohol.

After much discussion it was agreed that the use of alcohol not be permitted in the Multi-Purpose Room.

CROW NECK BEACH

The Deputy Warden requested, and it was agreed by members, that staff prepare a plan for development at Crow Neck Beach including a 6 space parking lot, platform or movable boardwalk down over the beach rocks and educational signage. Once reviewed and approved by members the Plan will be presented to the NS Nature Trust for their review and comment.

During discussion of this matter it was suggested that the “Crow Neck Beach” sign located on Highway 103 be removed since it is not our intention to promote increased usage of the beach.

It was noted that the above development at Crow Neck Beach is in line with our Beach Strategy.

IN-CAMERA SESSION RE: LEGAL ADVICE

Conflict of Interest

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

Councillor Hatfield has a family member in management at Bay Side Home.

An In-Camera Session was held in accordance with Section 22(2)(g) of the Municipal Government Act, to receive information from the Municipal Solicitor.

Members returned to open session.

REPORT ON IN-CAMERA SESSION

The CAO reported that members received information from the Municipal Solicitor, in closed session, as it relates to the Municipality’s involvement with Bay Side Home Corporation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

