

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

March 9, 2020

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:05 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, NS, with the following members present:

- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson, Chair
- Murray Atkinson
- Shaun Hatfield
- George El-Jakl
- Jody Crook – Absent due to Vacation
  
- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

### 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 meeting held February 18, 2020, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### IMMIGRANT SERVICES ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA

Kathleen d'Entremont-Mooney, Onboarding Employer Engager of the Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia appeared before the meeting.

Mrs. d'Entremont-Mooney advised members that their program works directly with employers to build capacity to hire and retain immigrants. She provided information on the Atlantic Immigration Pilot Project as well as the SkillsMatch Online Recruitment Tool. She also provided information on the Professional Mentorship Program, Workplace Culture Program and the Professional Practice Program.

During Mrs. d'Entremont-Mooney's presentation, she made reference to an Immigration Session taking place in Digby tomorrow. She said a session could be held here if it is the wish of members. The CAO agreed to investigate the possibility of having an Immigration Session held in Barrington.

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Mrs. d'Entremont-Mooney was thanked for her presentation.

Information relating to her presentation is attached and forms part of the minutes.

#### 2021 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS OF DOUBLE-BITTED AXE THROWING

Council has decided to forward a bid to host the 2021 World Championships of Double-Bitted Axe Throwing. If successful it will be necessary to form a Local Organizing Committee. Members would like the CAO to serve on this committee as Treasurer. It was noted that Council made a motion to this affect which was tabled and referred to Committee for discussion this evening.

During discussion of this matter it was noted, that the CAO serving on the Local Organizing Committee could be part of the bid submission to host the event.

The matter will now be referred back to Council for consideration.

#### REQUEST FROM CLYDE AREA COMMUNITY CENTRE ASSOCIATION

As reported previously, the Clyde Area Community Centre Association is requesting that the outstanding taxes on their account be adjusted as provided for in By-law No. 25 "Tax Exemption By-law"

#### Resolution C200301

Being duly moved and seconded that the following resolution be recommended to Council:

**WHEREAS** a tax exemption has been approved for the Clyde Area Community Centre Association under By-law No. 25 "Tax Exemption By-law";

**AND WHEREAS** the exemption is meant to take effect from the time the Association obtained ownership of the property, AAN 03788687;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipality provide a grant to the Clyde Area Community Centre Association equivalent to the outstanding taxes on its property, which is estimated to be \$6,657.39, including interest, for the period April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT

It was suggested that once all roads identified under the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal Cost Shared Agreement have been addressed, then consideration be given to putting a program in place to deal with upgrades and maintenance of private roads.

It was agreed that information be gathered for consideration by the Committee at a future meeting.

#### STAFF REPORT - DEED TRANSFER TAX REVENUE

Since there has been much discussion on the use of revenue generated by the Deed Transfer Tax, the CAO has researched the matter and has prepared a Staff Report which is attached and forms part of minutes.

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After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the matter be placed on the March 16<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting Agenda for further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary for the Meeting

