

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING****April 20, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:03 p.m., by videoconference, with the following members present:

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

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

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

- Dangerous and Unsightly Premises - Blanche Area
- Letter of Condolence - Tragic Event in Colchester County

**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 regular meeting held April 14<sup>th</sup> and special meetings held April 9<sup>th</sup> and April 16, 2020, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION RE: COUNCIL REMUNERATION**

Discussion took place regarding procedural requirements for councillors to give up a portion of their remuneration to show support to those that have little or no work due to COVID-19. It was suggested that the reduction could result in approximately \$16,000.00 that could be used elsewhere in the budget.

During discussion it was suggested that it may be more practical for councillors to make a donation to the food bank or help someone in need in their district or elsewhere. It was left to the discretion of councillors to assist where they feel appropriate.

**PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF ESSENTIAL WORKERS**

Discussion took place regarding recognition of essential workers in our area. It was noted that recently two signs were installed in Barrington Passage, thanking essential workers for their

contribution to the community. It was reported that a resident has asked if there is anything further that could be done for essential workers.

Some suggestions were brought forward, but in the end members were uncertain as to what more could be done at this time. It was agreed that the matter be left with members and anyone having ideas could bring them forward at a future meeting of the committee.

#### CLOSURES OF MUNICIPAL PARKS AND BEACHES

Discussion took place regarding the closure of beaches during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Members of the public are asking councillors why beaches are being treated differently than sidewalks and trails.

It was suggested that a letter be written to the Premier advising that our beaches are a priority to us and ask that this be taken into consideration when relaxing restrictions put in place during the pandemic.

After much discussion it was agreed to wait until May 3<sup>rd</sup> when the current State of Emergency expires to determine how to proceed.

It was agreed that this matter be put on the next committee agenda, if necessary.

#### ADDITIONAL TIR FUNDING FOR J CLASS ROADS – REPAVING

At the last committee meeting members received correspondence from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding additional funding for repaving J Class roads. At that meeting members decided to submit Fish Plant Road, located at The Hawk, for repaving. The department is also looking for confirmation that the Municipality has funding approval to participate.

#### Resolution COW200407

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that funding be approved for the municipal portion of the cost to repave Fish Plant Road, located at The Hawk, should approval be awarded by the Province.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### DANGEROUS AND UNSIGHTLY PREMISES - BLANCHE AREA

A member expressed concern regarding a house that was demolished on a property located at Blanche. Much debris has been left behind and there is an exposed well on the property.

The CAO advised that he would refer the matter to the By-law Enforcement Officer for investigation.

#### LETTER OF CONDOLENCE

#### Resolution COW200408

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the

Municipality of Colchester expressing our condolences as a result of the tragic events which took place on April 19, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

### BANNERS FOR GRADUATES

A member advised that some communities have prepared banners which are being displayed on telephone poles honouring achievements of their Grade 12 Students.

The Warden advised that the Principal of BMHS has been in contact with him and he is currently waiting for her to get back in contact with him once they decide how they will be proceeding with this initiative.

### IN-CAMERA SESSION RE: CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

In accordance with Section 22(2)(e) of the Municipal Government Act, an In-Camera Session was held at 8:18 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations as it relates to internet services.

At 8:30 p.m. the regular meeting was called back to order.

### REPORT ON IN-CAMERA SESSION

#### Contract Negotiations Re: Internet

#### Resolution COW200409

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality provide funding support for internet services as discussed In-Camera which will be publicly announced upon completion of the competitive bid process.

Motion carried unanimously.

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary for the Meeting

