

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

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:06 p.m., by videoconference, with the following members present:

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

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no items added to the Agenda.

The Chair informed members that he would be declaring Conflict of Interest when dealing with the appointment to Bay Side Home Board of Directors and asked that Warden Nickerson take the Chair at that time.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Being duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that minutes of the last meeting held July 13, 2020, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

RCMP REPORT

Sergeant Paul Pittman and Corporal Dave Toope joined the meeting and provided an update on activities of their detachment. Sgt. Pittman joined the Barrington Detachment on April 27, 2020. He moved here from Yarmouth where he was stationed for the last 12 years. He informed members that with his placement in Barrington the detachment is now at full complement.

He advised that since May they have been trying to be more visible in the community. He provided statistics on traffic stop violations, impaired driving and domestic violence. He informed members that domestic violence is a real problem in this area and consideration will be given to ways to combat this problem.

Members welcomed Sgt. Pittman to the area and thanked both he and Cpl. Toope for attending tonight's meeting.

WASTE COLLECTION RE: WOOD

Concern was expressed regarding wooden furniture not being collected by the Waste Collector during Spring and Fall Clean-ups. It was noted that although Council decided to no longer collect wood, such as C & D debris, old pallets, brush, etc. during the clean-ups, it was their intention to continue to collect wooden furniture such as beds, tables, chairs, dressers, etc. When Council decided to no longer accept wood, the Collector took that to mean all wood including wooden furniture. During discussion of this matter it was noted that the Waste Collection Contract provides for the collection of wooden furniture.

The CAO informed members that there are two options to be considered:

- require residents to transport wooden furniture to our landfill
- require the Waste Collector to collect the wooden furniture during Spring and Fall Clean-up as well as during weekly collections when put out as a “bulky item”.

It was the decision of members that wooden furniture be collected by the Waste Collector, as provided for in his contract with the Municipality. The CAO will contact the Waste Collector to clarify requirements of the contract.

SPECIAL PURPOSE FLAGPOLE LOCATION

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with an email received from Francis Perry of Barrington. Mr. Perry is suggesting that since the Barrington River location is a relatively secluded area that invites vandalism, that a larger flagpole be erected at Island View Park. The Pride Flag flown on the flagpole at the Barrington River location suffered vandalism in 2019, as well as in 2020.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that some fundraising has taken place in cooperation with the Cape Sable Historical Society to install camera(s) in the area showcasing the Museum Complex, including the area where the special purpose flagpole is located.

The CAO offered to reach out to the Museum Director, Samantha Brannen, to determine what assistance the Municipality could offer.

Resolution COW200710

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the CAO craft a letter to Francis Perry indicating what members have discussed and our position and future action to be taken with the Cape Sable Historical Society.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT TO BAY SIDE HOME BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Conflict of Interest

The Chair, Councillor Hatfield, declared Conflict of Interest, turned the Chair over to Warden Nickerson and did not take part in discussions.

Councillor Hatfield is related to the Administrator of Bay Side Home.

A letter of resignation has been received from Pamela Townsend resigning from her position on the Board of Directors of Bay Side Home.

The Board has reviewed applications received to fill the vacancy in February and is recommending that Bradley Pass be appointed to the Board of Directors.

Resolution COW200711

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that Bradley Pass be appointed to serve on the Board of Directors of Bay Side Home Corporation.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW200712

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to Pamela Townsend accepting her resignation and thanking her for her contribution to Bay Side Home.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Hatfield resumed the Chair.

DERELICT BOAT

It was reported that on February 20, 2018 a letter was sent to the owner regarding the placement of his boat on municipal property at McGray Avenue, North East Point and the concerns that had been raised about future access to the boat ramp. In that letter, it was also noted that if the boat remained where it was after May 1, 2018, that the boat would be removed and placed in Impound.

On December 24, 2018, the derelict boat was impounded at our C & D Landfill where it still remains. The owner was advised of this action by way of letter dated January 7, 2019.

Since the boat has been impounded for 18 months and we have not heard back from the owner, staff have worked with the Municipal Solicitor to provide options on how to move forward. The following three options were provided:

- Option 1 – Deem it Dangerous and Unsightly
- Option 2 – Sell the boat Under the Personal Property Security Act
- Option 3 – Sell the Boat for Arrears of Taxes

A copy of the staff report is attached and forms part of the minutes.

Resolution COW200713

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that Option 1 be accepted and the derelict boat in question be deemed dangerous and unsightly and begin the process of issuing an Order.

Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE MUNICIPAL PROPERTY – CENTREVILLE

Correspondence has been received from James Brannen (3273244 N.S. Ltd.) expressing interest in purchasing a parcel of land (PID 80026776) located adjacent to his development at 1319 Centreville, former Centreville Elementary School. Mr. Brannen intends to continue development in this area and would like to develop a walking trail, sitting area and general landscaping to enhance the property and possible future development. Mr. Brannen is interested

in working with the Municipality to come to an arrangement to make the walking trail and setting areas available for public use.

It was noted that this property is in Category C (properties used for municipal purposes) of our property listing. This property was retained, for future park development, when the former Centreville Elementary School property was sold.

Members agreed that they would like to see some type of park development in that area and some type of agreement would have to accompany the sale of the property.

It was agreed that the CAO reach out to Mr. Brannen to determine if he is interested in entering into some type of development agreement and if so, the CAO arrange for him to meet with members to further discuss his proposal.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that the property is zoned “Coastal Wetlands” which will restrict development in that area.

WREN – INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT

A draft Western Regional Enterprise Network Inter-Municipal Agreement was circulated to members in advance to the meeting.

The CAO informed members that this is an updated Inter-Municipal Agreement between 7 municipal units. The document outlines the structure of the Western Regional Enterprise Network including, powers, funding, etc.

Resolution COW200714

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Western Regional Enterprise Network Inter-Municipal Agreement be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting