

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING
September 14, 2020

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:06 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, NS, with the following members present:

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

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following item was added to the agenda:

- Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal Matter.

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 Committee of the Whole Council Meeting held August 17, 2020 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION BY OCEANVIEW CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Shana Newell, Chair of the Oceanview Christian Academy Board and Cheryl Devine, Principal of OCA appeared before the meeting. They expressed an interest in renting the VIC with intentions to purchase the property to be utilized as a school. This year is their 4th year of operation and they have 55 students and 10 staff members. A copy of their presentation is attached and forms part of the minutes.

Much discussion took place regarding their request. The goal of the OCA Board is to obtain ownership of the property.

Direction was given to the CAO to meet with representatives of the Oceanview Christian Academy to work out details to rent and the potential purchase of the Visitor Information Centre property. The matter will be placed on the next committee agenda for further discussion.

DRAFT RFP RE: SALE OF VIC

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a draft RFP for the sale of the Visitor Information Centre.

Resolution COW200901

Being duly moved and seconded that the draft RFP for the sale of the VIC be deferred to the next committee meeting for discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

POLICIES

Draft Complaints Handling Policy

It is proposed that a “Complaints Handling Policy” be put in place to enable the Municipality to promptly and effectively address program and service delivery concerns raised by members of the public. The proposed policy was reviewed in detail. During discussion it was noted that all complaints would be logged and councillors would have access to the program to keep them informed of the current status of complaints lodged.

It was agreed that Notice of Consideration be given tonight and the adoption of the “Complaints Handling Policy” be considered at the September 28, 2020, Council Meeting.

Draft Dangerous or Unsightly Premises Policy

It was reported that a new “Dangerous or Unsightly Premises Policy” has been drafted to replace existing Policy No. 10 “Investigation of Dangerous and Unsightly Premises”. The newly drafted policy clearly outlines what is required to initiate an investigation of a property and the steps that will be followed through an investigation. If the new policy is adopted then it will be necessary to repeal the existing Policy dealing with dangerous and unsightly premises.

It was agreed that Notice of Consideration be given tonight and the adoption of the newly drafted “Dangerous or Unsightly Premises Policy” and the repeal of Policy No. 10 “Investigation of Dangerous and Unsightly Premises” be considered at the September 28, 2020, Council Meeting.

Proposed Amendments – Policy 54 “Fire Response and Emergency Services”

It is proposed that Policy 54 “Fire Response and Emergency Services” be amended to remove reference to the “Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department” as it is no longer in existence, add new sections relating to roof requirements and drivers abstracts and address some housekeeping matters.

It was agreed that Notice of Consideration be given tonight and amendments to the “Fire Response and Emergency Services Policy” be considered at the September 28, 2020, Council Meeting.

DISCUSSION RE: DEVELOPMENT OF NEW WASTE BY-LAW

In advance to the meeting members were provided with a summary of how other municipal

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units and towns in the Tri-Counties are handling waste. The summary was reviewed and particular concern was raised regarding the number of bags collected at multi-unit buildings, apartment buildings and campgrounds.

It was noted that the current Waste Collector is operating under our existing by-law and any changes in collection would have to be worked out with him.

The CAO was asked to collect additional information and it was agreed that this matter be dealt with further after the new Council has been sworn into office.

FALL ALLOTMENT – GRANT REQUESTS

It was reported that Grant Applications have been received from the following:

Parkdale Cemetery Association

Resolution COW200902

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a grant in the amount of \$500.00 be provided to the Parkdale Cemetery Association.

Motion carried unanimously.

Atlantic Hall at The Hawk Society

Resolution COW200903

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a grant in the amount of \$500.00 be provided to the Atlantic Hall at The Hawk Society.

Motion carried unanimously.

Riverdale Cemetery Association

Conflict of Interest

Deputy Warden Crook declared Conflict of Interest, vacated his seat and left the meeting room.

Deputy Warden Crook's spouse is the President of the Riverdale Cemetery Association.

Resolution COW200904

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a grant in the amount of \$500.00 be provided to the Riverdale Cemetery Association.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Warden Crook returned to the meeting.

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Samuel Wood Historical Society

Resolution COW200905

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a grant in the amount of \$500.00 be provided to the Samuel Wood Historical Society.

Motion carried unanimously.

Woods Harbour Ballfield Society

Resolution COW200906

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a grant in the amount of \$500.00 be provided to the Woods Harbour Ballfield Society.

Motion carried unanimously.

Barrington and Area Chamber of Commerce

Resolution COW200907

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a grant in the amount of \$500.00 be provided to the Barrington & Area Chamber of Commerce.

Motion carried unanimously.

OCTOBER MEETINGS

After some discussion it was agreed that meeting scheduled for October be deferred to the next committee meeting.

BASIL BLADES MEMORIAL BALL PARK – PARKING LOT LIGHTS

Councillor Hatfield informed members that he has received requests from constituents for the installation of two street lights in the parking lot of the Basil Blades Memorial Ball Park, in Centreville.

He informed members that he has been in discussion with residents in that area and they are in agreement with the installation.

The CAO will gather information on the cost of the installation of lights and the matter will be presented at the next committee meeting.

TIR MATTER

Resolution COW200908

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Department of

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Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal be requested to top up the shoulder of Highway 330 with gravel, in North East Point, near Civic No. 336.

Motion carried unanimously.

DROUGHT

It was noted that due to COVID-19, the Municipality has not made washers available to the public, as in past years. It appears that the need for public use of washers has worsened and it was agreed that the CAO look at the possibility of having them hooked up at either the Arena or Administrative Centre.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that Mayflower Place plans to open their laundry service on September 21st.

CAO EVALUATION

It was agreed that the Chief Administration Officer's evaluation take place after the Municipal Election.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

Dear Barrington Municipal Council Members,

Oceanview Christian Academy is going into its fourth year with ⁵⁵54 students and 10 staff. We are a charitable organization that has been growing a lot over those years and it has had a great impact on our community. We have a variety of families who attend and are a part of OCA. Anyone can choose a private education for their children at our school; it gives our families another option on how to educate their children.

Like any school environment, OCA seeks to offer a rigorous and fulfilling academic education, but we also thrive on character development and creating good citizens of our students to impact their community. We offer French from grade primary onward and have developed an amazing Performing Arts curriculum. We strive to offer value to our families and bring positivity to all those who attend.

The Oceanview Christian Academy (OCA) Board is seeking to rent the VIC building, as soon as possible, for the education of OCA students because we are in need of a building of our own. The OCA Board would like to rent the VIC building with the option to purchase as soon as it is convenient for Council, which will allow us to grow our entire school within our community; it is another option available to our community for education with our school in operation. We need this building for the following reasons:

1. The Centreville United Baptist Church (CUBC) has been excellent to OCA in allowing us to use their building to grow the school; however, we are two separate organizations that are using the same space and both organizations are growing rapidly, therefore making space limited.
2. Classrooms are being filled and there will soon be lack of space to allow more students to attend (we want to expand to offer later grades- grades 11 & 12 specifically).
3. For the current year, OCA would love to be able to socially-distance all of our classes so that they don't have to wear a mask all day at school.

We want to submit a proposal that the Oceanview Christian Academy Board would rent the VIC building, as soon as possible, for OCA to move a few classes into the building to allow more space for CUBC to grow and for OCA to grow, as well. OCA sees the VIC building as a possible permanent location for at least half our school to plant. Such a move will give CUBC back some of their space that they have graciously allowed us to use for the last three years and going into the fourth. Even in the short term, moving a

number of our students over to the VIC building for the coming months would be beneficial for OCA if the Council will consider selling the building to us when it is a more convenient time for Council to consider this matter. We can work with Council as a school to come up with a plan that works for everyone.

We are grateful for your time and consideration in this matter, and we look forward to hearing from Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shana Newell" with a small asterisk at the end.

Shana Newell
Chair of the Oceanview Christian Academy School Board
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