

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING  
September 21, 2020**

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

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

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Old Post Road, Barrington.
- Partnership Opportunity with NSP Vehicle to Grid Project.
- Statement – Ongoing Situation in St. Mary's Bay.

**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 Committee of the Whole Council Meeting held September 14, 2020 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION BY GEONOVA RE: RENAMING OF SOME GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS**

Colin MacDonald, Director of Geographic Information Services of the Department of Service NS and Internal Services, appeared before the meeting. Mr. MacDonald provided information regarding the Geographic Naming program and process. He also provided information concerning current applications regarding derogatory names of areas in the Municipality and steps to be taken to rename these areas. Applications have been received to rename the following areas:

- Cape Negro Island
- Cape Negro Point
- Cape Negro Harbour
- Cape Negro community

The initial application included "Squaw Island", but further investigation is required on that request.

Public Engagement Sessions will be held in the future to make the public aware of applications and to collect suggested replacement names. Mr. MacDonald agreed to keep in contact with the CAO regarding times and locations of Public Engagement Sessions.

Mr. MacDonald was thanked for appearing before the Committee and making his presentation of which a copy is attached and forms part of the minutes.

#### PRESENTATION BY GOOSE LAKE ASSOCIATION RE: ROAD MAINTENANCE

Corey Crowell of the Goose Lake Association Limited appeared before the meeting. He advised that the Goose Lake Road is being travelled more than ever before with some residents living in the area year round, cottage owners spending more time in the area, people travelling to access their leased camp sites and people cutting wood. The cost of maintenance and upgrades to the road is increasing year by year, due to both cost increases of contractors and the road requiring more attention due to use.

Mr. Crowell is requesting Council to consider providing financial assistance in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the remainder of the current fiscal year to assist with the cost of road maintenance and repairs. He is further requesting that assistance be provided annually at the rate of 12.8% of taxes generated from properties in the Goose Lake Area which would result in approximately \$5,900.00. A copy of Mr. Crowell's presentation is attached and forms part of the minutes.

During discussion it was noted that \$6,200.00 is generated annually through By-law No. 35 "A By-law Respecting the Maintenance and Improvement of Private Roads in the Goose Lake Area". Question was raised as to whether property owners would be interested in increasing their annual fee of \$100.00 in order to generate more funds. Mr. Crowell indicated that this is something he plans to discuss with members of the Association.

It was agreed that this request and the possible development of a Road Grant Policy be placed on a future agenda of the committee.

Mr. Crowell also expressed concern regarding the entrance to Goose Lake Road and requested members to take a look at making it safer for vehicles entering the road travelling from the East.

Mr. Crowell was thanked for appearing before the Committee and making his presentation.

#### OCEANVIEW CHRISTIAN ACADEMY REQUEST

The CAO reported that he met with Shana Newell to work out details of a possible lease agreement between the Municipality and OCA for use of the VIC building. She will be discussing details of the lease agreement with her Board and will get back to us after that.

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Possible sale of the property to OCA was discussed. During discussion it was noted that the property is currently being subdivided and an appraisal is being carried out to determine its value.

#### Resolution COW200909

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the CAO be instructed to proceed with the sale of the VIC property to Oceanview Christian Academy, following the process prescribed in the Municipal Government Act.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### DRAFT RFP RE: SALE OF VIC

As a result of the recommendation to Council to sell the VIC property to Oceanview Christian Academy, it will now be necessary to rescind the following motion:

#### Resolution C200810

“Being duly moved and seconded that Council sell the VIC building located at 2517, Highway 3, in Barrington by way of an RFP”

This matter will be placed on the September 28, 2020, Council Agenda for consideration.

#### OCTOBER MEETINGS

#### Resolution COW200910

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that due to the Municipal Election being held on October 17, 2020, all meetings be cancelled for the month of October and that the new Council be sworn into Office at the first Council Meeting after the Election held on Monday, November 2, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### BASIL BLADES MEMORIAL BALL PARK – PARKING LOT LIGHTS

The CAO provided information on the installation of lights at the Basil Blades Memorial Ball Park located in Centreville.

1. Two streetlights on two separate poles. This would cost approximately \$10,000 to purchase and install the poles and wire the lights. In addition, the connection of the streetlights would require Nova Scotia Power which would take months as they are 6 months behind in their work orders.
2. Wired spotlights on the dugouts and storage building. This would cost approximately \$3,000 to purchase and wire the lights. This work could also take a few months as a panel and meter would be required.

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3. Industrial Solar Spotlights. These would cost approximately \$750.00 each. These lights typically last 5-6 hours after sunset and can be installed anywhere.

#### Resolution COW200911

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality assess the need for a minimum of two streetlights at the Basil Blades Memorial Ball Park and the cost of installation be provided in the 2021/22 Capital Budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### 50/50 TIR COST SHARED PROGRAM – ROADS

Correspondence has been received from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal advising that they are accepting submissions of roads the Municipality would like to have paved under their 50/50 Cost Shared Program.

The list of eligible roads was discussed.

#### Resolution COW200912

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the following roads, listed in order of priority, be submitted for consideration under the TIR 50/50 Cost Shared Program for paving:

1. Bateman Road
2. Petticoat Lane
3. Clam Point Road
4. Station Road - Shag Harbour
5. Butler's Road

Motion carried unanimously.

#### ORDER TO REMEDY – DWAYNE STEWART BOAT

An Order to Remedy has been drafted in cooperation with the Municipal Solicitor. In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of the draft Order to address the condition of the Property (Vessel), located at 1138 Clements Pond, Highway 103, Barrington NS, owned by Dwayne Stewart.

Being duly moved and seconded that the Order to Remedy the condition of the Property (Vessel) located at 1138 Clements Pond, Highway 103, Barrington, NS, be issued requiring the owner to contact the Municipality and arrange to remove the property.

Motion carried unanimously.

Council approval is not required for the Order to Remedy as the CAO has authority to issue the Order as the Administrator of Dangerous and Unsightly Premises.

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APPLICATION TO SERVE ON THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

An application has been received from Boyd Hilton Scott of Barrington expressing interest in serving on the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Resolution COW200913

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that Boyd Hilton Scott be appointed to serve on the Accessibility Advisory Committee for a two year term.

Motion carried unanimously.

LETTER OF SUPPORT NSCC BATTERY DEMAND REDUCTION STUDY

Correspondence has been received from Riley Cook, NSCC, advising that they are applying for a Low Carbon Communities Provincial Grant to carry out a Study, in the western region of Nova Scotia, on Reducing Peak Demand Charge in buildings using battery energy storage. Mr. Cook is requesting a letter of support for their project.

Resolution COW200914

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a letter of support be provided to NSCC, in support of their application for funding for a Study to be conducted on Reducing Peak Demand Charge in buildings.

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD POST ROAD

The Chair reported on concerns relating to the Old Post Road located in Barrington and requested that the Municipal Digital Speed Sign be located on the road to inform motorists of their speed.

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY WITH NSP VEHICLE TO GRID PROJECT

Correspondence has been received from Nova Scotia Power advising of an application they will be submitting for the Federal Low Carbon Funding. NSP will be using this funding to study battery to grid technology which they plan to do by installing an EV Charging Station, along with solar panels at a building within the Municipality as part of their program. A vehicle will be supplied for municipal use. The battery in the vehicle will be used to put energy back on the grid during peak times or outages. This energy could be used to power comfort/warming centres in our area. The battery will be recharged by the solar panels.

Resolution COW200915

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality partner with NSP and provide a letter, in support of their application for Federal Low Carbon Funding to study battery to grid technology.

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AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson  
Jody Crook  
George El-Jakl  
Shaun Hatfield

NEGATIVE

Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

STATEMENT – ONGOING SITUATION IN ST. MARY’S BAY

It was reported that ongoing protests have been taking place in St. Mary’s Bay, NS, as a result of lobster fishing in the area which is creating conflict between commercial and First Nation fishers. Some organizations and governments have recently called upon Minister Jordan to take action to intervene and deescalate the situation.

Since time is of the essence, members agreed by consensus, that direction be given to the CAO to prepare a letter to be forwarded to the Honourable Bernadette Jordan, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, expressing our concern for the safety of everyone involved in the escalating situation in St. Mary’s Bay and implore her to immediately intervene to find a peaceful resolution.

WATER LENDING PROGRAM

Concern was expressed regarding the requirement to have as good payment history with the Municipality in order to qualify for funding under the Water Lending Program. The CAO advised that this is the only way the Municipality can assess the ability of the individual to pay. If the individual defaults on payment, the full amount becomes due immediately which could cause extreme hardship for some and may result in their property being sold at Tax Sale. In addition, lending to individuals with poor payment history is dangerous and could put the Municipality at risk.

Resolution COW200916

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the practice to require applicants of the Water Lending Program to have a “good payment history” with the Municipality be discontinued.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary for the Meeting