

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**January 18, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:04 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, NS, with the following members present:

- George El-Jakl, Chair
- Jody Crook
- Shaun Hatfield
- Andrea Mood-Nickerson
- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson (Arrived at 7:15 p.m.)
  
- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk
- Leah d'Eon, Director of Finance

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 Committee of the Whole Council Meeting held January 11, 2021 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

A Financial Report Summary to December 31, 2020, was presented by the Director of Finance. Explanations were provided where necessary. Question was also raised regarding the variance in the Public Health line. It was agreed that the Director of Finance would provide additional information to members by email.

A copy of the Financial Summary is attached and forms part of the minutes.

TAX REDUCTION REQUEST – ADRIAN D'ENTREMONT

As a result of questions raised at the December 7, 2020 Committee Meeting further research was carried out into the Tax Reduction Application submitted by Adrian d'Entremont.

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Members were informed that Adrian d'Entremont and Tessa Brown purchased the property located at 939 Highway 330, Centreville, on July 30, 2020. The property was assessed for \$91,600.00 and previously held a house which was destroyed by fire on March 2, 2020. The current assessed value is \$23,500.00. The prorated amount of the tax reduction available is \$400.35.

Resolution COW210102

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a Tax Reduction be provided to Adrian d'Entremont and Tessa Brown for their property located at 939 Highway 330, Centreville, AAN 04353862, in the amount of \$400.35.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Director of Finance left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

BEACH STRATEGY CONCEPTUAL PLANS

3D conceptual designs for Crow Neck, North East Point and Stoney Island Beaches have now been received from WSP and were circulated to members in December, 2020. Plans require Council approval to move forward to the detailed design phase of the project. A copy of the Staff Report is attached and forms part of the minutes.

Resolution COW210103

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality officially create a Beaches Resource Team, to be lead by Suzy, that will include municipal representatives (Council and Staff), various government organizations, including the Department of Lands and Forestry and Department of Environment and also approve the conceptual designs as presented and begin the preliminary design work and share them with the Beaches Resource Team to gather input.

Motion carried unanimously.

Much discussion then took place regarding the membership of the Beaches Resource Team. It was agreed that the CAO would prepare a list of possible members and present it to committee for consideration.

REVISIT – ARENA CAPACITY LIMITS

In November, 2020, Council received a petition from Katrina Ross requesting increased spectator capacity at the Sandy Wickens Memorial Arena. At that time Council passed a motion to advise Mrs. Ross that the Municipality will be maintaining the status quo until January, at which time capacity limits will be revisited based on public health directives.

During discussion of this matter, question was raised as to why people are allowed in

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dressing rooms to help kids get ready for hockey, with no restrictions other than having to wear a face mask, but then have to leave the building until kids are finished and not allowed to sit in the spectator area where there is ample space for social distancing. It was suggested that this may be a requirement of the Hockey Association. The CAO agreed to check on this matter and will advise members by email.

It was agreed that staff monitor spectator capacity requirements and make changes in accordance with Public Health directives.

#### DWAYNE STEWART – DERELICT VESSEL

Council, at their meeting held November 23, 2020, passed a motion to take steps to consider the issuance of a Demolition Order to Dwayne Stewart in the new year. A Demolition Order has been drafted and reviewed by the Municipal Solicitor. A copy of the Order was circulated to members in advance to the meeting.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that a few individuals have expressed an interest in purchasing the vessel and it was agreed that further information be obtained from the Municipal Solicitor as it relates to securing a bid and obtaining ownership of the vessel. Information obtained will be brought back to committee for consideration.

#### REVIEW PROPOSED SNOW AND ICE CLEARING AND MAINTENANCE BY-LAW

Council at their meeting held November 23, 2020, referred the proposed Snow and Ice Clearing and Maintenance By-law back to Committee for further consideration. In the meantime Councillors El-Jakl and Mood-Nickerson were going to discuss the proposed by-law with their constituents. Neither Councillor has received much opposition to the by-law.

#### Resolution COW210104

Being duly moved and seconded that the proposed Snow and Ice Clearing and Maintenance By-law be referred back to Council for consideration.

Motion carried.

#### AFFIRMATION

Jody Crook  
Shaun Hatfield  
Eddie Nickerson

#### NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl  
Andrea Mood-Nickerson

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary for the Meeting