

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING
March 8, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:15 pm, in the Multi-Purpose Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, NS, with the following members present:

- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson, Chair
- Jody Crook
- George El-Jakl
- Shaun Hatfield
- Andrea Mood-Nickerson

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

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 February 16, 2021 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

In advance to the meeting, each member was provided with a draft strategic planning process for review.

The CAO reviewed the various phases with members – Getting Started – Assess – Design – Build – Manage. The Plan will take three to four months to complete.

Question was raised regarding outsourcing. The CAO informed members that most aspects of the plan will be completed by staff, but some outsourcing may take place with public engagement.

Resolution COW210301

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the draft strategic planning process be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

BEACH & LIFEGUARD ASSESSMENT REPORT

The Director of Recreation presented the Beach Assessment & Supervision Report to members. The two beaches assessed by the Nova Scotia Lifeguard Service was North East Point Beach and Stoney Island Beach. Stoney Island Beach was identified as the preferred location.

It is recommended that the Municipality contract lifeguard service for 7 days per week from Canada Day weekend through to the end of August at an estimated cost of \$30,000.00. The service provides 8 hours per day of lifeguard services, promotion of beach conditions, community events and all equipment and insurances required. The estimate also includes the cost of travel for guards and supervision in the case we do not have enough qualified/experienced staff in the first year. The cost should go down if staff can be secured from the local area.

Members were advised that the report was being presented for information purposes only at this time. The matter will be further discussed during budget deliberations.

CONSULTATION FEEDBACK REPORT RE: RECREATION CENTRE SURVEY

Since the Director of Recreation was present, the Consultation Feedback Report was dealt with next.

The Recreation Department, in partnership with the architects, launched a survey to help get a better understanding of the use of the walking track in the new Recreation Centre.

Based on the feedback received through the survey and speaking with key stakeholders, it is recommended that the Municipality move forward with a design that includes the walking track on an elevated mezzanine.

It is further recommended that more public engagement be held in the following ways:

- Engage our Recreation Advisory Committee more aggressively to help engage the public.
- Review the existing information on the municipal website and prepare a social media campaign.
- Host a virtual Q & A webinar.

During discussion of the proposed project question was raised as to why we were not constructing a full two storey building and why the ground floor was not squared off at the back of the Group Activity Room. It was felt that this area could possibly be used for a squash or racket ball court.

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The CAO agreed to ask these questions of the Architects and will provide additional information to members.

The Director of Recreation left the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION ON COUNCIL PRIORITIES

It was reported that at the next meeting of municipal units of Shelburne County discussion will take place regarding priorities to determine whether there are any areas that can be best served with a joint effort.

Members identified the following priorities which are listed in no particular order:

- Housing and Accommodations
- Recreation Centre
- Medical Centre
- Municipal Sewers
- CSI Causeway
- Roads and Shoulders (advocacy)
- Water Shed
- Shared Programs
- Tourism – Beach Development
- Development of Former Knowles Property

INFORMATION PACKAGE RE: BELL MOBILITY INC – BARRINGTON PASSAGE SITE 8077

It was reported that Bell Mobility is taking steps to install a 110 meter Bell tower to provide improved wireless voice and voice data service.

The Information Package circulated provided detailed information on the new telecommunications tower to be installed at Stirl's Road, Barrington Passage and to invite comments as part of the consultation process.

Question was raised regarding Bell's original coverage area. Bell had indicated that the new tower would provide better coverage within an area of 12 -15 kms. The map included in the information package only extends out a few kms from the tower. The CAO informed members that he has reached out to Bell and is currently awaiting a response to this question.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting