

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 17, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:00 p.m., by way of video conference, with the following members present:

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

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- port-a-potty
- public water supply
- public bench

**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 Meetings held April 15<sup>th</sup> and April 19, 2021, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Hatfield left the meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION**

At this time, a Closed Session was held in accordance with Section 22(2)(g) of the Municipal Government Act.

Municipal Solicitor, Marc Dunning, was present for this portion of the meeting.

The regular meeting was called back to order at 8:08 p.m.

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#### REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Councillor Hatfield rejoined the meeting.

It was reported that the Committee has received a complaint relating to a possible breach of the Code of Conduct for Elected Municipal Officials. The Municipal Solicitor has been requested to provide guidance on how to proceed. Once the requested information is received another meeting will be scheduled.

#### MUNICIPAL GRANT REQUESTS

It was agreed that grant requests be dealt with at the end of the meeting.

#### NAMING OF STREET OR BUILDING REQUEST

It was reported that correspondence has been received from John Shaar requesting that a street or building be named after The Honourable Stephen McNeil and Dr. Robert Strang in recognition of their role in keeping us safe during the pandemic.

Much discussion took place regarding the request. It was the general consensus of members that we not name buildings or streets for this purpose, but that thanks be extended in the form of a letter.

#### Resolution COW210501

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that letters be sent to Iain Rankin, Premier, Stephen McNeil, former Premier and Dr. Robert Strang, Chief Medical Officer, thanking them for their dedicated public service during this difficult time.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Resolution COW210502

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that John Shaar be advised that many organizations are now moving away from the naming of streets and buildings after individuals and that the Municipality will be recognizing the Premier, former Premier and the Chief Medical Officer, for their dedicated public service, by way of letter.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### INTERMUNICIPAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

It was reported that the Municipality provides the Town of Clarks Harbour with certain services and an intermunicipal service agreement has been drafted with respect to the provision of these services. A copy of the draft agreement is attached to the agenda on the municipal website.

Resolution COW210503

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Intermunicipal Services Agreement between the Municipality and the Town of Clarks Harbour be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

BELL CONCURRENCE LETTER FOR TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER – STIRL’S ROAD

WSP Canada Inc. on behalf of Bell Mobility is requesting a concurrence letter signed by the Municipality acknowledging the project and completion of the public consultation program, as it relates to the installation of a telecommunication tower on Stirl’s Road, in Barrington Passage.

Resolution COW210504

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the draft concurrence letter addressed to WSP Canada Inc. relating to the telecommunication tower on Stirl’s Road be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL POLICY NO. 10 “PENSION PLAN”

During budget deliberations Council approved an increase in the maximum “Pension Plan Contribution” to be matched by the Municipality.

An amendment to Section 2.2 of Personnel Policy No. 10 “Pension Plan” has been drafted increasing the maximum contribution to be matched by the Municipality from 6.5% to 7%. This amendment would become effective April 1, 2021 and would apply to all permanent employees who work a minimum of nine (9) months of the year and who regularly work not less than thirty (30) hours per week.

Notice is given tonight that Council will consider the draft amendment to Policy No. 10 at their meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021.

EPR – EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY

The presentation to Council by Region 6 on April 26, 2021, encouraged the Municipality to support Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and to continue to pressure the province to take action.

Council referred the matter to committee for further discussion.

The Extended Producer Responsibility will require producers to pay to recycle their waste. It is anticipated that this could amount to approximately \$102,000.00 per year, for the Municipality of Barrington.

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During discussion question was raised as to whether industry has been contacted. Councillor Mood-Nickerson agreed to obtain additional information from Region 6 regarding the EPR.

#### VISIT TO QUEENS LANDFILL

General discussion took place regarding the Mayors, Wardens and CAOs recent visit to the Queens Landfill.

This matter will be further discussed at a later date.

#### NSFM CORRESPONDENCE

NSFM Monday Memos dated April 19<sup>th</sup>, April 26<sup>th</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 10, 2021, were attached to the agenda along with information on the 12 month notice to Municipalities and the relaunch of the on line asset management course.

#### PORT-A-POTTY

It was requested that a port-a-potty be located near the entrance to the Sherose Nature Trail.

The CAO informed members that depending on availability we may be able to place one there.

#### BENCH

It was requested that a bench be located near the boat launch on Sherose Island.

The CAO agreed to discuss this matter with Property Services.

#### PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY

Question was raised regarding public water supply access should there be another water shortage this year.

The CAO advised that now the budget has been approved, a Staff Report will be presented in the near future identifying possible locations for a public water supply.

It was noted that assistance provided this year, could look very different than what was provided in the past. It is very important that the Municipality keep the public informed of their intentions.

#### MUNICIPAL GRANT REQUESTS

In advance to the meeting members were provided with information on grant applications received to date. The following grant applications were considered:

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Amount Requested 2021-2022</b>	<b>Amount Approved 2021-2022</b>
Archelaus Smith Historical Society	\$500.00	\$ 500.00
Barrington Leisure Park Association	\$10,000.00	
Barrington Municipal Agricultural Exhibition	\$20,000.00	
Bear Point Rifle Club	\$500.00	\$ 500.00
Municipal Bursary	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Camp Jordan Association	\$500.00	\$ 500.00
Cape Sable Historical Society	\$20,000.00	
Centreville Cemetery Association	\$500.00	\$ 500.00
Clubhouse Playground Association	\$20,000.00	
Forbes Point Cemetery	\$500.00	\$ 500.00
Greenwood Cemetery	\$1,000.00	\$ 500.00
Kids' Fair Play FUNd	\$1,000.00	\$ 600.00
Mount Pleasant Cemetery	\$500.00	\$ 500.00
Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Roseway Student Sponsorship Program RHCF	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Shag Harbour Incident Society	\$500.00	\$ 500.00
Shelburne County Archives & Gen. Society	\$1,000.00	\$ 500.00
Shelburne County Chronic Illness Fund	\$2,000.00	
Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve Assoc.	\$1,000.00	0
South West Nova Transition House(Juniper)	office space	office space
Tri County Pregnancy Care Centre	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
Tri County Women's Centre	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
Wesley Heritage Comm. Seniors Association	\$10,000.00	

Total \$111,000.00 \$24,600.00

#### Resolution COW210505

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that grants be approved as indicated above.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed that grant requests highlighted in "yellow" be considered at a Special Meeting of the Committee to be held on Monday June 7, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary for the Meeting