

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING
April 11, 2023

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:03 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson, Chair
- Jody Crook
- George El-Jakl (Arrived at 7:06 p.m.)
- Shaun Hatfield
- Andrea Mood-Nickerson

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

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 last meeting held March 21, 2023 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Draft Amendments to Policy 42 Municipal Grants

A revised Policy 42 "Municipal Grants and Sponsorship/Advertising Policy" was presented to members for review. Amendments include changes suggested at the last meeting.

Members were satisfied with proposed amendments and gave notice of consideration. Proposed amendments to Policy 42 will be considered at the next Council Meeting.

BY-LAW NO. 9 "NOISE BY-LAW"

Due to complaints received, it has been suggested that our Noise By-law be reviewed. The by-law was last reviewed 10 years ago. Section 3 of the by-law is very vague and wording is left to interpretation, making it difficult to apply the by-law consistently. As a result of discussions with the Municipal Solicitor a few suggestions were put forth to members for consideration.

After much discussion, it was agreed that draft amendments to the by-law be prepared by staff for consideration of members.

2ND DRAFT 2023/24 BUDGET

Leah d'Eon, Director of Finance was present for this portion of the meeting.

The 2nd draft of the 2023/24 Municipal Budget was reviewed in detail with members.

Resolution COW230401

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the 2023/24 Municipal Budget be approved, as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTINUATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Kenny Road Acquisition Update

The CAO provided an update on the acquisition of Kenny Road, South Side. During this update it was reported that the owner of the property that abuts municipal property has applied for a building permit and has also received approval from the Department of Public Works to upgrade and maintain a 1 km section of Kenny Road.

It was agreed by members that acquisition of Kenny Road not be pursued any further at this time.

POLICY 41 "LOW INCOME PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION"

This matter was placed on the agenda by Warden Nickerson. Concern has been raised regarding household income levels in situations involving the death of a spouse. It was agreed that proposed amendments be drafted to address this situation.

PETITION TO NAME PRIVATE LANE – CHURCH LANE

A Petition has been received from property owners on a private lane located in Shag Harbour. Property owners are requesting their Lane be recognized as "Church Lane" for civic numbering purposes.

Resolution COW230402

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Petition received from property owners on a private lane located in Shag Harbour be accepted and the lane be named "Church Lane" for civic numbering purposes, as requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

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IN-CAMERA SESSION

At 8:54 p.m. an In-Camera Session was held in accordance with Section 22(2)(a) of the Municipal Government Act to deal with the possible acquisition of land.

The regular meeting was called back to order at approximately 9:20 p.m.

REPORT ON IN-CAMERA SESSION

Direction was given to the CAO to reply to an offer to acquire land.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

No items were brought forward.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting