

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

August 17, 2015

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, at 7:06 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Jody Crook, Chair
- Shaun Hatfield
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson

George El-Jakl was absent as he has become a father in the last few days.

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Camping Site.
- Advisor Meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Hatfield that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that the minutes of the meetings held August 10th, and August 12th, 2015 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Members agreed to enter into Closed Session for two purposes: first the discussion of the sale of surplus property in Woods Harbour, and second to receive legal advice regarding the Cape Sable Island Elementary School. The Municipal Solicitor attended the meeting for both of these discussions.

Members entered into Closed Session for discussion of these matters by authority of Sections 22(2)(a) and 22(2)(g) of the Municipal Government Act.

Sale of Surplus Property in Woods Harbour

The first matter to be discussed in Closed Session was the sale of surplus municipal property in Woods Harbour. After completing their discussion in Closed Session, members then returned to Open Session.

Resolution COW150811

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality publicly advertise the sale of surplus municipal property in Woods Harbour as recommended by the Municipal Solicitor to ensure that the sale process is transparent and open to the public.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

NEGATIVE

Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

Resolution COW150812

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger it be recommended to Council that:

WHEREAS unsolicited bids have already been received for surplus municipal property in Woods Harbour;

AND WHEREAS Council wishes to establish and maintain an open and public process for the sale of municipal property;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that those bidders who have submitted unsolicited bids be notified that the property is to be advertised for sale through a public process.

Motion carried unanimously.

C.S.I. Elementary School

Conflict of Interest

Deputy Warden Messenger declared conflict of interest before discussion of the C.S.I. Elementary School as her husband is a local contractor who does work for one of the proponents wishing to purchase this property. Deputy Warden Messenger then vacated the meeting room.

Members then entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the disposition of the C.S.I. Elementary School with the Municipal Solicitor.

Having completed their discussion of this matter, members provided direction to the Municipal Solicitor regarding the potential use of an arbitration process in this matter. This avenue will be further pursued by the Municipal Solicitor.

Having completed her discussion of these matters, the Municipal Solicitor then retired from the meeting at approximately 9:30 p.m.

MEETINGS WITH MUNICIPAL ADVISORS

It was agreed by consensus of members that a meeting would be arranged with Mr. Chris McNeill, our Municipal Advisor, at 9:00 a.m., on Wednesday, September 2, 2015.

It was also agreed by consensus of members to meet with Mr. Paul Wills who was formerly our Municipal Advisor, on Tuesday, August 25, 2015, at 8:30 a.m.

Both meetings will be held in the Conference Room, in the Municipal Building.

SENIOR SERVICES REQUEST

This matter has been deferred to the current meeting from a previous Committee of the Whole meeting.

Senior Services is requesting the Municipality provide income tax receipts for donations received from various foundations. These funds would be provided through the Municipality to the Senior Services Coordinator.

It was the consensus of members that more information be obtained by Senior Services on whether this arrangement has been made in other municipal units. This information will be obtained and returned to committee for their consideration.

ARENA SERVICES TECHNICIAN

A job description for the Arena Services Technician was circulated to members. Members reviewed the job description and made several amendments. The description of the job is changed from permanent part-time to seasonal and the wage scale is changed from a salary to an hourly rate.

The appropriate amendments will be made to the job description.

Resolution COW150813

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Arena Services Technician job description be approved as amended and that the Municipality advertise for an Arena Services Technician.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW150814

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the wage range for the Arena Services Technician position be \$15.83 to \$18.20 per hour dependent on qualifications and experience.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLYDE RIVER MOTOCROSS

Legal advice regarding this matter had previously been circulated to members.

It was the consensus of members that a map of the property be obtained and reviewed by the committee before determining what additional action may be taken in this matter.

PERMANENT TOILETS

It was the consensus of members that a list of locations of portable toilets be obtained for the information of members. This list will include the locations at which permanent toilets will replace the temporary toilets. The list will also include the estimated capital and operating costs of making this change. This information will be obtained and returned to committee for further consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:28 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting