

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING**

**November 14, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:04 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- Murray Atkinson
- Jody Crook
- Shaun Hatfield
  
- Rob Frost, CAO
  
- George El-Jakl was not present due to medical treatment.

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was agreed that the following items be added to the agenda:

- Nancy Quinlan
- McGray Avenue
- Property in Port Clyde

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Being duly moved and seconded be it resolved that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

### PRESENTATION FROM WESTERN REGIONAL ENTERPRISE NETWORK (REN)

Angelique LeBlanc, CEO, presented to Committee of the Whole regarding the work of the Western REN. Angelique was accompanied by Mayor Pam Mood from Yarmouth who is the Chair of the Liaison and Oversight Committee for the Western REN, and Allister Surrette, who is the Deputy Chair of the Board for the Western REN.

Angelique discussed the formation of RENs in the province, the process for the start-up and structure of the Western REN, and also discussed the projects and priorities of the Western REN.

There was lots of good discussion about economic development in the region, and the benefits of partnering with other municipalities for large scale projects such as attraction, or internet improvement.

The three representatives were thanked for their presentation and left the meeting.

### Resolution COW161101

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to join the Western REN in the coming fiscal year (2017-2018)

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held October 11, 2016 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### POLICY DISCUSSIONS

#### Policy 59 - Committees of Council

##### Resolution COW161102

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to approve the amendments to the Committees of Council Policy as presented.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

#### Draft Floating Dock Policy

Discussion took place regarding the draft of the Floating Dock Policy. Changes suggested included reducing the allowable duration to 12 hours, removing the sections regarding servicing and refueling, and to add a section regarding video surveillance. These amendments will be made and brought back to CotW for further review.

### MEETINGS FOR DECEMBER 2016

Due to the Christmas season it will be recommended to change the regular dates of Council and Committee meetings for the month of December 2016.

##### Resolution COW161103

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to set a Committee of the Whole meeting for December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, and a Council meeting for December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

### VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS ANSWERING SERVICE

Information was presented to Committee regarding the implementation of the answering service. This service will allow people to reach the Municipality during non-office hours. For emergencies, or to leave messages residents can call the main line at (902) 637-2015, and will reach a person who will take a message or contact the appropriate person to address the concern.

### TRAINING SESSIONS FOR COUNCIL AND STAFF

Discussion took place regarding the need for time to provide training for both council and staff. CAO discussed the need for cross-training of staff, and councillors are supportive of the administration/tax office being closed one afternoon a month for training purposes. It was agreed

that this would be well advertised in multiple media formats each time to ensure residents have as much notice as possible.

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It was further discussed to arrange training sessions for Councillors on a quarterly basis that will occur outside of regularly scheduled Council or Committee meetings.

It was requested that the CAO have regular hours of operation posted on the front doors of the Municipal Building.

#### PROVINCIAL ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING FINANCING FOR WATER ISSUES

The announcement from the Provincial Government regarding an amendment to the MGA that would allow Municipalities to finance the improvement of water systems was discussed. The program will be similar to the PACE Program that allows for energy efficient upgrades to be done to residences. A by-law and policy will need to be discussed and developed. Committee had some basic ideas and principles that they wanted to see included which will be discussed further at future meetings.

#### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The following Councillors were recommended to be appointed to the following Committees:

##### Planning Advisory Committee

Jody Crook  
Murray Atkinson

##### Audit (will need the addition of 2 citizen reps)

Eddie Nickerson  
Jody Crook  
Shaun Hatfield

##### Joint EMO

Eddie Nickerson  
Shaun Hatfield

##### Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation

Eddie Nickerson

##### Yarmouth Hospital Charitable Foundation

Shaun Hatfield

##### Western Counties Regional Library

Shaun Hatfield

##### Region 6 Waste

Murray Atkinson  
Alternate Jody Crook

##### Joint Police Advisory Board

Jody Crook  
Eddie Nickerson

Barrington Municipal Exhibition

Jody Crook

Further discussion will take place regarding an appointment to the Bay Side Home Board of Directors, a citizen rep will be appointed to the Western Regional Housing Authority, and there will not be an appointment to the Shelburne County Housing Coalition at this time.

IN CAMERA (PROPERTY DISCUSSION)

Being duly moved and seconded Committee of the Whole moved In Camera at 11:45 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

OUT OF CAMERA

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to approve the sale of Municipal properties using the processes and at prices as presented in closed session.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

CONTINUATION OF MEETING

Being duly moved and seconded it was decided to continue the Committee of the Whole meeting tomorrow night (Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>) following the scheduled presentation from the Department of Municipal Affairs.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 a.m.

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Chair

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Secretary for the Meeting