

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

February 21, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Councillor Atkinson at 7:00 p.m., in the Committee Room, in the Administrative Centre, Barrington, N.S.

Councillors present:

- Murray Atkinson (Chair)
- Warden Eddie Nickerson
- Deputy Warden Jody Crook
- Shaun Hatfield

- Rob Frost, CAO

Absent due to medical reasons: George El-Jakl

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

Councillor Hatfield stated that he would be declaring conflict of interest in regards to the appeal of the variance granted, as the property in question was his own.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded be it resolved that the minutes of January 9th, January 16th, and January 30th be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION FROM BARRINGTON REGIONAL CURLING CLUB – PRESIDENT ELWIN SMITH

Elwin gave a brief presentation regarding the current state of the BRCC. Budgets as always are tight due to operating costs. The Club has done a lot of fundraising including the Fall Fling, ticket sales, pancake supper, rentals, and trivia nights.

Membership had been slowly dwindling, but with some renewed efforts has seen an increase this year. There is currently approximately 95 members. The Club is busy with curling happening almost every night and most afternoons.

This is the 16th year of operation and the equipment is beginning to show its age, and Elwin was here to request assistance from the Municipality. The brine pump needs to be replaced at a cost of \$9,000 to \$13,000, and the compressor needs an overhaul at a cost of \$11,000 to \$16,000, for a total cost of approximately \$20,000 to \$29,000 of work needed.

The Curling Club does not have additional resources to add to paying for these upgrades, and are suggesting that the Municipality could contribute with possible funding from a grant.

Resolution COW170201

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to defer the request for funding from the BRCC to future budget meetings.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

APPEAL – VARIANCE GRANTED – SHAUN AND CARLA HATFIELD – 49 SAND HILLS BEACH RD. EXT

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Hatfield left the committee room as he had declared conflict on this matter.

A variance for the placement of a shed on the property of Shaun and Carla Hatfield was granted and an appeal was requested. Darlene and Greg Nickerson were present to present their concerns regarding their view.

Discussion took place as to the actual placement of the proposed building, and the benefits or negatives about it being placed in certain locations. Building Inspector, Dave Andrews, was present to discuss the variance granted and answer questions of the committee.

The point was made that if the variance is not granted the building could just be moved, the permit would be issued as it would fit within the current by-law.

Resolution COW170202

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council to approve the variance granted to Shaun and Carla Hatfield.

Motion carried unanimously. (3-0)

STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports were presented to Committee for information.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR APPOINTMENT

Resolution COW170203

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended to Council that Eliza Powell be recognized as the Volunteer of the Year for Barrington Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

ELECTORAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION

Discussion took place regarding a letter received from Roy O'Donnell asking Council to support the change to the previous electoral district of Shelburne County.

At this time the committee has agreed to continue to monitor the situation and listen to concerns of Barrington residents regarding electoral boundaries.

FINANCIAL CONDITION INDEX

The Financial Condition Index for the fiscal year 2015/2016 was shared with the committee and discussed. The FCI numbers will be released publicly in the next few weeks.

PURPLE DAY 2017

Council received a request from the Epilepsy Association of Nova Scotia to wear purple ribbons and take a photo of Council wearing the ribbons in recognition of Epilepsy Month, and March 26th which is Purple Day.

Resolution COW170204

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended that Council recognize Purple Day as March 26th, and get a photo of Council wearing the purple ribbons.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

ROSEWAY HOSPITAL CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Warden Nickerson discussed the involvement with the Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation and the importance of staying involved with this organization. He stated that the minutes would all be made available once approved and would then be brought to Council.

Councillor Hatfield spoke to the Yarmouth Hospital Charitable Foundation as well, and that he had received confirmation that the process is similar to Roseway.

DEREGISTRATION OF MUNICIPAL HERITAGE PROPERTY – MARVEN AND DEBORAH STODDARD

The property in question AAN 04926773, 4733 Highway 3 – Bear Point, had requested that the heritage designation be removed in 2013, and this request was denied. The legislation states that after a period of three years the owners can proceed with their intended changes or demolition, which has occurred in this case.

Resolution COW170205

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended that Council deregister the Heritage Designation granted to AAN 04926773, 4733 Hwy 3 – Bear Point.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

CIBC LINE OF CREDIT GUARANTEES

Resolution COW170206

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended that Council approve the revolving line of credit of \$1,500,000 with CIBC.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM KIDS FAIR PLAY FUND

This request has been deferred to grant discussions during budget deliberations.

REGION 6 BUDGET

The proposed budget for Region 6 Solid Waste was presented to committee.

Resolution COW170207

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended that Council accept and approve the 2017/2018 budget of Region 6 Solid Waste.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

QUEEN OF HEARTS DORY CLUB

Discussion took place regarding the Floating Dock Policy as it relates to the Queen of Hearts Dory Club. The intent of the policy was never meant to prevent the use by the Dory Club, and due to section 2 of the policy there is authority to grant an exception to use.

The CAO will contact the Dory Club to tell them they can have two permanent spots for their dories for their season.

WESTERN REN AGREEMENT

The Inter-Municipal Agreement for the Western REN was reviewed by committee.

Resolution COW170208

Being duly moved and seconded be it recommended that Council accept and approve the amended Inter-Municipal Agreement for the Western REN.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

IN-CAMERA

Committee moved in-camera at 9:10 p.m. to discuss an HR matter.

OUT OF CAMERA

Committee moved out of camera at 9:30pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting