

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

November 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Warden Nickerson at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson (Chair)
George El-Jakl
Murray Atkinson
Shaun Hatfield
Jody Crook (arrived at 6:50 p.m.)

Ken Smith, Interim CAO
Lesla Rossetti, Municipal Clerk
Leah d'Eon, Manager of Finance

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

- Update on Recreation Centre Project
- TIR Cost Shared Paving Program 2018

APPROVAL OF THE 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 the minutes of the last meeting held October 15, 2018 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

LOST CAPE LIGHT FOUND IN NEW BRUNSWICK

As agreed at the Special Meeting of Council on November 5, 2018, the Warden has been in contact with Leigh Stoddart, President of The Friends of the Cape Light Society and has arranged for him to appear before the Committee this evening.

Mr. Stoddart advised members that the Warden has been in conversation with him regarding the possibility of the Municipality providing a donation to The Friends of the Cape Light Society to construct a building or structure at The Hawk to display the Cape Light. Mr. Stoddart suggested that maybe there could be a concrete pad installed with a dome top constructed similar to that of a lighthouse to house the light.

Jody Crook arrived at 6:50 p.m.

It was the opinion of members that if something like this could be constructed to house the light then it would become a year-round tourist attraction. It was also suggested that maybe a plaque could be installed on site stating the history of the Cape Light.

It was the general agreement of members to move forward with this project pending The Friends of the Cape Light Society providing a design and a reasonable cost estimate for the building. It was further suggested that municipal property at The Hawk could possibly be leased to the Society for construction of the building.

It was further agreed that any agreement made should include a clause stating that the structure and light would be transferred to the Municipality of Barrington, the Town of Clark's Harbour or the Cape Sable Historical Society should The Friends of the Cape Light Society disband or become inactive.

Ownership of the light was questioned and Mr. Stoddart agreed to check into this matter.

It was suggested that funding sources could be researched by the Tourism and Community Development Officer for the Municipality. It was also suggested that maybe a joint application for funding would carry more weight.

The matter will be further discussed once information has been provided by Mr. Stoddart.

ONE FIRE DISPATCH FOR NOVA SCOTIA

Dave Kendrick, Fire Services Co-ordinator, appeared before the meeting. Dale Richardson and Darrell Locke who were previously scheduled to appear were unable to attend. Mr. Kendrick informed members that he was there to request the Committee to support the resolution of the Fire Services Association of Nova Scotia for the establishment of one fire dispatch service for Nova Scotia excluding HRM and CBRM. During discussion reference was made to several times in the past where a number of companies have stopped providing dispatch services to fire departments. The Fire Services Association of Nova Scotia believe that they should have their own dispatch service the same as ambulance and police in the province.

The Fire Services Co-ordinator indicated to members that the Association believes that it will take 5-10 years before such a dispatch service could be put in place.

Resolution COW181101

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that they support the resolution of the Fire Services Association of Nova Scotia, as requested and that Council's support be conveyed to the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities, the Association of Municipal Administrators of Nova Scotia, the Department of Municipal Affairs, and the Department of Internal Services.

Motion carried unanimously.

IBPVFD REPRESENTATIVES RE: 2019 EXTRICATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

Walter Scott, Deputy Chief of the IBPVFD, appeared before the meeting. He advised that his department will be hosting the 2019 Extrication Championships, June 14, 15 & 16th and requested permission to use the Arena parking lot, the same as they did last time. Mr. Scott is also requesting use of the arena washrooms and the municipal loader and operator. The

Municipality of Barrington will be requested to sponsor the competition. It was noted that last time the Municipality contributed \$500.00 towards the event.

Resolution COW181102

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department be permitted to use the Arena parking lot for the 2019 Extrication Championships scheduled to be held on June 14, 15 and 16th, (subject to availability), the use of the arena washrooms and the municipal loader and operator be provided as requested, and that a donation be determined at a later date.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scott was thanked for appearing before the meeting and making his presentation.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Leah d'Eon, Manager of Finance, provided a financial update to September 30, 2018 for the current fiscal year.

FORMER PORT CLYDE FIRE HALL

Dave Kendrick, Fire Services Co-ordinator, was present for this portion of the meeting.

The Interim CAO provided members with a staff report which outlined details concerning the former Port Clyde Fire Hall.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that due to safety reasons raised by the Fire Chief and the recommendation of the Fire Services Co-ordinator, the Fire Chief of the Barrington/Port LaTour Volunteer Department removed fire trucks and equipment from the former Port Clyde Fire Hall. Trucks and equipment will remain at the Barrington/Port LaTour Fire Hall until Spring.

Discussion took place regarding the current condition of the former Port Clyde Fire Hall, the distribution of funds, etc.

It was the recommendation of the Interim CAO that the Municipal Council allocate the funds held in trust (approximately \$65,000) to make the necessary repairs to allow the truck bays to be functional and remainder funds be used to offset the area rates of the residents of the former Port Clyde fire district.

During further discussion of this matter it was noted that \$44,108.24 was raised through fundraising and that \$24,315.92 was raised through area rates. It was therefore suggested that \$44,108.24 be provided to the community group and \$24,315.92 be provided to offset area rates.

It was agreed that the Interim CAO discuss the distribution of funds as well as the agreement between the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department, the Barrington/Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department and the Municipality of Barrington with the Municipal Solicitor. A report will be brought back to a future meeting of the Committee.

Mr. Kendrick was thanked for appearing before the meeting.

DRAFT RESPECTFUL WORKPLACE POLICY

Previous to the meeting each member was provided with a staff report regarding the need for the Municipality to adopt a Respectful Workplace Policy. The draft policy was discussed.

The Interim CAO also recommended that consideration be given to possibly broadening the policy in the future to expand the application to others who interface with employees in the workplace.

Resolution COW181103

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the proposed Respectful Workplace Policy be presented to Council for approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

DRAFT EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE POLICY

Previous to the meeting each member was provided with a staff report outlining the need for an Employee Discipline Policy. Currently discipline is noted in the Personnel Policy in Article 22 relating to unsatisfactory performances and Article 21 "Grievance Procedures". As part of the process of revising our policy regarding harassment and the development of the Respectful Workplace Policy it was suggested that an Employee Discipline Policy be adopted as well.

Resolution COW181104

Being duly moved and seconded that the draft Employee Discipline Policy be referred to Council for approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST RE: ROSEWAY HOSPITAL STUDENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

It was reported that correspondence has been received from the Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation requesting the Municipality to participate in their Student Sponsorship Program. It was reported that the Student Sponsorship Program was started in 2012 and has been granted to four students totalling \$16,000 to date. All of these students have been from the Barrington Area

Resolution COW181105

Being duly moved and seconded that the request from the Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation for the Municipality to participate and provide a contribution towards the Student Sponsorship Program be referred to the 2019/20 budget process for review.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson

Jody Crook

Shaun Hatfield

George El-Jakl

NEGATIVE

Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

LETTER RE: COMMUNITY NAMES “CAPE NEGRO, ETC”

It was reported that correspondence has been received from Hugh Jones and Bruce Blakemore regarding the possible name change of Cape Negro. They are suggesting that residents of Cape Negro and Blanche be consulted before any change is made. It was agreed that Mr. Jones and Ms. Blakemore be advised of the provincial process.

IMPLEMENTATION SESSION FOR LAUNCHING A LOCAL PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR SHELburne COUNTY

The Committee of the Whole Council at their meeting held September 10, 2018 considered correspondence received from Robert Cervelli, Centre for Local Prosperity, and was advised of their implementation session scheduled for October 20, 2018 for launching a local procurement strategy and request for funding. At that time it was agreed by consensus of members that the Centre for Local Prosperity be advised that we are interested in attending the session and will determine from the session whether a financial contribution will be made. It was reported that no one was available to attend the session on October 20, 2018.

It was further noted that more sessions are planned for the future and the matter of a financial contribution will be dealt with at that time.

REQUEST FOR TAX EXEMPTION UNDER BY-LAW 25

It was reported that a written request has been received from Joanna Gilman-Hyde requesting a tax exemption on her residential property located at 39 Atwood's Road, The Hawk, under By-Law #25 Tax Exemption By-law. Ms. Hyde plans to create an art exhibit in her home which will be open to the general public. Ms Hyde is therefore requesting a tax exemption for her cultural contribution to the Municipality.

After considering the request, direction was given to staff to follow the current Municipal By-law. By-law No. 25 does not provide, nor does the MGA permit, a tax exemption to a private individual for their residential property regardless of the service being provided. It was agreed that Ms. Hyde be advised accordingly.

TIR COST SHARED PAVING PROGRAM 2018

Councillor El-Jakl informed members that TIR has advised that Station Road in Shag Harbour has been removed from the list of roads to be considered for paving through the Cost Shared Paving Program as it is not contained on the list of eligible roads. General discussion took place regarding the list of roads eligible for paving under this program.

It was noted that Pamela Mehlman-Shand, Area Supervisor and Sergey Averin, Operations Supervisor, of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, are both scheduled to attend the December 3, 2018 Committee of Whole Council meeting to discuss eligible roads.

RECREATION CENTRE UPDATE

The Interim CAO informed members that he would like to bring down the architects for the Recreation Centre Project to meet with Council members on November 19th at 6 p.m. prior to the Council meeting scheduled for that evening. Members were agreeable to arrangements being made.

The Interim CAO informed members that an update on funding sources for the Recreation Centre will be provided at the Committee of the Whole Council Meeting on December 3, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting