

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

October 21, 2019

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

- George El-Jakl, Chair
- Murray Atkinson
- Jody Crook
- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson (arrived at 7:06 p.m.)
- Shaun Hatfield – Absent due to vacation

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk (left at 9:40 p.m.)
- Leah d'Eon, Director of Finance (left at 9:00 p.m.)

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was agreed that the following item be added to the Agenda:

- Workers Compensation for Volunteer Firefighters

APPROVAL OF 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, 2019, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

TYLER NICKERSON REQUEST TO EXTEND MUNICIPAL SEWER

The Director of Property Services was present for this presentation.

Tyler Nickerson, Wesley Nickerson of Grand Multip Properties Inc. and Kyle Bower of Acker and Doucette Survey Inc. appeared before the committee for the purpose of requesting the Municipality to change their plans to install an 8 inch sewer lateral across Highway No. 3 near the Ground Search and Rescue building in Barrington Passage. Mr. Nickerson is requesting that the lateral be extended across Highway No. 3 near the Masonic Lodge in Barrington Passage to accommodate his planned development in that area. Mr. Nickerson has plans to develop an apartment building and mobile home park in the general area of Starboard Inn. He would like to connect both developments on one lateral which he plans to run from the Highway Right-of-Way to the proposed mobile home park property. Once completed he will be requesting the Municipality to take over the lateral serving the two developments. Mr. Nickerson was advised that any sewer line taken over by the Municipality would have to be constructed in accordance

with municipal standards.

During discussion of this matter it was suggested that one option would be to install sewer laterals across the road at both locations.

This matter will be brought back to the next meeting of the Committee for further discussion.

Mr. Nickerson, Mr. Nickerson and Mr. Doucette were thanked for appearing before the Committee and making their presentation.

The Director of Property Services left the meeting.

SOU'WEST RECREATION COMPLEX ADVISORY COMMITTEE GRANT REQUEST

It was reported that a Municipal Grant application was received from Sou'West Recreation Complex Advisory Committee requesting funding in the amount of \$5,000.00 to assist with the cost of having a business plan and feasibility study prepared for the construction of a public indoor pool. The Committee has contracted Amy Woolvett to prepare the required reports at a cost of \$7,000.00.

Members of the Sou'West Recreation Complex Advisory Committee were present for this portion of the meeting. Some members of the Committee provided additional information relating to their request.

Resolution COW191005

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality provide a grant to the Sou'West Recreation Complex Advisory Committee in the amount of \$5,000.00 to assist with the cost of the business plan and feasibility study to help aid the SWRCAC in achieving its goals of building an indoor public pool recreation complex.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW191006

Being duly moved and seconded that the SWRCAC provide the Municipality with a copy of the business plan and feasibility study to be kept on file at the municipal office.

Motion carried unanimously.

BARRINGTON LEISURE PARK ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Evelyn Brannen, Chairperson of the Barrington Leisure Park Association was present for this portion of the meeting.

This request was brought forward from the October 15th Committee Meeting where the Barrington Leisure Park Association requested funding in the amount of \$20,000.00 plus legal fees to purchase property in Barrington Passage, formerly known as the Victoria Hotel/Motel Property, for the purpose of creating an Outdoor Living Leisure Park which would consist of a scooter/skateboard park, splash pad and walking trail around the perimeter of the property.

A copy of the Phase 2 Environmental Assessment Report was provided to members in advance of the meeting.

It was reported that the Association was unable to meet with their lawyer until Wednesday October 23, 2019 to determine whether the property can be used for their intended purpose. Mrs. Brannen advised that she would provide information to the CAO after meeting with their lawyer.

It was agreed that this matter be placed on the Council Agenda for discussion.

Mrs. Brannen was thanked for providing additional information relating to their request and left the meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Leah d'Eon, Director of Finance, provided information to members on the Financial Report Summary to September 30, 2019 and provided explanation where required. She also provided a recap on capital purchases to date.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS - RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Vacancies on the newly formed Recreation Advisory Committee were advertised in the Lobster Bay Shopper and social media. As a result, 4 applications were received, one of which was from a resident of the Town of Clarks Harbour. The three applications from the municipality were from districts 1, 2 and 5. It was agreed that we will continue to advertise the two community member vacancies existing in districts 3 and 4.

It was noted that the Terms of Reference for the RAC does not provide for a community member from the Town of Clarks Harbour.

Resolution COW191007

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Terms of Reference for the Recreation Advisory Committee be amended to include a representative from the Town of Clarks Harbour.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW191008

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality appoint the following community members to serve on the Recreation Advisory Committee:

- Wayne Malone - District 1
- Andrea Mood-Nickerson - District 2
- Doug Brannen - District 5
- Laura Ross - Town of Clarks Harbour

Motion carried unanimously.

REGIONAL PLANNING SERVICES PROPOSAL

Due to the lack of planning services and the upcoming Provincial minimum planning standards, members of the AMANS South Western Shore Region recently discussed this topic and is suggesting that members prepare a joint proposal to the Province for funding to prepare a study into the concept of a regional planning service. At the present time the group is seeking Council's endorsement of such an application. If the application is approved, a funding request will follow.

Resolution COW191009

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality support the application for provincial funding for a shared land use planning service and that the request be 90% funding provincially and the remaining 10% be paid by participating municipalities if the application is successful.

Motion carried.

AFFIRMATION

Murray Atkinson
Jody Crook
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

During discussion of this matter, it was noted that the actual percentage acceptable to the Province may not be 90-10%.

SOU'WEST NOVA TRANSIT

Correspondence has been received from Renata Tweedy, Sou'West Nova Transit Association advising that they recently applied for designation as a municipal service, which will allow them to receive some tax benefits. The individual who is processing their application has requested letters from their major provincial and municipal funders to add to their file that indicates that continued funding passed this fiscal year will be received.

It was agreed that additional information be obtained from the Association and the matter be brought back to a future meeting of the Committee.

CAPE SABLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY RE: ELECTRICAL HOOK UP

The Cape Sable Historical Society want to move forward with a grant request to the Province for funding to have an electrical hook up installed beside the Kiack Brook gazebo and to utilize the area for events. The Society feels that this would enable access to electricity for events, for charging devices by trail users and visitors and potentially electric vehicles. The Society is requesting permission from the Municipality to install an electrical hook up near the Kiack Brook gazebo if they are successful in securing provincial funding.

During discussion of this matter, it was noted that the society would be responsible for electricity charges.

Resolution COW191010

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Cape Sable Historical Society be granted permission to proceed with their application for provincial funding to have an electrical hook up installed beside the Kiack Brook gazebo.

Motion carried unanimously.

STONEY ISLAND BEACH PARKING LOT

The CAO reported that three quotes have been received for clearing and levelling a 165' x 165' parking area at the Stoney Island Beach. The work also includes a 4" top layer of Type 1 gravel.

Quotes received were as follows:

R&T Excavating Ltd.	\$12,800.00 + HST
D.M. Snow Contracting Ltd.	\$13,158.00 + HST
Eugene Newell & Sons Construction	\$16,380.00 + HST

Resolution COW191011

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the quote received from R. & T. Excavating Limited in the amount of \$12,800.00 plus hst for the development of a 165' x 165' parking area at the Stoney Island Beach be accepted.

Motion carried unanimously.

WORKERS COMPENSATION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

It was reported to members that the Province is amending legislation governing the Workers' Compensation Board to make it mandatory for municipalities to pay for the coverage of volunteer firefighters.

It was agreed that the CAO gather additional information relating to this matter and that it be placed on the Council Agenda for discussion.

IN-CAMERA SESSION RE: PERSONNEL MATTERS

The Municipal Clerk left the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

An In-Camera Session was held, in accordance with Section 22(2)(c) of the Municipal Government Act, to deal with personnel matters.

The regular meeting was called back to order.

REPORT TO COMMITTEE

It was reported that the CAO provided details on HR matters to members in the In-Camera Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10.24 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

