

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING
April 12, 2021

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:05 p.m., in the Multi-purpose Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Jody Crook, Chair
- Shaun Hatfield
- Andrea Mood-Nickerson
- George El-Jakl (Arrived at 7:16 p.m.)
- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson (Arrived at 7:16 p.m.)

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Fox in the Barrington area
- Proclamation Invitation

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Being duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that minutes of the Committee of the Whole Council Meeting held March 8th, March 13th and April 8, 2021 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PERSONNEL POLICY 26 "COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT"

It is proposed that Section 2.1 of the Personnel Policy "Cost of Living Adjustment" be amended to have the cost of living adjustment based on statistics as of January 31st instead of February 28th, to allow any adjustment to be more accurately reflected in the current budget.

Notice of consideration was given that proposed amendments will be considered by Council at their meeting to be held on April 26, 2021.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO SERVE ON PAC

Members were advised that Amanda Nippard of Stoney Island has expressed an interest in serving on the Planning Advisory Committee.

Resolution COW210402

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that Amanda Nippard be appointed to serve on the Planning Advisory Committee for a term to expire March 31, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen appointments are normally made for a two year period, but it has taken approximately 1 year to fill this vacancy. The current term will expire on March 31, 2022.

REVISED JOINT EMO PLAN

It is proposed that the Joint EMO Plan be amended to update the pandemic portion of the Plan as well as various housekeeping changes relating to names and phone numbers. Proposed changes have been reviewed and are being recommended by the EMO Executive Committee.

Members Eddie Nickerson and George El-Jakl joined the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Resolution COW210403

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that amendments to the Joint EMO Plan be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

RECREATION CENTRE DESIGN

As a result of questions raised by members at the Committee meeting held March 8, 2021, the CAO contacted the project architects. Information received is as follows:

Question 1:

Since the walking track will be on a second level mezzanine, would it be possible to create an entire second floor space? If so, what would be the estimated cost?

Answer:

The building could accommodate an additional 3800 sq. ft. on the second floor, the cost of the additional space would be approximately \$1M.

Question 2:

In the design option with the walking track on the second level mezzanine, the square footage of the multi-purpose room is reduced, creating a "jut out". What would be the cost of squaring off the multi-purpose room in that design option?

Answer:

Infilling the "jut out" would enlarge the gym to 3000 sq. ft., the additional space would cost approximately \$155,000.00.

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Resolution COW210404

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the most recent Recreation Centre design with the walking track on the second level be approved including infilling the “jut out” on the main level at an extra cost of approximately \$155,000.00.

AFFIRMATION

Jody Crook
George El-Jakl
Shaun Hatfield
Andrea Mood-Nickerson

NEGATIVE

Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

SHAG HARBOUR STATION ROAD

Residents of Shag Harbour Station Road have expressed an interest to Councillor El-Jakl to have the road paved due to development on the road over the years, increased traffic and deteriorating condition.

In past years, this road has been submitted to the 50/50 Cost Shared Provincial Program for paving, but has been rejected. Much discussion took place regarding roads within our Municipality that qualify for the 50/50 cost shared program.

Information will be gathered relating to the cost shared program and road eligibility and the matter will be further discussed at a future meeting.

It was further agreed that arrangements be made to meet with MLA Colton LeBlanc for the purpose of discussing roads in general.

FUTURE FUNDING OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Correspondence from the Community Health Boards of the South Shore was presented at the Council Meeting on March 22, 2021 and referred to committee for further discussion. The letter advised that they are happy to partner with us in exploring pathways to supporting affordable housing of good quality, such as land banking, tax incentives for development and by-laws that support affordable housing and suggested we look at the Town of Bridgewater’s plan.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the CAO contact the Town of Bridgewater to obtain information on their coordinated access plan and details on how they are implementing it.

FOX IN THE BARRINGTON AREA

It was reported that a resident of Barrington has expressed concern regarding the presence of fox in the area.

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The CAO informed members that this is a private matter and not one that the Municipality would get involved in. The CAO agreed to provide members with a list of trappers in the area.

PROCLAMATION INVITATION

Chuck Smith's suggestion of hosting an African Heritage Month Proclamation in Barrington was raised. The Warden explained that the Municipality participates every year in the Proclamation at the Black Loyalist Heritage Centre and would defer to a request from them.

NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION OF MUNICIPALITIES

It was suggested and agreed that NSFM emails and correspondence be placed on a Committee of the Whole Council Meeting Agenda, each month.

Councillor Hatfield left the meeting at 9:00 p.m. due to a prior commitment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting