

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING
April 11, 2021

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

- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson, Chair
- Jody Crook
- George El-Jakl
- Andrea Mood-Nickerson
- Shaun Hatfield - Absent due to vacation.

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that minutes of the regular meeting held March 21, 2022, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Sale of Former VIC Property

Council deferred this matter to tonight's meeting giving staff an opportunity to obtain answers to questions raised by members as a result of the Public Hearing held on March 28, 2022. The CAO informed members that questions were forwarded to Oceanview Christian Academy on April 2, 2022. An email was received from them on April 5, 2022 withdrawing their proposal to purchase the former VIC property.

Resolution COW220401

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality accept the email from Oceanview Christian Academy withdrawing their proposal to purchase the former VIC property.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was suggested that the “Sale of the Former VIC Property” be placed on a future Committee of the Whole Council agenda for discussion.

Resolution COW220402

Being duly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned in order for members to meet in Council to deal with the “Sale of the Former VIC Property” and “ICIP Funding Application Re: Brass Hill Treatment Plant Upgrades”.

The regular meeting was called back to order at 7:27 p.m.

2022/23 DRAFT BUDGET

As a result of the Budget Meeting held on March 12, 2022, the following revised documents were presented for review by members:

- Budget Adjustments
- Budget Breakdown – 2nd Draft Operating Budget
- Capital Budget

Resolution COW220403

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality accepted the Operating Budget for 2022/23 as presented in 2nd draft.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW220404

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality approve the Capital Budget as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

It was requested by the CAO and approved, that “Community Health Centre” be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

MUNICIPAL POLICIES

Proposed Expanded Service Hours and Compressed Work Week Policy

As directed by members at their meeting held February 22, 2022, a proposed Expanded Service Hours and Compressed Work Week Policy has been prepared for review.

It was reported that compressed work weeks are becoming more and more common. This arrangement not only benefits employees, but also provides expanded service hours to the public.

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It was agreed that a matrix be included in the policy to ensure all departments are covered on each team. The matrix will be circulated to members in advance to the Council Meeting.

Notice is given that Council will consider the adoption of the “Proposed Expanded Service Hours and Compressed Work Week Policy”, at their meeting on April 25, 2022.

Proposed Amendments to Policy 52 “Council Meetings and Proceedings Policy”

As a result of the review of Policy 52 “Council Meetings and Proceedings Policy” the following amendments are being suggested:

- Change council meetings from “Monday” to “Tuesday”
- Change maximum number of presentations scheduled for any council/committee meeting from “two” to “one” and allow a 15 minute period following each presentation for questions.
- Note that Bourinot’s Rules of Order shall govern proceedings of the Council.
- Remove specific Rules of Order listed in the Policy.
- General housekeeping items.

Notice is given that Council will consider amendments to Policy 52 “Council Meetings and Proceedings Policy”, at their meeting on April 25, 2022.

Proposed Amendments to Policy 59 “Policy on Committees of Council”

As a result of changes to Policy 52 “Council Meetings and Proceedings Policy” it is necessary that Policy 59 “Policy on Committees of Council” be amended as well to provide for only one presentation per meeting, allow 15 minutes following presentations for questions and change the meeting day from Monday to Tuesday.

Notice is given that Council will consider amendments to Policy 52 “Council Meetings and Proceedings Policy”, at their meeting on April 25, 2022.

INCREASED FLEXIBILITY IN CANADA COMMUNITY-BUILDING FUND PROGRAM

This matter was deferred to tonight’s meeting from Council. Infrastructure Canada (INFC) has made fire halls and fire station infrastructure eligible investments under the Canada Community-Building Fund Program.

Question was raised regarding the Emergency Service Provider Fund and the importance of its continuation was noted.

Resolution COW220405

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a letter be written to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing asking whether the Emergency Service Provider Fund will remain in place.

Motion carried unanimously.

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LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH 2022

Consistent with Policy 74 “Proclamation Policy” information on Lyme Disease Awareness Month – May 2022, was circulated to members as ***“Information Only”***.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting