

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING
October 11, 2022

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:05 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
- Shaun Hatfield
- Andrea Mood-Nickerson – video conference
- Jody Crook – Arrived at 7:45 p.m.

- 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 circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that minutes of the regular meeting held September 20, 2022, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Kenny Road – Stoney Island/South Side

The CAO informed members that he has been in conversation with the Area Supervisor of the Department of Public Works regarding Council's interest in taking over the unmaintained portion of Kenny Road. Before the matter can be considered by the department additional information is required outlining our intent. The Area Supervisor also advised that no transfer of ownership would take place without taking into account the rights of private landowners.

It was agreed that direction be given to the CAO to proceed with the process. Information, including a site plan, will be brought back to committee for consideration.

POLICIES

Draft Asset Management Policy

In advance to the meeting members were provided with a draft Asset Management Policy. The policy will support the Municipality in focusing its infrastructure efforts on managing risk, addressing priorities and meeting short and long-term needs within the bounds of possible funding.

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Notice was given that consideration of the adoption of the draft Asset Management Policy would take place at the October 25, 2022, Council Meeting.

Redrafted Policy No. 38 “Construction and Demolition Debris Disposal Site Policy”

The policy dealing with the Construction and Demolition Debris Disposal Site has been redrafted. Reference to Landfill has been removed from the policy as recommended by the Department of Environment, acceptable and unacceptable items have been removed from the policy as this list is regulated and produced by the Province, fees are now set by resolution of Council, recycled items are no longer offered for sale, etc.

Notice was given that consideration of the adoption of the redrafted “Construction and Demolition Debris Disposal Site Policy” would take place at the October 25, 2022, Council Meeting.

Policy No. 78 “Municipal Travel and Expense Policy”

It is proposed that the Municipal Travel and Expense Policy be amended to require approval for travel outside of Nova Scotia, instead of the Municipality and meal allowances for breakfast and dinner be increased by \$5.00 each. During discussion of amendments, it was agreed that approval for the CAO’s travel be included as well.

Notice was given that consideration of amendments to Policy No. 78 “Municipal Travel and Expense Policy” would take place at the October 25, 2022, Council Meeting.

GRANT REQUEST – QUEEN OF HEARTS DORY CLUB

A grant request has been received from the Queen of Hearts Dory Club for \$500.00 to assist with the cost of providing recreational rowing.

Resolution COW221001

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Queen of Hearts Dory Club be provided with a grant in the amount of \$500.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION RE: RULES OF ORDER AND MEETING PROCESSES

Councillor Hatfield informed members that he requested this item be placed on the agenda to obtain clarification on the purpose and intent of Council agenda item “Report of Councillors”. The matter was discussed in detail and it was agreed that the purpose of “Report of Councillors” is to give councillors an opportunity to report on their activities since the last meeting. It was further agreed that time sensitive matters could be brought forward at this time.

Deputy Warden Crook joined the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Amendments will be drafted to Policy No. 52 “Council Meetings and Proceedings Policy” which will be brought back to committee for consideration.

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MOU RE: WASTEWATER SERVICES ON CAPE SABLE ISLAND

As a result of conversations with representatives from the Town of Clarks Harbour, a Memorandum of Understanding has been prepared to explore the feasibility of a regional wastewater service on Cape Sable Island. The cost of the feasibility study will be cost shared on a 50/50 basis. A copy of the MOU was attached to the agenda on the website.

Resolution COW221002

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality enter into the Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Clarks Harbour to explore the feasibility of a regional wastewater service.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
Shaun Hatfield
Andrea Mood-Nickerson
Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried

During discussion of this matter it was noted that the format and structure of the MOU has been reviewed by the Municipal Solicitor.

The regular committee meeting was then adjourned to go In-Camera.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

At 9:05 p.m. members moved In-Camera, in accordance with Section 22(2)(a) of the Municipal Government Act, to discuss the possible sale of municipal property and acquisition of property.

The regular meeting was called back to order at 9:40 p.m.

REPORT ON IN-CAMERA SESSION

It was reported that information was provided to members, in the In-Camera Session, on the possible sale of municipal property and property acquisition. The sale of municipal property proposal did not materialize and direction was given to the CAO to obtain additional information on the possible property acquisition.

MGA REVIEW: CONSULTATION SURVEY

The Department of Municipal Affairs is asking for feedback from municipal units on the MGA Review relating to public notices, electronic delivery and receipt of tax bills and preliminary notices of tax sales, terms of development agreements, etc.

The survey was reviewed question by question with answers being provided on each. Answers will be finalized and presented back to members for review.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting