

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING**June 15, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:00 p.m., by videoconference, with the following members present:

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

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

- Municipal Sign in Barrington Passage.

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 minutes of the last meeting held June 8, 2020, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

2020 MUNICIPAL BURSARY SELECTION

As reported at the last meeting of the Committee, sixteen applications were received for the Municipal Bursary of \$1,000.00. As agreed at the last meeting, each member submitted their top three selections to the CAO for tallying.

Based on this scoring, Isabella Nickerson was the successful applicant.

Resolution COW200602

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that Isabella Nickerson be awarded the 2020 Municipal Bursary of \$1,000.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

2020/21 GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS

A Grant Schedule was presented at the May 19, 2020 meeting for consideration, but was postponed until tonight's meeting to give more time to members to review applications and the CAO time to contact the Municipal Solicitor regarding the requirement for organizations to be registered with the Registry of Joint Stock Companies.

The CAO informed members that the Municipal Solicitor has advised that currently there are no restrictions on municipalities giving a grant to a non-registered entity provided its policy and budget permits this.

The CAO advised that the Barrington Leisure Park Association has revised their application and is now requesting a grant of \$4,000.00, not \$100,000.00 as initially requested. The \$4,000.00 will be applied towards the cost of hiring a Project Engineer to properly design the park.

In advance to the meeting members were provided with an updated Grant Schedule providing information on all requests received to date. Three organizations on the schedule are not registered with the Registry of Joint Stock Companies which is a requirement of our policy. The CAO informed members that if they wish to provide grants to these organizations, then the policy should be amended to allow this. Grants in the amount of \$23,157.39 were approved previously which leaves a balance of \$23,592.61 of the spring allocation of 85%. Grant requests were reviewed one by one and suggested approvals are noted on the attached schedule.

Resolution COW200603

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the spring allotment of grants in the amount of \$20,700.00 be approved as listed on the attached Grant Schedule.

Motion carried unanimously.

With the previously approved amount of \$23,157.39, the total amount approved from the spring allotment is \$43,857.39, leaving a balance of \$2,892.61.

Resolution COW200604

Being duly moved and seconded that amendments be drafted to the Municipal Grants and Sponsorship/Advertising Policy to allow applications from non-registered groups to be considered on a case by case basis.

AFFIRMATION

Murray Atkinson
Jody Crook
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

DRY HYDRANTS

As a result of discussions at a previous meeting, the Fire Services Co-ordinator has been in conversation with other co-ordinators regarding the installation and maintenance of dry hydrants.

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It appears that every area provides different levels of help with dry hydrants. During budget discussions this matter was discussed with fire department representatives and it was agreed that dry hydrants are the responsibility of the fire departments. The Municipality may provide assistance with installation or maintenance, if required.

PLASTIC WASTE REQUEST

Correspondence has been received from Sterling Belliveau, Mr. Mussel's Seafarms Limited, requesting permission to take unused plastics from his lobster crate repair business to the C. & D. Landfill.

The CAO informed members that this material is recyclable and is currently not accepted at the C. & D. Landfill. The unused plastic can be picked by our Waste Collector if it is bagged and put out in quantities acceptable under our By-law. This material is also accepted at the Yarmouth Landfill as well as the Queens Landfill.

After some discussion it was agreed that the CAO further investigate the matter and bring back a suggested User Fee that would cover 100% of the cost of disposal.

MUNICIPAL SIGN IN BARRINGTON PASSAGE

It was reported that concern has been expressed by Karl and Cindy Crowell of Barrington Passage, that the recently installed Recreation Complex Sign is blocking their view when leaving their driveway.

The CAO informed members that he and the Director of Property Services have investigated this matter and are currently looking for a more suitable site for the sign.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

