

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING
August 9, 2021

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:07 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 – Attended by video conference
- Shaun Hatfield – Absent due to vacation

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Debbie Mader, Executive Assistant

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following item was added to the agenda:

- Manhole in Woods Harbour

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that minutes of the regular meeting held July 19, 2021 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Request for Loan – Barrington Municipal Exhibition Committee

The Barrington Municipal Exhibition Committee has requested a loan in the amount of \$25,000 which will represent their 25% contribution for federal funding of \$100,000 to make improvements to their grounds. The CAO informed members that the Municipality is not allowed to loan funding to organizations under the MGA. The only option would be to change the water loan policy to include groups/organizations.

Resolution COW210801

Being duly moved and seconded that a letter be written to the Barrington Municipal Exhibition Committee that the Municipality is unable to loan money to organizations under the MGA and the water loan program will remain as is, for individuals.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Report back to Committee Re: Mandatory Education Tax Rate

The CAO reported that the funds accumulated from the Mandatory Education Tax Rate represent about 18% of the provincial education budget. This matter will be put on the agenda for the next Shelburne County Mayors and Wardens meeting.

POLICIES

Draft Amendments to Policy 42 "Municipal Grants and Sponsorship/Advertising Policy"

Draft amendments to Policy 42 "Municipal Grants and Sponsorship/Advertising Policy" were provided to committee members prior to the meeting. The revised policy outlines different levels of funding and requirements for each level.

Notice is given tonight that Council will consider the draft amendments to Policy No. 42 at their meeting to be held on Monday, August 23, 2021.

Draft Amendments to Personnel Policy No. 6 "Holidays"

Draft amendments to Personnel Policy No. 6 "Holidays" were presented to committee members prior to the meeting to include National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Notice is given tonight that Council will consider the draft amendment to Policy No. 6 at their meeting to be held on Monday, August 23, 2021.

Draft Electronic Meetings and Attendance Policy (New)

A new Electronic Meetings and Attendance Policy has been drafted and was presented to committee members prior to the meeting.

Direction was given to the CAO to make additional amendments to the policy relating to in-person attendance.

Draft Data Protection Policy

A Data Protection Policy has been drafted and was presented to committee members prior to the meeting.

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Draft Cybersecurity Policy

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LARGE LOBSTER SUGGESTION

It has been suggested that the Municipality erect a large lobster on or near the North East Point beach boardwalk area to serve as a photo opportunity for “The Lobster Capital of Canada.”

Direction was given to the CAO to respond stating that this idea has been discussed many times and Council and Staff continue to assess its possibility along with its other marketing initiatives.

FORT ST. LOUIS

Whereas; funding has been provided in the past for upkeep and grounds maintenance to an estimated 10ft wide right of way to the monument and a 20 sq ft area around the monument,

Whereas; Fort St. Louis is a National Historic site, that has been publicized as a location for archeological digs,

Whereas; the site is in such a deplorable state it is embarrassing to tourist, visitors, adjacent land owners, Municipality of Barrington, and archeological groups performing digs,

Whereas; it is difficult to find due to the poorly located and aged and damaged signage,

Resolution COW210802

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council to draft a letter to the Department of Environmental Climate Change and Parks Canada to ask the department to take initiative to repair, improve, and reinstate funding to Fort St. Louis in Port La Tour with copies of the letter to be sent to Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson – Minister responsible for Park Canada Honourable Bernadette Jordan (MP South Shore- St. Margaret’s – Minister of Dept. Of Fisheries & Oceans and Canadian Coast Guard and the Future MLA – TBD.

Motion carried unanimously.

END OF LIFE FISHING GEAR

On June 28, 2021, Sonia Smith, Program Manager of Fishing Gear Coalition of Atlantic Canada gave a presentation via video conference to Council. At that time it was suggested that end of life fishing gear be placed on a Committee of the Whole Council in the future.

The Committee of the Whole Council discussed the topic further and would like to stay updated on this issue as the project progresses.

TENDER EVALUATION REPORT – MODB2106 ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE RENOVATIONS

Only one tender was received for the renovations to the Administrative Centre MODB2106. The tender was from Garian Construction in the amount of \$399,970.00 plus HST. The tender also included an option to remove and dispose of the existing lighting fixtures and replace them with new LED fixtures. This option would be an additional \$29,995.00 plus HST. Total for both the renovations and the lighting upgrade is \$429,965.00 plus HST.

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Resolution COW210803

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council to accept the tender from Garian Construction in the amount of \$399,970.00 plus HST, along with the additional lighting upgrade in the amount of \$29,995.00 plus HST.

Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – J CLASS SUBDIVISION ROAD SUBMISSION 2022/2023

Correspondence was received from the Department of Transportation and Active Transit inviting the Municipality to submit J class roads to the cost share 50-50 paving program for 2022-2023.

Resolution COW210804

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that Bateman Road to submitted to the list for paving under the cost share program for 2022-2023.

Motion carried unanimously.

MANHOLE IN WOODS HARBOUR

It was reported that a manhole cover located in the parking lot of the Community Centre in Woods Harbour is broken. The CAO will contact Transportation and Infrastructure to see about getting this repaired.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting