

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING
September 20, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:03 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Jody Crook, Chair
- George El-Jakl
- Shaun Hatfield
- Andrea Mood-Nickerson
- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

- Grant Request
- Fall Clean-up
- Health Care

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 regular meeting held September 13, 2022, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

New Recreation Centre

The following recommendation was brought forward at the August 30, 2022 Council Meeting for consideration, at which time it was referred back to committee for further discussion. The matter was discussed and additional information provided by the CAO was considered. The recommendation is now being referred back to Council.

“It is recommended to Council that the Municipality proceed with Option #1, as outlined in the Staff Report dated August 4, 2022, to continue with the new recreation centre as currently designed.”

Option #1 reads as follows:**Option #1 – Continue with the new build as currently designed**

Continuing with the new build as currently designed would replace the existing centre with a new centre according to the April 2021 approved design. The current design would see the new centre connected to the arena by way of a shared foyer/viewing area and the centre would include a small meeting room, a kitchen, programming spaces, a group activity space, a multi-purpose program space and an indoor walking track on an elevated mezzanine.

The centre as it is designed today would meet our current and future recreational needs – in particular with the parent/tot, youth and senior populations. The indoor walking track would provide a year-round amenity for one of the most popular recreational activities in the Municipality and would address some of the key action items in our Physical Activity Strategic Plan. The walking track will also support school and community sports conditioning activities, particularly minor hockey and skating with the proximity to the arena. This synergy between the two facilities may provide recreation opportunities to our residents that do not exist at this time. While we do not have the final report of the arena assessment, it was clear that users are looking for additional conditioning and meeting space that the recreation centre will provide. Having a shared, welcoming lobby also provides the feel of a larger multi-purpose recreation facility that residents are looking for and at the same time streamline scheduling and registration for our users.

It was agreed that the CAO prepare a financial analysis taking into account all proposed projects, including the new Recreation Centre and Community Health Centre, for presentation to members at their first meeting in October.

NSFM UPDATE

In advance to the meeting members were provided with a NSFM Monday Memo Summary Sheet covering the period August 16th to September 19, 2022.

GRANT REQUEST

Councillor Mood-Nickerson inquired about a possible grant for the Barrington Leisure Park Association. It was agreed that the Association be referred to the Municipal Grant Policy.

FALL CLEAN-UP

It was suggested that the Municipality hold an event where people could look through “free items” before they are put out for collection during Fall Clean-up.

After some discussion it was agreed that this is not something the Municipality will be pursuing due to liability concerns and the fact that most people can now post their free items on facebook or place items in front of their property with a sign indicating that they are “free”.

HEALTH CARE

It was agreed that this matter be dealt with In-Camera under Section 22(2)(a) of the Municipal Government Act.

IN-CAMERA SESSION RE: ACQUISITION AND SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES

At 8:27 p.m., an In-Camera Session was held in accordance with Section 22(2)(a) of the Municipal Government Act to deal with the acquisition and sale of municipal properties.

At 8:53 p.m., the meeting was called back to order.

REPORT ON IN-CAMERA SESSION

Direction was given to the CAO to obtain more information on the acquisition and sale of municipal properties.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting