

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**APRIL 8, 2019**

**Location:** Council Chambers, Municipal Office

**Present:** Councillor Gilbert Boucher, Deputy Warden Brian Marchand,  
Councillor James Goyetche, Councillor Alvin Martell  
Councillor Jason MacLean, CAO, Don Marchand

**Call to Order**

Deputy Warden Marchand called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**Warden's Message re: Introduction of Interim CAO**

It was noted that the Councillor MacLean speaking would be moved to immediately following #8 on the agenda, "Items Added to the Agenda".

Deputy Warden Marchand introduced and welcomed the new Interim CAO, Don Marchand.

**Items Added to the Agenda**

Two items were previously added to the agenda by Councillor MacLean.

Two items were previously added to the agenda by the CAO regarding In Camera/Legal.

Deputy Warden Marchand requested and received unanimous consent to add an item regarding a request for a letter of support from the Barachois Trail Association.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the agenda be approved with the items added. Motion carried.

**Review of Minutes: March 11, 2019**

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor MacLean that the March 11, 2019 minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.

**Presentations:**

**a) Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve Association (Don Crosby and Teresa MacNeil) re: Forum on the Adaptation to Climate Change in Canadian Biospheres**

Presentation was delayed until the June 10, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting.

**b) Richmond County Time Bank Coordinator, Tara Paon**

Deputy Warden Marchand welcomed Tara Paon to the meeting.

Ms. Paon gave a power point presentation.

A question and answer period followed.

Deputy Warden Marchand thanked Ms. Paon for the presentation.

**c) Kevin MacEachern (Quality of Life Group) re: Information**

Deputy Warden Marchand welcomed Kevin MacEachern, Amy Sampson and Jeremy Martell to the meeting.

Mr. MacEachern, Ms. Sampson and Mr. Martell gave a power point presentation.

A question and answer period followed.

Deputy Warden Marchand thanked Mr. MacEachern, Ms. Sampson and Mr. Martell for the presentation.

**d) Cape Breton Regional Enterprise Network (Carla Arsenault) re: Update**

Deputy Warden Marchand welcomed Carla Arsenault to the meeting.

Ms. Arsenault gave a power point presentation.

A question and answer period followed.

Deputy Warden Marchand thanked Ms. Arsenault for the presentation.

**Correspondence**

**Action Required**

**a) Dan Fraser re: Highway travel by ATV in Gabarus, Fourchu and Framboise**

Moved by Councillor MacLean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that individual letters of support be provided to the communities of Gabarus, Fourchu and Framboise

confirming the municipality's support in being included in the highway trial which would enable them to travel along the highway to facilitate reaching the trail system that is now available. Motion carried.

### **Review of Cheques Issued: March 2019**

For information purposes.

### **Items Added to the Agenda**

Councillor Martell declared a conflict regarding Grant Thornton discussions.

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor MacLean that the Committee recommend to Council that the auditing firm, Grant Thornton, be engaged to review the Sundry account to determine if there is any inappropriate, illegal or wrongful activity in the account. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that a letter of support be provided to the Barachois Trail Association regarding their request for a section of road to be added to the Share the Road Pilot Project. Motion carried.

Councillor MacLean spoke regarding his decision to step down as the Warden.

### **Fifteen Minute Question Period**

Lisa Boudreau approached the Committee.

Bonnie Brugger approached the Committee.

Dorothy Barnard approached the Committee.

Gerry Burke approached the Committee.

### **"In Camera" Session (If Required)**

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell that the meeting move to an "In Camera" Session. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the meeting revert to Regular Session. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council authorize the CAO to release the reviewed draft press release immediately. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON:

CLERK:

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