

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

FEBRUARY 9, 2021

Location: Council Chambers

Present: Councillor Shawn Samson, Deputy Warden Michael Diggdon
Councillor Melanie Sampson, Warden Amanda Mombourquette
Councillor Brent Sampson, Don Marchand, CAO

Call to Order

Warden Mombourquette called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Items Added to the Agenda

Councillor M. Sampson requested and received unanimous consent to add an item to the agenda regarding notice to rescind a previously adopted motion.

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Samson that the agenda be approved with the item added. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: January 11, 2020

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Diggdon that the minutes of the January 11, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Presentations re:

- a) Strait Richmond Palliative Care Society (Dorothy Barnard/ Elaine Noseworthy) re: Update (Videoconference)

Warden Mombourquette welcomed Dorothy Barnard and Elaine Noseworthy to the meeting.

Ms. Barnard and Ms. Noseworthy gave a power point presentation (attached).

A question and answer period followed.

Warden Mombourquette thanked them for the presentation.

- b) Arichat Community Development Association (Rachelle Samson) re: Outdoor Recreation Park

Warden Mombourquette welcomed Ms. Rachelle Samson to the meeting.

Ms. Samson gave a power point presentation (attached).

Warden Mombourquette thanked Rachelle Samson for the presentation.

Notice to be Given – To amend By-Law #52, Sewer Service Charge By-Law in order to amend the following:

- Change the method of billing for sewer services so that sewer billings are based on real-time water billings rather than calculated based on the prior year's water billings.
- Make provisions for metered sewer connections for institutional, commercial or industrial (ICI) customers with water consumption that varies significantly from sewage discharge volumes
- Provide for a mechanism to adjust a sewer bill in certain instances where a customer's water consumption is unusually high due to a water leak or other unusual activity.
- Combine the four sewer systems into a single sewer system (similar to the Richmond Water Utility) to allow for a single sewer ratio among all four sewer systems.

It was the consensus of the Committee that Notice be Given to given that a motion be introduced at the next Regular Council meeting to Give First Reading to amend By-Law #52, Sewer Service Charge By-Law in order to amend the following:

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- Provide for a mechanism to adjust a sewer bill in certain instances where a customer's water consumption is unusually high due to a water leak or other unusual activity.
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CAO re:

- a) George & Gail Landry re: Property Access – Update;

It was the consensus of the Committee that Staff gather additional information regarding a draft by-law to deal with property access requests which would include the applicant's responsibility to cover all costs associated with the process and schedule a By-Law/Policy Committee for review with the Committee.

- b) Clint Samson, Revenue Manager re: Mike and Kim Noseworthy (Property Damaged by Fire AAN02497743);

Moved by Councillor M. Sampson, seconded by Councillor B. Sampson that the Committee recommend to Council to accept the recommendation of the Revenue Manager and write off taxes in the amount of \$297.70, which represents taxes on the dwelling only from August 30, 2020 to March 31, 2021. Motion carried.

- c) COVID-19 Wastewater Testing re: Update;

The CAO indicated that Staff has made contact with the Researchers and are awaiting a response to determine if the municipality's request to participate in the COVID-19 Wastewater Testing can be accommodated and at what testing frequency.

Correspondence re:

Action Required

- a) Bras d'Or Lakes CEPI re: Annual Funding Request

It was the consensus of the Committee that the request from Bras d'Or Lakes CEPI, in the amount of \$5,000, be moved to budget deliberations.

For Information Purposes

- a) Municipal Affairs and Housing, Office of the Minister re: Safe Restart Agreement;

For information purposes.

Review of Cheques Issued: January 2021

For information purposes.

Item Added to the Agenda

Councillor M. Sampson gave notice that she would introduce a motion at the February 22, 2021 Regular Council meeting to rescind the following motion which was adopted on January 25, 2021, considering new information brought to Council's attention:

January 25, 2021: Moved by Deputy Warden Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Eastern District Planning

Commission and that a 10 day demolition order be issued on the property of Lester Morgan and Elizabeth Morgan, 2011 Whiteside Road, Whiteside Richmond County, PID (75026898) and AAN (03304582). Motion carried.

Question Period

There were no questions from the gallery.

“In Camera” Session (Contract Negotiations)

Moved by Councillor Samson, seconded by Councillor M. Sampson that the meeting move to an “In Camera” Session at 8:13 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the meeting revert to “Regular Session” at 9:12 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Samson, seconded by Deputy Warden Diggdon the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON:

CLERK:
