

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

DECEMBER 6, 2021

Location: Council Chambers

Present: Councillor Shawn Samson, Councillor Michael Diggdon
Warden Amanda Mombourquette, Councillor Brent Sampson,
Don Marchand, CAO, Jason Martell, CFO

Absent: Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson

Call to Order

Warden Mombourquette called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

Items Added to the Agenda

Councillor Shawn Samson requested and received unanimous consent to add a Community Acknowledgement to the agenda.

Warden Mombourquette requested and received unanimous consent to add an Acting Collectively update.

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

Review of Minutes: November 8, 2021

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Samson that the minutes of the November 8, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Presentations to Richmond County Food Banks (Isle Madame, Louisdale, St. Peter's, L'Ardoise & Potlotek)

Presentations were made to local food banks.

Presentations re:

- a) Kevin MacEachern/Iaian Langley re: Offshore Wind

Warden Mombourquette welcomed Kevin MacEachern/Iaian Langley to the meeting.

Mr. MacEachern and Mr. Langley gave a power point presentation followed by a question and answer period.

Warden Mombourquette thanked Mr. MacEachern and Mr. Langley for the presentation.

- b) Andrew Fedora/Allan Eddy, Port Hawkesbury Paper re: Update/Wind Project

Warden Mombourquette welcomed Mr. Andrew Fedora and Mr. Allan Eddy to the meeting.

Mr. Fedora and Mr. Eddy gave a power point presentation followed by a question and answer period.

Warden Mombourquette thanked Mr. Fedora and Mr. Eddy for the presentation.

Correspondence – Action Required

- a) Jason Martell, CFO/Treasurer re: Tax Sale by Tender;

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the Committee recommend to Council that the Treasurer be given consent to hold the February 11, 2022 tax sale by sealed tender rather than public auction. Motion carried.

- b) Clint Samson, Revenue Manager re: Tax Sale Properties 2022 re: Minimum Bids;

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the Committee recommend to Council that approval be given for the Treasurer to sell properties brought to Tax Sale in 2021 that have not sold due to taxes to attempt to be sold for the starting minimum bid of principle amount owing. Motion carried.

- c) Jason Martell, CFO re: Information from surrounding Municipalities regarding single rate model administration.

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the Committee recommend to Council that Staff gather information from the Municipality of the County of Pictou concerning fire rates in regards to the administration of a single rate model. Motion carried.

For Information Purposes

- a) NS Public Works re: Trail Development and Management.

Warden Mombourquette re:

- a) National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, December 6, 2021;

For information purposes.

- b) Local Holiday Celebrations;

For information purposes.

- c) Private Ways Process – Process/Timelines;

It was the consensus of the Committee that the process/timelines of the Private Ways Process be referred to the next By-Law/Policy Committee meeting.

- d) Storm Impact Reporting.

It was the consensus of the Committee that the Warden and CAO meet regarding the establishment of guidelines around storm impact reporting and share the EMO information with Councillors.

Review of Cheques Issued: November 2021

It was noted that Councillor Shawn Samson email the CAO regarding additional information on the November 2021 cheques in question.

Review of Action Items from November, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting

For information purposes.

Items Added to the Agenda

Community Acknowledgement

For information purposes.

Acting Collectively Update

For information purposes.

15 Minute Question Period (Not Restricted to Items on the Agenda)

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There were no questions.

“In Camera” Session (Personnel)

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the meeting move to an “In Camera” Session at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the meeting revert back to Regular Session at 9:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the Committee recommend to Council that Warden Mombourquette engage the solicitor, as discussed in camera, in order to create a Performance Management Plan. Motion carried. (Nay: Councillor Brent Sampson)

Councillor Mike Diggdon declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from discussions.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the Committee recommend to Council that Warden Mombourquette and Councillor Shawn Samson move forward and investigate the matter, as discussed in camera. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Mike Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON:

CLERK:
