

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

FEBRUARY 14, 2022

Location: Videoconference

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

Call to Order

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

Items Added to the Agenda

Warden Mombourquette indicated that an item was previously added to the agenda re: Grant Request

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

Review of Minutes: January 10, 2022

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that the minutes of the January 10, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations re:

a) Dr. Kingston Memorial Community Health Centre (Board Chair, Juanita Mombourquette, Michele MacPhee and Dorothy Barnard) re: Update;

Warden Mombourquette welcomed Juanita Mombourquette, Michele MacPhee and Dorothy Barnard to the meeting.

The group provided a power point presentation.

A question and answer period ensued.

Warden Mombourquette thanked the group for the presentation.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Staff work with the Kingston Clinic to obtain and evaluate financial information and provide

an update to Council at the Regular Meeting of Council scheduled for February 28, 2022 regarding the request for Emergency funding. Motion carried.

b) Village Fitness Centre Co-op Ltd. (Clair Rankin, Marvin MacLean & Jessica Gibson re: Fitness Centre.

Warden Mombourquette welcomed Clair Rankin, Marvin MacLean & Jessica Gibson to the meeting.

Clair Rankin provided a presentation.

A question and answer period ensued.

Warden Mombourquette thanked the group for the presentation.

Councillor Brent Sampson re: Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the Committee recommend to Council that Staff investigate costs, funding opportunities and installation costs for Level 2 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations for placement at Point Michaud Beach, La Picasse and the Richmond Arena. Motion carried.

Councillor Mike Diggdon re: Louisdale Food Bank

Moved by Councillor Mike Diggdon, seconded by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson that the Committee recommend to Council that Staff reach out to the Louisdale Lions Club regarding options available and determine potential feasibility for a temporary Food Bank site to be located at the Richmond Arena. Motion carried.

Councillor Shawn Samson re:

- a) 2022 PVSC Tax Assessment Increases;

It was noted that Councillor Shawn Samson email the CFO, Jason Martell regarding additional information on the 2022 PVSC Tax Assessment Increases.

- b) Disposal Options for Electronics;

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the Committee recommend to Council that Staff gather information regarding electronics disposal options and investigate potential solutions. Motion carried.

- c) Safety Concerns for Students at Municipal/École Beau Port Road Entrance.

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the Committee recommend to Council that the municipality work in collaboration with the

CSAP and École Beau Port Administration to investigate potential solutions for safety issues in the driveways entering and exiting École Beau Port School property. Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson re:

- a) Road Conditions - District 3;

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the Committee recommend to Council that the Warden and Deputy Warden draft a letter to the Department of Public Works indicating safety issue concerns with erosion and flooding on Evanston Road and Langley Lane in District #3. Motion carried.

- b) Impact of Power Outages on Bell Infrastructure in Dundee/St. Georges Channel;

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the Committee recommend to Council that a letter of concern be drafted by the Warden and Deputy Warden in collaboration with the MLA regarding the landline issues occurring during power outages in Dundee, St. George's Channel and Grand River. Motion carried.

CAO re:

- a) Call for Applications – Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP)

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the Committee recommend to Council that the recommendation from the Director of Public Works be accepted and that the municipality proceed with two applications to the ICIP funding program for the following two projects, ranked in priority:

- Arichat/Petit de Grat Sewage Treatment Plant Replacement
- Former Landfill Closure Work

Motion carried.

Warden Mombourquette re:

- a) Internet Update;

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the Committee recommend to Council that Warden Mombourquette, in collaboration with the Cape Breton Partnership, coordinate a meeting with Develop Nova Scotia and Bell Aliant in order to gather information regarding the Broadband Expansion Project. Motion carried.

- b) Rich/PH Joint Development Commission Appointment;

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Sampson that the Committee recommend to Council that Councillor Shawn Samson be appointed as a member of the Richmond/Port Hawkesbury Joint Development Commission. Motion carried.

c) Early Development Instrument - Richmond Round Table

It was the consensus of the Committee that Warden Mombourquette contact Olivia Melnick, Regional Director at Nova Scotia Early Childhood Development Intervention Services, and extend an invitation to provide a presentation at a Committee of the Whole Meeting in the upcoming months regarding the Early Development Instrument.

d) J-Class Roads (<https://porthawkesburyreporter.com/inverness-to-borrow-more-than-4-5-million-for-two-projects>);

It was the consensus of Council that the CAO inquire with the province and email an update to Council regarding the status of the municipality's application to the province for J-Class Road upgrades and also obtain an estimated timeframe regarding a response to the application.

e) Acknowledgements;

For information purposes. It was noted that, moving forward, "Acknowledgements" will be included as an item on all Committee of the Whole Agendas.

f) Community Member Committee Expense Reimbursement;

It was the consensus of the Committee that Community Member Committee Expense Reimbursement be referred to the By-Law/Policy Committee.

g) Land Use Bylaws re Customer Service Improvements & Definitions of Private Roads;

It was the consensus of the Committee that Land Use Bylaws regarding Customer Service Improvements & Definitions of Private Roads be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee for discussion.

h) Recreational Vehicles By-Law;

Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson declared a conflict of interest and removed herself from discussions.

It was the consensus of the Committee that Recreational Vehicles By-Law be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee.

Correspondence – Action Required

a) Autism Nova Scotia re: Celebration of Autism Acceptance Month Flag Raising Ceremony – April 2022;

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Deputy Warden Sampson that the Committee recommend to Council that the municipality participate in World Autism Day on April 2, 2022 with a flag raising and proclamation ceremony and that the Autism Flag be flown for a one week period.. Motion carried.

Correspondence – For Information Purposes

a) Olivia Burns re: Bursary – Thank you;

For information purposes.

b) St. Martha’s Regional Hospital Foundation re: Thank you;

For information purposes.

c) Ocean Farming Series

For information purposes.

Review of Cheques Issued: January 2022

For information purposes.

Review of Action Items from January 10, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting

It was noted that the Warden would email the CAO regarding EMO Information.

Items Added to the Agenda

Correspondence – Action Required, CFO, Jason Martell re: Grant Request – River Bourgeois Mariners Society, Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant Funds (\$5,000).

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the Committee recommend to Council that the grant request for the River Bourgeois Mariners Society, Type 4 Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$5,000 (\$500 from District #4, \$4500 from General Grant Fund) be approved. Motion carried.

15 Minute Question Period (Not Restricted to Items on the Agenda) PHONE IN # - 1-438-809-7799 / Meeting ID: 864 7155 6191

Tina Kinslow approached Council with a question.

Mathew Landry approached Council with a question.

“In Camera” Session (If Required)

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the meeting move to an “In Camera” Session at 10:10 p.m.

The “In Camera” Session did not take place due to a procedural issue.

Moved by Councillor Mike Diggdon, seconded by Deputy Warden Sampson that the meeting revert back to Regular Session at 10:17 p.m.

It was the consensus of the Committee that a Special Meeting of Council be advertised and scheduled for Wednesday, February 16, 2022 with only one agenda item: In Camera re: Personnel.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON:

CLERK:
