

APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting – Community of North Shore

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

PRESENT:

Councillors Gerard Watts, Beth Pretty, Melody Gay, Charity Sheehan, Connie Egan, Eric Ellsworth, Peter Vriends, Jamie Rea, Derek Cook, Shawn Reardon, Justin Walsh, and Kent MacLean
Bookkeeper Sarah Pollard

REGRETS:

Chairperson Gordon Ellis

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:03pm by Councillor Vriends

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved.

Moved by Councillor Rae, seconded by Councillor Egan

MOTION CARRIED

2.1 **DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

Part VI, Section 23 of the *Municipalities Act*, which maintains that *No member of Council shall derive any profit or financial advantage from his/her position as a member of Council and, where a member of Council has any pecuniary interest in or is affected by any matter before the Council, shall declare his/her interest therein and abstain from voting and discussion thereon.* (1983, c.33, s.24.)

DECLARATIONS: *There were none.*

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the September 14th meeting be approved.

Moved by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Walsh

MOTION CARRIED

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/OLD BUSINESS:**

5.7.2 Chairperson Ellis plans on waiting until the administrator has been hired before applying for the STEP program with ACOA.

5.7.4 It was confirmed that Chairperson Ellis sent a letter of support to Marty Murphy for the Stanhope Beach Resort.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Finance and Infrastructure:

Councillor Watts reviewed the September 2016 financial report. Discussion on whether or not North Shore Community Council has to pay property tax; Gerard and Sarah to look into. Forecast November based on October numbers. Councillor Sheehan brought up applying for Canada Day Funding again for next year; Councillor Watts is going to work on the application.

Councillor Watts reported that some of the new benches have now been placed. Harbour authority had a worker helping Kaye out at the community center and with the installation of the benches. May need to put a building around the generator and put a tap in if council is committing to putting in a rink. Councillor Walsh will look into pricing for a bladder.

5.2 Recreation and Community Engagement:

Councillor Sheehan reported that the annual children's Halloween Party is being held on October 22nd. She has a to-do list for Remembrance Day to circulate; and is looking for youth representatives from each ward to lay wreaths. Sheehan encourages councillors to invite Veterans to attend the service on Remembrance Day.

5.3 Planning Board:

Councillor Ellis reports that there is no new information on Jack's way or the development down on MacMillan Rd. Ellis has asked Derek French for a report on the building permits.

5.4 EMO Committee:

Councillor Pretty reports that there was a really good turnout for the hazard risk assessment; the report was received October 12 and hasn't been looked at yet. Next meeting is November 2nd with Pleasant Grove and Union Rd. Next step is to narrow down what everyone needs to do when something happens.

5.5 Environmental Sustainability:

Councillor Egan reported that the Environmental Sustainability Committee had a meeting with Lori Cuddy, Acting Area Director of DFO, and David Hughes, Shellfish Technologies. DFO clarified the following:

- The waterways are federal jurisdiction; they do not have responsibility to consult with the Community regarding changes to the lease in the bay. Oysters can be part of the mussel lease and nothing can be done (from a community perspective) about this change.
- Oysters are better for the bay environmentally.

- An environmental study was completed in 2001 and there is no need for another one.

Summary of issues: ESC is concerned from an environmental standpoint and also from a recreational perspective (the oyster pots will cut off recreational usage in this area of the Bay).

DFO is committed to:

- Looking to see if a channel opening is possible for access.
- Having a DFO Rep present on the environmental impact of oysters on the flushing of the bay and on nutrients in the water.

ESC's current position on this issue is to gather more information.

A letter is being sent to DFO requesting the following:

- Meet with DFO rep to better understand the environmental impact as it relates to changes in mussel to suspension (off bottom) oyster leases in Covehead Bay.
- Obtain a copy of the most recent Environmental Impact Study and Transport Canada's Navigational Water approval that has been conducted for Covehead Bay and surrounding area.

Councillor Egan reported that there was a meeting between Wayne Easter and Friends of Covehead Brackley Bays Management Group representatives on August 18th regarding a proposed FCBB Berm Removal Project at the juncture between Covehead and Brackley Bays requesting assistance with identifying Federal sources of financial support to conduct a scientific study.

Councillor Egan reported that there is damage on the Bayshore Road as a result of the excessive heavy truck traffic (related to the roadwork on the Gulf Shore Rd.). The crumpled pavement in areas, marbled areas etc. could lead to safety Issues. The decision is to request for a Provincial Government road crew to come out and do an assessment. We will be contacting public works or MLA Wade MacLaughlan, or Robert Vessey.

5.6 Administrator's Report:

5.6.1 Councillor Vriends reported on the Federation of Municipalities Act Draft is being presented at the fall session for legislation; they are still consulting with stakeholders. There is an information session on the act in Summerside on October 22nd; Councillor Vriends and Chairperson Ellis will be attending.

5.7 Chairperson's Report/Executive Committee

5.7.1 Councillor Sheehan reported that there was an issue with the original search for the Admin position. Council couldn't access the e-mail address the resumes were being sent. The administration position has been reposted with resumes to be sent to the main e-mail address. Kaye's position was posted as well.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Councillor MacLean provided an update on the Covehead Lighthouse. The Friends of Covehead Lighthouse has been working on getting the lighthouse as a part of their community group. They are going to do some light repairs to the lighthouse over the fall and in the spring next year; hoping to have the repairs done by July 2017. Coastguard does a review on the lighthouse to see if they are going to operate it every 5 years. The next review will be in 4 years. DFO was going to do the work to the lighthouse; they are just funding the repairs now. There are plans to talk to historical society to embrace the heritage of the lighthouse; it is deemed an historical site. Fundraising for the lighthouse will take place in the spring.

10. NEXT MEETING: Public Information Meeting, Wednesday, November 9th, 2016, 7:00pm

11. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.

Moved by Councillor Ellsworth, seconded by Councillor Egan

MOTION CARRIED:

SIGNED: Gordon Ellis, Chairperson

DATE:

SIGNED: Sarah Pollard, Bookkeeper

DATE: