

APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting – Community of North Shore

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

PRESENT:

Chairperson Gordon Ellis

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

Bookkeeper Sarah Pollard

REGRETS:

Councillor Justin Walsh

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00pm by Chairperson Ellis

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

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

Moved by Councillor Sheehan, seconded by Councillor Rea

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 July 13th meeting be approved.

Moved by Councillor Vriends, seconded by Councillor Pretty

MOTION CARRIED

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

There were none.

5. REPORTS

5.1. Finance and Infrastructure:

Councillor Watts reviewed the August 2016 financial report. It was noted that the balance sheet was not included with the report; the cash was about \$70,000 at August 31. He also noted that the year-end adjusting entries have been posted. Councillor Rae brought up septic fix that was budgeted; Gerard noted that there haven't been any problems with the septic system. The Infrastructure Committee will be meeting the week of September 19 and will make a decision on placement of the new benches. Got help from provincial forestry to clean up the hedgerow around the soccer field, the trees were falling down. Still dealing with the extra parking lot, how we're going to surface that and how much we are going to put in.

5.2. Recreation and Community Engagement:

Councillor Gay reported that the committee met September 6 to plan the Children's Halloween party. Councillor Sheehan reported that they are going to purchase supplies for pickle ball. Councillor Gay brought up concern about the \$1,000 donation to the soccer association with no accountability. The local team didn't get 1 new soccer ball or any new supplies; they almost got disqualified because they didn't have the supplies for the sidelines. It was decided that Sarah would set up a spreadsheet for council to request where the \$1,000 was spent, and request a budget from the Soccer Association.

5.3. Planning Board:

Councillor Ellsworth reported that there is no up to date summary on building permits since Sheila left. Ellsworth hasn't heard back about Jack's Way or Kevin Murphy's project. There is concern about the stockpiling at lighthouse point and continuing to take product in. There was some discussion around the stockpile; which is for the highway at the National Park. Council decided that Ellsworth will find out what the council can do about the issue.

5.4. EMO Committee:

Councillor Pretty reminded council that there is a meeting at 6:30 on September 20th that will be lead by Rick and a Hazard Risk Specialist.

5.5. Environmental Sustainability:

Councillor Egan reported that the Environmental Sustainability Committee met on September 8th. They continue to work on the short term goals:

- Becoming more informed of the current and/or emerging environmental issues and concerns by reviewing feedback from public, existing studies, reports and other documents that present and profile these issues.
- Identifying and beginning to arrange meetings with various stakeholders to seek their input regarding concerns for the environment, getting an update on what is happening from their perspective, inviting ideas and suggestions to address current issues.

- We've begun to create an inventory of existing and emerging environmental issues within the North Shore Community based on feedback from the public and will continue to develop through stakeholder consultation to clarify the top issues and subsequent action plan.

On the admin side we made a commitment asking the community to report getting their septic pumped and their water tested; Egan hopes residents tell us if there are any issues so we can see if there are any trends. All residents who reported go into a draw to win the cost of getting their septic pumped or water tested next year. The draw will take place at the end of December.

Councillor MacLean reported that there has been some chatter that DFO maybe allowing the lease people to start putting oyster pods in cages that float on the water. The top cages limit recreational use of the bay. Watts responded that we have to maintain some kind of consultation with DFO and Provincial Fisheries. DFO told council it was only bottom cultures from now on in. Environmental Committee is going to ask DFO to come out to speak to them and to give them the information around muscle leases to start the discussion.

5.6. Administrator's Report

- 5.6.1. Councillor Vriends reported about the Municipalities Act draft that is soon to be released; the consultation process is beginning in Summerside on the 20th. Vriends will update Council on the date of the consultation for North Shore and surrounding area. Changes include how council runs their elections, the number of councillors, and year end date. Chairperson Ellis made mention that council is ahead of the curve with regards to the criteria for Municipalities. Chairperson Ellis requested that feedback on the act go through Councillor Vriends and that when responding start with general impressions first then get into the specifics. They are looking for feedback by October 7th.

5.7. Chairperson/Executive Committee:

- 5.7.1. Chairperson Ellis reported on the search for an Admin person. Ellis and Vriends have met with a couple of candidates for the position. Discussion on changing the position to grow into the CAO position. Talk of expanding Kaye's position into Facility Manager and Programs Director; both of which would report to the CAO. The CAO would report to Council. None of the positions are full time. Ellis made mention of a possible ACOA program to assist with this. It was suggested that the job offer be put into an open competition.

- 5.7.2. Chairperson Ellis reported that there are some things that could be done with the support/direction of Council towards benefiting businesses in the area. Kent MacDonald, who is responsible for directing and developing tourism in the Atlantic Provinces with ACOA, had a meeting with Ellis. MacDonald provided some information for a program ACOA has been having some really good success with. The Program, STEP, helps communities look at the strengths within the communities and brings businesses together to talk about opportunities so that they can work collectively, and then develop a plan/strategy for developing the community in a collegial kind of way. Council's role would be to support it and help facilitate the action.
- 5.7.3. There was a letter received from MacMillan Point Home Owner's Association concerning people breaking their covenants. Home owners are renting out their homes on weekly bases to tourists; other home owners are upset by this because of parties and loud noises. The Home Owners Association discussed the issue with a lawyer; their lawyer suggested they look at council's official plan. They are saying is it a residentially zoned area or if they are renting their home for business then it should be commercial property in a residential area.
- 5.7.4. Chairperson Ellis reported that there was a meeting with Marty Murphy on the Stanhope Beach Resort. She is interested in renewing that project or possibly rebuilding. She provided detailed drawings of her vision of the new resort. They would like to make the resort a year round business, make it a convention center, a retreat, as well as a summer resort. She is asking if they go ahead with the project will they have the support of the community. Council agrees that it is a good idea.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

10. NEXT MEETING: Public Information Meeting, Wednesday, October 12th, 2016, 7:00pm

11. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:22pm.

Moved by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Gay

MOTION CARRIED

SIGNED: Gordon Ellis, Chairperson

DATE:

SIGNED: Sarah Pollard, Bookkeeper

DATE: