

APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting – Community of North Shore

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

PRESENT:

Chairperson Gordon Ellis, Councillors Gerard Watts, Beth Pretty, Melody Gay, Connie Egan, Peter Vriends, Jamie Rea, Derek Cook, Justin Walsh, Kent MacLean and CAO Jonathan MacLean

REGRETS:

Charity Sheehan, Shawn Reardon, Eric Ellsworth

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:05pm by Chairperson Ellis

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

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

Moved by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Walsh

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 November 9th meeting be approved.

Moved by Councillor Vriends, seconded by Councillor Gay

MOTION CARRIED

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

None

5. REPORTS

5.1 Finance and Infrastructure:

Councillor Watts reviewed the December 2016 financial report. There is a surplus in the current budget. The Budget tracking report needs correcting to reflect the fire dues. There was discussion on funding community groups and decided there should be a policy in place that groups that receive funding report how the money is used so that there is accountability. A policy will be put in place and a letter sent to the local soccer association.

The overflow parking lot was recently paved with crushed asphalt provided by the province. Upcoming improvements at the North Shore Community Center include the following; installing a water line to the rink, shingling the roof over the kitchen, building an enclosure around the generator that includes a gazebo and adding three new benches to the promenade.

"It was duly moved and seconded that the Community of North Shore pay off the balance of the mortgage of the Community Centre which is \$16,947.46 dollars before the end of December 2016."

Moved by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Pretty
MOTION CARRIED

It was duly moved and seconded that the Community of North Shore move up to \$40,000 dollars from the operating fund to the capital reserve fund before the end of December 2016 with agreement from the Executive Committee."

Moved by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Egan
MOTION CARRIED

It was duly moved and seconded that the Community of North Shore purchase three new benches for the promenade to be placed in the spring of 2017."

Moved by Councillor Vriends, seconded by Councillor Rae
MOTION CARRIED

It was duly moved and seconded that the Community of North Shore approve the building of a structure around the generator for up to \$10,000 dollars to be completed in 2016."

Moved by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Pretty
MOTION CARRIED

- 5.2 Recreation and Community Engagement:
Councillor Gay reported that the children's Christmas party was a success. Thank you to Michael Hewitt for taking pictures and Gordon Boothroyd for the music. There is consideration of combining the Santa visit with a pancake breakfast put on by the Knights of Columbus as there are many families in attendance, the group will explore this for next year. Thank you to Charity Sheehan and Gordon Ellis for all their work on the Remembrance Day ceremony.
- 5.3 Planning Board:
Chairperson Ellis reported 48 permits year to date
- 5.4 EMO Committee:
Councillor Pretty and Rae reported that they are contacting people to build a volunteer base to be called upon. There is upcoming EMO training in the spring of 2017 through Justice and Public Safety, Councillor Rae suggest that anyone who can should attend the basic emergency management course as there is no prerequisites. EMO is invited to attend the Community of York's next council meeting on January 17th.
- 5.5 Chairperson Report/Executive Committee
Chairperson Ellis welcomed Jonathan MacLean the new Administrator. The Executive Committee will be meeting with the Administrator on regular basis for direction on Council initiatives.
- 5.6 Administrator's Report:
Administrator Jonathan MacLean thanked Councillors for the warm welcome and reported that he is familiarizing himself with what is currently taking place within the Community and catching up on past emails and phone messages. The set Municipal Office Hours will be Monday to Wednesday 8am-4pm these hours will be posted. The online newsletter will be resurrected and Councillors are invited to submit any events or information they would like included in the newsletter.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter from PEIFM was presented highlighting what is taking place with the new Municipalities Act.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

7.1 Councillor Vriends has scheduled a one hour Information Session on January 18, 2017, 7pm put on by FPEIM to introduce Council to the new municipalities act, most Councillors confirmed they are able to attend, there will be a reminder sent out in the new year.

7.2 Small Wharf situation (by Golf Course) – Councillor MacLean

Councillor MacLean explained that DFO is divesting of small wharfs and that the one located in Stanhope is on their list. The process is that DFO would first offer the wharf to other federal departments and if there are no interest municipalities may be offered these small wharfs. Councillor MacLean discussed the potential benefits of recreation in the bay. It was decided that Councillor MacLean will start the discussion with DFO to find out where the process is.

7.3 NSCC Domain name and e-mail system, NSCC Website & Social Media

Councillor MacLean discussed the option of having more suitable domain name for the Community of North Shore as well as email accounts for Councillors and Committees. This will look more professional with communication. Councillor MacLean also discussed having an IP enabled speaker system in the boardroom, this will be reviewed in the new year.

It was duly moved and seconded that the Community of North Shore purchase a new and appropriate domain name that includes the ability to set up email address for Councillors.

Moved by Councillor MacLean, seconded by Councillor Egan

MOTION CARRIED

7.4 Rink

Councillor Walsh has completed research on a bladder system for the rink at the Community Centre, there are many options available with different costs associated. A bladder measuring 60 feet by 185 feet is in the range of 750-900 dollars.

It was duly moved and seconded that the Community of North Shore allocate \$1,000 for the purchase of a bladder for the rink.

Moved by Councillor Walsh, seconded by Councillor Watts

MOTION CARRIED

8. Environmental Sustainability- Councillor Egan

Councillor Egan and Councillor MacLean updated Council on the possible conversion of a 92 acre mussel lease in Covehead bay to an oyster lease. A letter was sent out to the residents informing them of DFO's process which currently does not include any environmental assessments or community involvement. The residents were asked to voice the opinions to the Premier and local MP Wayne Easter and copy nsc@pei.aibn.com .

The next steps in the process are the committee is attempting to arrange a meeting with the Federal Minister of Fisheries (Dominic Leblanc) with Wayne Easter facilitating this.

There is a commitment from the PEI Aquaculture Leasing Division to closely analyze the mussel lease conversion to “Off Bottom”: oyster Cultures. The PEI Aquaculture Leasing Division will be organizing a meeting between lease holders and the NSCC subcommittee to work together on a mutually acceptable solution.

The subcommittee will continue to move forward with securing a meeting with DFO and pushing for a moratorium until the Environmental Impact, Social Care and Capacity Assessment and Community Economic Impact assessments are completed. The committee is considering bringing some media attention to the matter. The committee would also like to have a budget of 2,500 dollars in order to seek some expert/legal advice so that they are prepared with all the relevant information when the time comes to meet with DFO.

It was duly moved and seconded that the Community of North Shore approve 2,500 dollars to seek professional subject matter expert and/or legal opinion with regards to the Covehead Bay mussel/oyster lease matter.

Moved by Councillor Gay, seconded by Councillor MacLean
MOTION CARRIED

9. **NEXT MEETING:** Regular Council Meeting, Wednesday, January 11th, 2017, 7:00pm

10. **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Moved by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Walsh
MOTION CARRIED:

SIGNED: Gordon Ellis, Chairperson

DATE:

SIGNED: Jonathan MacLean, Administrator

DATE: