

APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting – Community of North Shore

Wednesday, January 11th, 2017

PRESENT:

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

REGRETS:

Justin Walsh, Shawn Reardon, Beth Pretty

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 Watts, seconded by Councillor Vriends

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 December 7th meeting be approved.

Moved by Councillor Vriends, seconded by Councillor Rea

MOTION CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/OLD BUSINESS:

- Is the Building around the generator and Gazebo going to be built? Not now the cost is too high.
- Is the Mortgage on the building paid? Yes
- Is the bladder for the rink ordered? No, the bladder does not work unless there are boards and that was not in the budget.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Finance and Infrastructure:

Councillor Watts reviewed the 2016 year end financial report. There is a surplus in the current budget and \$40,000 has been invested in a GIC for the capital reserve fund. The 2017 Budget process will start next week. The mortgage on the Community Centre is now paid off. The committee will review the energy audit report prepared by MCA in the coming weeks and will make recommendations on improvements for the Community Center. Funding through the Seniors Secretariat will be explored for improvements to Stanhope Place.

The finance committee will consider council honorariums and volunteer recognition in the 2017 budget.

"It was duly moved and seconded that the Community of North Shore purchase a walk behind snow blower from Vesey Seeds at a cost of \$2,000 plus HST."

***Moved by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Vriends
MOTION CARRIED***

5.2 Administrator's Report:

Administrator Jonathan MacLean presented the following report

- E-newsletter has been started again and will go out every few weeks
- Paper Newsletter will start again sometime in the new year
- 2017 budget preparations have begun
- 2016 audit will start the end of the month
- Gas tax audit has been submitted payment expected soon
- Custodian position will be filled in the next week as Kaye is leaving this month
- Ongoing committee meetings have been attended and recorded
- New Benches for the promenade have arrived
- Building Permits have been slow due to the time of year

- Municipal Affairs update – Municipalities Act Amendment -Council will vote on the budget items not the community as in the past.
- Kevin Dennis was the winner for 2016 Water testing contest, no response from the wastewater winner
- Summer student funding 2016 report completed payment expected soon
- Covehead Bay Oyster Lease Correspondence is being tracked
- Donation Policy has been completed (see attached)
- Connect to Innovate- Federal Government initiative for high speed internet in rural communities (see attached document)

The donation policy will be sent out to council for a review and Connect to Innovate will be explored in more detail.

5.3 EMO Committee:

Councillor Rae reported that the committee is finalizing the team lead positions. The committee will be meeting with Red Cross personnel regarding EMO partnerships with Red Cross. Councillor Rae will be attending the next York Community Council meeting.

5.4 Planning Board:

Councillor Ellsworth reported 48 permits were issued in 2016

5.5 Environmental Sustainability

Councillor Egan and Councillor MacLean updated Council on the request to have DFO put a moratorium on changing the existing mussel leases in Covehead Bay to off bottom oyster leases. The committee has spent a great deal of time and effort working toward this goal. The committee met with DFO on December 20th 2016 and at that time DFO was open to working with the community on the lease issue and suggested that there may be options to find a solution for all parties involved. Although DFO scientists dismissed concerns regarding the Environment or the requirement of an Environmental Assessment of the possible lease changes.

Before the last DFO meeting the Committee engaged Jeff Connolly with the law firm Stewart McKelvey to provide advice and positioning for the meeting. The committee has since engaged Barb Stevenson due to her experience and connection to Stanhope to prepare for the next requested meeting with DFO.

The committee will continue to push for a moratorium based on the Social Carrying Capacity and Economic Assessment subject that was not addressed in the 2001 Environmental Assessment.

It was duly moved and seconded that the Community of North Shore approve an additional \$3,000 dollars to continue professional subject matter expert and/or legal opinion with regards to the Covehead Bay mussel/oyster lease matter.

Moved by Councillor MacLean, seconded by Councillor Ellsworth

MOTION CARRIED

5.6 Recreation and Community Engagement:
No report

5.7 Chairperson Report/Executive Committee
Vice Chair Vriends updated Council on the upcoming information session with John Dewey from PEI Federation of Municipalities will be held January 18, 2017 in the boardroom. Mr. Dewey will introduce the Municipalities Viability toolkit and discuss changes in the Municipalities Act.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Annual Meeting will be held March 8th 2017 with storm dates if March 9th and March 15th

7.2 An open Gym will take place every second Friday throughout the winter months if the gym has not been previously booked.

7.2 Strategic Plan

Councillor Egan suggested that the Strategic plan should be part of the Community of North Shore's website. The suggestion is that the plan be posted to the website so that it is interactive and not just a static document. In regards to the Strategic plan Council will send condolences to the family of Steve MacQuaid whom facilitated the Communities Strategic planning, and also provide a donation to the Community Foundation in memorial to Mr. MacQuaid.

8. NEXT MEETING: Regular Council Meeting, Wednesday, February 8th, 2017, 7:00pm

9. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.

Moved by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Walsh

MOTION CARRIED:

SIGNED: Gordon Ellis, Chairperson

DATE:

SIGNED: Jonathan MacLean, Administrator

DATE: