



Minutes of the Committee of the Whole

Place: Council Chambers

Date: Monday, February 3, 2020

Presiding Officer: Mayor Patricia Stewart

Councilors Present: Councilors Brenton Colborne, Dave Clark, Dawn Thompson, Wendy Sweet-Kontuk and Wade Adshade.

Regrets: Deputy Mayor Rick Draper

A quorum was present throughout the meeting.

Staff present: CAO - Rachel Jones and Deputy Clerk - Linda Cloney (recording secretary)

In attendance: Jennifer Hickey – Homewarming, Jason Haughn - Municipal Advisor, Department of Municipal Affairs, and Mark Rushton – Reporter, Six Rivers News

1. Call to Order

Mayor Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Add 6.2 – Letter from Keith Hunter

Add 6.3 – Order of Nova Scotia

It was moved and seconded that the agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting for February 3, 2020 be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

3. Presentations

3.1 Homewarming – Jennifer Hickey

Jennifer Hickey gave a presentation regarding the Homewarming program. Below are highlights from the presentation:

- Homewarming is a program that receives funding from the Province of Nova Scotia as well as Nova Scotia Power.
- Homewarming is a partnership between Clean Foundation and Efficiency Nova Scotia.
- Homewarming asked Council to help spread the word regarding the program.
- This program now includes homeowners that heat their homes with wood, oil, wood pellets, natural gas, electric, etc.
- A homeowner is considered as someone that may have a mortgage on a home, a rent to own a home agreement and someone that owns their home.

- People are welcome to go to their websites for more information – homewarming.ca and efficiencyns.ca

Council asked staff to promote this information on the Town Facebook page and Town website. The staff currently have the Homewarming information at the front counter in Town Hall for anyone interested.

Following this presentation, at 6:18 pm, Jennifer Hickey exited the meeting.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

4.1 Committee of the Whole – 6 January 2020

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the previous Committee of the Whole Meeting dated January 6, 2020 be approved.

Motion Carried

5. New Business

5.1 RFD #002-2020 Police Services Review Committee Report

It was moved and seconded that the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council to accept the proposal as presented to Oxford and Cumberland County on March 18, 2019 with the reduction of three members overall in the district with the cost savings for Oxford to be clarified by Department of Justice.

Council had a general discussion regarding the recommendation from the Police Services Review Committee to accept the proposal as presented on March 18, 2019.

It was discussed that Oxford Council should build a stronger communication link with the Police Advisory Board. Also, the idea of the Oxford Police Advisory Board to join the Municipality of the County of Cumberland Police Advisory Board as a Joint Board was discussed.

Motion Carried

Mayor Stewart thanked all those who were involved in the Police Services Review process.

5.2 Department of Municipal Affairs & Housing – Bill 58: Information

Council had a general discussion regarding the Department of Municipal Affairs & Housing – Bill 58.

A copy of this letter is a part of the Council Package and has been filed.

5.3 CJSMA Draft 2020/21 Operating Budget: Discussion

Staff noted that there is not a lot of change from last year's budget. The item is for information and any request for changes should be directed through Council's representative on the Board.

5.4 Notice of Policy Amendment: Travel and Expense Policy

The housekeeping change that needs to be made is on page 4 of the Travel and Expense Policy under the heading Reporting Requirements is the reference of the Municipal Government Act from 65A to 65D. The policy will be brought forward to the regular Council meeting.

5.5 Alcohol Symposium Report: Information

This was added in the Council Package for information.
A copy of this report is filed.

5.6 Police Advisory Board Recommendation: Discussion

The Police Advisory Board recommended to Council to approve the review of the intersection of Main, Lower Main, and Water Streets by WSP Canada Inc. as indicated within their proposal, dated January 23, 2020.

Committee of the Whole agreed to consider the recommendation during the upcoming budget discussions.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Cumberland Municipal Alcohol Program

Cumberland MAP Committee sent a thank you letter for Council's continued support and participation with the MAP Committee.

6.2 Letter from Keith Hunter

February 23 is statistically the coldest night of the year in Canada. Keith Hunter is a member of a team that is participating in the sponsored walk. The purpose of the walk is to raise funds to support homelessness people and those at risk of homelessness in our communities. It was encouraged to Council members that want to donate to support this cause may do so on the website cnoy.org or contact Keith Hunter personally.

6.3 Order of Nova Scotia

The Order of Nova Scotia is the highest honour in the Province that the Province can bestow on an individual. It recognizes people who have made an exceptional contribution to their community and/or the Province. Council have been asked to promote the Order of Nova Scotia throughout our community. Staff have the applications of nomination forms at the front counter in the Town Hall available to the public. The closing date for this is March 20, 2020

7. In-Camera

At 6:47 pm, it was moved and seconded to go in-camera to discuss a personnel issue.

Motion Carried

At 6:47 pm, Jason Haughn, Mark Rushton and Linda Cloney exited the meeting.

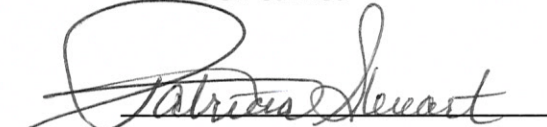
At 7:16 pm, it was moved and seconded to come out of in-camera and resume the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Motion Carried

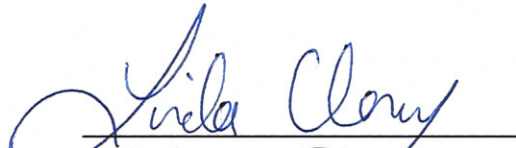
8. Adjournment

At 7:16 pm, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried



Patricia Stewart, Mayor



Linda Cloney, Recording Secretary