

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
August 23, 2022

Present: Mayor Don Clarke
Deputy Mayor Mike Trinacty
Councillor Derrick Jamieson
Councillor Rod Reeves
Councillor Chris Goddard
Councillor Ty Walsh
Jen Boyd, Chief Administrative Officer
Lisa Buchan, Director of Finance
Katie Verrette, Manager of Community Development
Tim Harding, Director of Public Works

Absent with regrets: Councillor Adam Lutz
Chantal Pineo-Atwood, Executive Coordinator

Land Acknowledgement: Council acknowledges we are in Mi'kma'ki – the unceded territory and ancestral homeland of the Mi'kmaq Nation. Our relationship is based on a series of Peace and Friendship treaties between the Mi'kmaq Nation and the Crown, dating back to 1725. In Nova Scotia we recognize that We are All Treaty People.

1. Call to Order

The Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 6:31pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

The committee approved the agenda with the addition of playground committee update under new business.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The previous COTW Minutes were approved as circulated.

4. Departmental Reports

a. RCMP

Council supported the move to one report every two months rather than a monthly report from the RCMP.

Action required:

CAO Boyd will speak to Jeff Wilson and request media release be sent to Council in addition to herself.

b. Berwick & District Volunteer Fire Department

Council confirmed that the Town is responsible for the dredging of Anthony Morse's pond.

Action required:

CAO Boyd will obtain clarification from Chief Redden regarding the access to potential water sources mentioned in his report.

c. Community Development

Action required:

Manager Verrette to ensure the three missing trail signs are replaced and installed.

d. Finance

No questions of report.

e. Public Works

Action Required:

Director Harding will determine if the budget will allow for two solar crosswalk lighting systems for placement in addition to the already purchased Town Hall and Orchard Street systems.

f. CAO Report

No questions of report.

5. Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

6. New Business

a. RFD – Policing Services Review Terms of Reference and Process

Committee recommended to defer this decision and reassess in January upon which time there will be more information from neighboring Municipalities who have gone through the process and from the Province. Without this project being highlighted in the budget process, funding for external resources to support this process would be taken from Town reserves.

Action required:

Staff to review the Police Advisory Committee Terms of Reference with the committee at their next meeting.

b. Berwick Fitness Centre Membership/Committee Update

Action required:

Manager Verrette to reach out to those interested and create a committee to support the Fitness Centre with a goal of brainstorming and supporting its sustainability.

c. Playground Update:

Action required:

Councillor Walsh and committee to develop and form a steering committee and discuss community input sessions.

7. Mayor's Update

- SEMGAR session – New Glasgow
- August 25th – AREA Board Meeting
- August 24th – Mayors and Wardens call re: Provincial Housing Needs Assessment
- September 7th – Special NSFM all members meeting to discuss bylaw changes. All councillors are encouraged to register for meeting.

8. In-Camera

a. Personnel

Motion to move to in-camera meeting at 9:10 pm.
Committee returned to regular session at 10:02 pm.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:02 pm.