



Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting

Place: Zoom, streamed-live to Facebook
Date: Monday, April 4, 2022
Presiding Officer: Mayor Gregory Henley
Councillors present: Councillor Wade Adshade, Councillor Carla Black, Councillor Brenton Colborne, Councillor Paul Jones, Deputy Mayor Arnold MacDonald, and Councillor Chrystal McNutt
Regrets: nil

A quorum was present throughout the meeting.

Staff in attendance: Town Clerk – Linda Cloney (recording secretary)

1. Call to order

At 5:57 pm, Mayor Henley called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Councillor McNutt added to External Reports 6.2 Recreation Commission – Councillor McNutt verbal report

Moved by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Black that the agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting for April 4, 2022, be approved, as amended.

Motion Carried

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Moved by Councillor Colborne and seconded by Councillor Black that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting for March 7, 2022, be approved, as presented.

Motion Carried

4. Business

4.1 Proclamation – Autism Acceptance Month

Mayor Henley proclaimed April 2022 as Autism Acceptance Month throughout the Town of Oxford and encourage all citizens to recognize the Autistic individuals/people with autism, family members, caregivers, educators, and other professionals who strive to make Nova Scotia an inclusive and accessible place for us all to call home.

A copy of the signed proclamation has been filed with the Council Package

4.2 Phased In Assessment Agreement – GJDE Enterprises Ltd.

The Town adopted By-Law No. 01-2018, cited as the “Commercial Development District Improvement Plan By-Law” (CDDI By-law), a partial rebate program consisting of annual rebates to participating owners who undertake development on eligible property in the Central Development District.

GJDE Enterprises Ltd. is the owner of an eligible property that is located within the Commercial Development District and has applied to the Town for participation in the Development Support Program for the property at 36D Water Street, Oxford, NS.

Moved by Councillor Adshade and seconded by Councillor Jones to recommend to Town Council to enter into a Phased-In Assessment Agreement with GJDE Enterprises Ltd. as described in the Bylaw #01-2018 Commercial Development District Improvement Plan Bylaw.

Motion Carried

4.3 Phased In Assessment Agreement – Oxford Frozen Foods Limited

The Town adopted By-Law No. 01-2018, cited as the “Commercial Development District Improvement Plan By-Law” (CDDI By-law), a partial rebate program consisting of annual rebates to participating owners who undertake development on eligible property in the Central Development District.

Oxford Frozen Foods Limited is the owner of an eligible property that is located within the Commercial Development District and has applied to the Town for participation in the Development Support Program for the property at 4967 Main Street, Oxford, NS.

Moved by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Colborne to recommend to Town Council to enter into a Phased-In Assessment Agreement with Oxford Frozen Foods Limited as described in the Bylaw #01-2018 Commercial Development District Improvement Plan Bylaw.

Motion Carried

5. Internal Reports

5.1 Public Works Report

Councillor McNutt asked if the removal of the ice and installing and removing the mud in the arena will be a continued responsibility for the Town or will it transfer over to the Arena Association. The expectation of Council is that the Arena Association will be taking over this responsibility.

The report is included in the Council package.

5.2 Fire Department Report

It was noted in the report that Fire Departments will be receiving a one-time grant of \$10,000 from the Provincial Government to go towards gear or whatever is needed.

Councillor Jones asked as to when the mutual aid contract expires with the County. This agreement was made on the 1st day of April 2008 and the term was for 15 years, expiring on March 31, 2023.

The report is included in the Council package

5.3 Administration Department Report

The report is included in the Council package

Moved by Councillor Adshade and seconded by Councillor Black to accept the internal reports as presented.

Motion Carried

6. External Reports – include in the package is the Boards & Committees List for reference

6.1 Solid Waste Management Report

Staff reported that since this report was drafted it was reported to the staff that the Landfill did an audit, and they have concern with regards to Oxford's sorting. 75% of the public are sorting properly, but there are still some people not sorting properly. There are bags of mixed waste, recycling not sorted and being thrown in the wrong bins.

Due to the recent event the enforcement officer will be assisting staff at the Oxford Transfer Site to educate the public as to how to properly sort their garbage.

Solid Waste Hotline number is 902-667-5141, accepts all inquiries with regards to Solid Waste.

Councillor Colborne asked the staff to pass out sorting guides to the public as they enter the transfer site.

Councillor Jones asked if they conducted an actual curbside that the Landfill picks up? Staff replied that they audit all garbage and recyclables that come into the landfill. It is easier to refuse a bag at curbside than to refuse multiply car/truck loads at the Transfer Site that come in together.

The report is included in the Council package

6. Recreation Commission – Councillor McNutt – verbal report

The Recreation Commission reported that Earth Day falls on April 22nd this year. They have organized the same kind of social media blitz event as last year in which the public is encouraged to pick up garbage and take pictures. Send the pictures to Councillor McNutt cmcnutt@oxfordns.ca and she will post them on the facebook site. Prizes to be awarded as a draw to those that submit pictures of their clean up. This will be a weeklong event from April 25 – April 29.

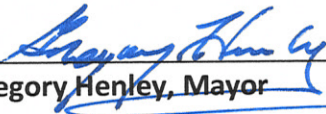
The Recreation Commission sends out a huge thank you to Al and Maxine Clarke as they have already started with cleanup projects throughout the town.

Moved by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor McNutt to accept the external reports as presented.

7. Adjournment

At 6:21 pm, it was moved by Councillor Colborne that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried



Gregory Henley, Mayor



Linda Cloney, Recording Secretary