COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
May 13, 2024

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held in Council Chambers in Baddeck, on May 13, 2024, at 5:00pm with Deputy Warden Dauphinee in the Chair.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

District #1- Paul MacNeil

District #2- Perla MacLeod

District #3- Bruce Morrison, Warden

District #4 – Barbara Longva

District #6 – Larry Dauphinee, Deputy Warden

District #7- Jackie Organ

District #8- Norman MacDonald

STAFF PRESENT

Leanne MacEachen, CAO

Stephanie MacLeod, Recorder

Jennifer Dagsvik, Communications

ABSENT

District #5 – Fraser Patterson

Deputy Warden Dauphinee welcomed everyone and acknowledged that this meeting is being held in Unama'ki, one of seven traditional districts of Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaw People.

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Warden Dauphinee called the meeting to order.

On Motion of Warden Morrison seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the Agenda for May 13th, 2024, be approved.

Motion Carried.

On Motion of Councillor MacDonald seconded by Councillor MacLeod that the Minutes for April 23, 2024, be approved.

Motion Carried.

UPLAND UPDATE – NATHAN MACLEOD

Mr. MacLeod had a discussion with Council for the following considerations:

- Reconsider how we permit accommodations in the most rural zones (i.e. Rural General RG, Agriculture Potential AP, Hamlet Residential Zone HR). Specifically, requested to take the same approach as Richmond in allowing up to 3 rental units as a main use on a property. In our current draft we only permit them as home-based businesses in these zones.

There was discussion on short term rentals and options available to consider for the planning document.

Council recommended to adopt the same as Richmond County and allow the 3 units in RG, AP, and HR zones.

In favour of this recommendation were: Councillor Organ, Deputy Warden Dauphinee, Warden Morrison, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor MacNeil, and Councillor Longva.

Opposed: Councillor MacLeod

PROVINCIAL PROGRAMS PRESENTATION – DIANNE TIMMINS

Ms. Timmins went over the following presentation found in the link below:

Senior Support for Individuals and Groups.pdf

It offered several programs that are currently available for residents.
Some Highlights:

- The Province is starting to open their lands to combat homelessness and building homes on them.
- Some municipalities buy land and houses at tax sales instead of selling them off to provide housing.

Councillor MacLeod requested more information for young family supports and Ms. Timmins said she can send some information to Councillor MacLeod.

VOLUNTEER AWARD SELECTION – CHRIS WOODFORD

Mr. Woodford went over the nominations previously sent to Council for nominations.

Council needs to get back to Mr. Woodford in 48 hours (end of day Wednesday, May 15th)

OTHER

CAO MacEachen discussed the EOI for the Municipal Building and it is now closed, and three (3) submissions were received.

CAO MacEachen is requesting that Council make a recommendation that we hire a consultant to do a thorough plan on future options for a Municipal Administration building.

Warden Morrison asked Council if they want to make this decision with 5 months left to go before the election or should it wait until the new Council is elected.

Councillor MacLeod said it's not us deciding yet, we want to hear the options that a consultant will present.

Warden Morrison made a recommendation to direct CAO MacEachen to hire a consultant to lead the design, tendering and construction of a new build or the renovation of the current building.

Costs for renovations to the current building were presented before Covid so Council requested to get updated costs.

NEXT MEETING

Next Committee of the Whole meeting is June 18, 2024.

ADJOURN

Councillor MacNeil called to adjourn at 7:02pm