

Regular Camera Council Meeting
October 19, 2020
Location: Various Via Zoom

Present

Mayor L. Chisholm
Deputy Mayor M. Farrell
Councillor W. Cormier
Councillor A. Murray
Councillor D. MacInnis
Councillor D. Roberts

Also Present

J. Lawrence, CAO
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk
M. Barkhouse, Corporate Services
K. Gorman, Communications
K. Proctor, P.Eng.
S. Scannell, Community Development

Media

Delegates

Call to Order

Mayor L. Boucher called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Approval of Agenda

"It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Agenda as amended." Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

"It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Minutes of the In Camera and Regular Council meetings of September 21st, September 28th Special Council (Audit Committee), October 2nd EPoll Minutes and October 13, 2020 In Camera meeting." Motion carried.

Business from Minutes

- Strait Area Ground Search and Rescue Re: Previous Request for Financial Assistance
Mayor L. Boucher spoke briefly to the financial request. Council was advised of a recommendation by CAO J. Lawrence.

"It was Moved and Seconded that \$2,500.00 be granted to Strait Area Ground Search and Rescue from Council's discretionary funds." Motion carried.

- Dog Park (Councillor W. Cormier)
Councillor W. Cormier spoke to the recent opening of the park which has led to other issues, particularly traffic coming in and out of the driveway to the Club 60 parking lot.

CAO J. Lawrence referred the matter to S. Scannell, who noted that as a new facility staff are reviewing parking and he provided details on moving the entrance and working on a signage plan to redirect people coming to the dog park in vehicles to the St. Andrew's Street parking lot. He assured Council that the matter is being looked at and that it is a high priority for staff.

Brief discussion took place on Columbus Field with Mayor L. Boucher noting that the accessible swing has now been installed.

- HOWE Club (Councillor D. Roberts)

Councillor D. Roberts noted she had received correspondence from the HOWE Club requesting Council pardon their taxes and provided comment.

CAO J. Lawrence provided comment on past contributions to the HOWE Club and details were provided on another organization willing to partner with the HOWE Club for the taxes to be paid.

“It was Moved and Seconded that \$867.16 be granted to the Knights of Columbus from Council’s discretionary funds.” Motion carried.

- Reconciling of Electronic Ticketing Cost Allocations

CAO J. Lawrence provided background details.

“It was Moved and Seconded to transfer \$25,167.35 from operational reserves to current revenues to provide final payment electronic ticketing and case management costs.” Motion carried.

- Waste Receptacles (D. Roberts)

Councillor D. Roberts referred to past discussions and a motion to purchase and install waste receptacles in the area of Braemore Avenue and questioned the status of the issue.

CAO J. Lawrence provided some detail and requested comment from K. Proctor who indicated that there are currently approximately 35 litter cans and provided details on collection and the materials being placed in some of the receptacles and provided comment on appropriate locations and being lockable. Council was provided with details on sorting stations and costs associated with litter cans and collection.

Various Councillors provided comment, with K. Proctor responding.

CAO J. Lawrence stated that staff would look at contracting out services for emptying the litter cans during the upcoming budget deliberations. It was generally agreed to relocate two waste receptacles to the area of Braemore Drive.

New Business

There was no New Business.

Correspondence

- B. Cullen, Mun. of Pictou County Re: Covid-19 Community Rinks Funding
Mayor L. Boucher referred to the correspondence from Pictou County. CAO J. Lawrence suggested that the Town write a letter in support of Pictou County’s position.

“It was Moved and Seconded to write a letter in support of the October 7th letter from Pictou County to the Province.” Motion carried.

Staff Reports

- CAO Report

CAO J. Lawrence responded to questions from Council regarding the CAO Report

Councillor A. Murray referred to a previous request for additional information from the Eastern District Planning Commission regarding details on the monthly building permit report and was advised by CAO J. Lawrence that there are some additional fields of information that could be provided. He further noted that Eastern District Planning Commission can only provide so much detail as they must also provide the same level of service to their other municipal entities.

“It was Moved and Seconded to accept the CAO report as presented.” Motion carried.

Committee Reports

- Fire Committee

Councillor W. Cormier indicated a meeting of the Fire Committee is to be held in the near future.

- Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee

Councillor A. Murray provided comment on a Council/Beautification Committee meeting with B. McKee at Chisholm Park, and expressed his thanks to B. McKee for the level of service he continues to provide.

- Police & License Committee

Councillor D. Roberts indicated that the Police & License Committee did not meet in October.

- Accessibility Committee

Councillor D. MacInnis noted the accessible swing is in place at Columbus Field and that he had received word from G. Kell that an issue near the Credit Union had been rectified.

- Recreation Committee

Deputy Mayor M. Farrell noted that the Recreation Committee did not meet in October and took the opportunity to thank staff for their assistance over the past four (4) years.

- Planning Advisory Committee

Mayor L. Boucher encouraged Council to reach out to the Chair or Director of Eastern District Planning Association should they have questions on any developments.

Mayor L. Boucher noted that the Town and County will have Halloween as recommended by Dr. Strang and the Department of Health and spoke further to the matter. Mayor L. Boucher displayed posters available for those who are and are not participating in Halloween this year and encouraged Council to direct people to the Town's website.

K. Gorman noted that printed copies are available at both Town Hall and the Municipal Building.

Correspondence

- Waste Reduction Week in Canada.

Mayor L. Boucher read a declaration committing to waste reduction and recognizing Waste Reduction Week – October 19-25, 2020.

Mayor L. Boucher congratulated everyone coming back for another four years. She acknowledged Councillor J. MacPherson for everything he had done over the past sixteen (16) years.

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 PM.

