

A meeting of Committee of the Whole was held on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, beginning at 6:00 PM in Council Chamber.

Present: Mayor Donald Hussher
Deputy Mayor VJ Earle- Chair
Councillor Steven Cotter
Councillor Heather Head
Alanna MacDonald – CAO

Regrets: Councillor Nicole LeBlanc

Call to Order by Deputy Mayor Earle

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Cotter

Seconded by Councillor Head

To accept the Agenda as presented with the addition to Other Business of:

- Correspondence from the Morash Family

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Head

Seconded by Mayor Hussher

That the Minutes of February 28, 2023, be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

No Business Arising from the Minutes

Other Business

The Mentoring Plus Strategy- Pictou County Age Friendly Community Plan

The Pictou County Age Friendly Community (AFC) Plan was developed to help local governments respond to issues and enhance access to services to help meet the needs of an aging population. The Mentoring Plus Strategy would like all Municipalities in Pictou County to adopt the AFC Plan, provide funding and include Municipal staff/Council on their committee. To approve the information as received and discuss at budget time.

Draft Outdoor Fires Bylaw

Moved by Councillor Head

Seconded by Mayor Hussher

Discussion on the Outdoor Fires Bylaw drafted to replace the existing Fire Prevention Bylaw. The current draft has been reviewed by the Police Chief, Fire Chief and Town Solicitor who have all agreed with contents of the bylaw. The burn permit fee section will be removed from the draft bylaw and a policy will be drafted to allow for future changes to the fees as needed. To approve a notice of intention to bring the Outdoor Fires Bylaw to April Council meeting for first reading.

Motion carried.

Correspondence from the Morash Family

Thank you card from Robin & Marion Morash regarding the celebration of their 50th Anniversary.

Round Table

- Councillor Head thanked the CAO for cleanup begun at an unsightly premises.
- Mayor Hussher received a call regarding to the great job done cleaning up the Hurricane Fiona debris at Trenton Park and inquired about the wood that was removed and if the Town is compensated. The CAO confirmed the wood collected will offset the cost of the debris removal invoice for the Town. The Airport Route Trail and an interior trail at Trenton Park are left to be cleared.
- Deputy Mayor Earle received a few calls from residents regarding water quality, calcium buildup and white spots when dried. The Water Utility Manager has followed up on some small complaints.
- Councillor Cotter mentioned some streets have a lot of potholes already and requested to look into increasing the patching budget for the new fiscal year. Deputy Mayor Earle stated the issue was discussed at the recent Asset Management Meeting.

Residents

- Robin Morash relayed his concern about the microphone quality and asked Council to speak directly into their microphones. He thanked Council for the flowers received from the Town for their 50th Anniversary. He also raised concerns about being at Trenton Park and believes the smaller trails do not need larger machines to complete the debris cleanup.

Moved by Councillor Cotter
Seconded by Councillor Head
To move into "In Camera"

Councillor Cotter excused himself from the remainder of the meeting.

Moved by Councillor Head
Seconded by Mayor Hussher
To move out of "In Camera"
Motion carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Head
That the meeting be adjourned.
Meeting adjourned at 7:03PM

VJ Earle
Deputy Mayor

Alanna MacDonald
Chief Administrative Officer