



Mulgrave
NOVA SCOTIA
Town of Mulgrave
Council Meeting Minutes
Feb 20th 2018

Present: Mayor Hadley, Deputy Mayor Brophy, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Russell, CAO Jim Davis
Regrets: Councillor Snow

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Mayor Hadley.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by C’lr D/M Brophy and seconded by C’lr Chisholm that the agenda be approved as circulated with the following additions

- Water problem residence Loggie Street
- Duck Pond
- Truck C7500 2008 Ford

Motion Carried

3. Minutes

Moved by C’lr Chisholm and seconded by C’lr Russell that the minutes of Feb 5th,2018 be approved as presented .

Motion Carried

4. Reports

Financial Report Rec’d and reviewed

Recreation report focused on Seniors Citizens activities, grant applications ,Winter Carnival and Scotia Days preparations. As well, volunteer recognition awards nominations have been received and the successful nominee will be honored at a ceremony in Halifax in April.

Public Works report noted heavy use of salt this year due to type of weather, freezing hydrant problem and the receipt of our new plow/dump truck.It was noted that heavy truck usage has caused wear and tear on the road. Officials have been spoken to about this and weight restrictions are now being adhered to and will continue.

Waste treatment report noted daily duties, receipt of new storage shed and Main St building flooding during wet weather

Water treatment report noted daily duties, programming of new booster pumps , installation of new pressure gauge, removal of tree due to communication issues ,repairs at old treatment plant

as well as a number of distribution issues with customers. Also noted was the need to decide on the future of the 'old' water plant after the new one is commissioned.

5. New Business/Correspondence

A presentation was made by Strait Area Ground Search and Rescue Association. Council to consider donation request during the Town's budget sessions for 2018 2019.

Moved by C'Ir Russell and seconded by D/M Brophy that the following resolution be approved as presented .

FUNDING TO ASSIST IN REDEVELOPMENT OR DEMOLITION OF SURPLUS SCHOOL BUILDINGS (earlier submitted and passed- Resolution 1B UNSM-Fall 2015)

WHEREAS under legislation ,school boards have control and management of school buildings until they are declared surplus to the board's needs, and once a school board no longer needs a school building to deliver the educational program, one of two scenarios occurs:

1. Generally, schools built before 1982 revert to the municipality in which they are situated, and which holds the title to the land and building
2. Schools built after 1982 are constructed and owned by the province and the province regains control of the property when the school closes. In such instances Municipalities in which the surplus schools are situated, have an opportunity to have the properties turned over to them by the province; and

WHEREAS with declining enrolments in most rural Nova Scotian communities, municipal governments are being approached or are required to accept the turnover of schools that have become surplus and thereby assume responsibility for ownership, maintenance, operation and repurposing/redevelopment or demolition and potentially, environmental remediation; and

WHEREAS there is more and more pressure being placed on municipal governments to fund an increasing number of different services, projects and activities for the betterment of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS municipal governments are seeing, especially in rural Nova Scotia, declining opportunities for revenue generation apart from increasing property taxes; and

WHEREAS it should not be the intent of any level of government to place any financial burden onto another level of government;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UNSM engage in discussions with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal and the Department of Municipal Affairs, to set in place a process wherein when a surplus educational structure and related property has been or will be turned over to a municipal unit that there will be sufficient funding to assist in the potential future re-development or demolition of said building and related property, including but not limited to environmental remediation costs.

Motion carried

Council requested that copies of this resolution be forwarded to
Jeff Cantwell, Chairman Towns Caucus ,UNSM
Betty MacDonald , Executive Director UNSM
Hon.Lloyd Hines MLA
Hon Derek Mombourquette, Minister of Municipal Affairs
Premier Stephen MacNeil

Request to Close portion of Stafford Street and Spring Street

Council agreed to ask our solicitor to proceed with the closing of the street process stipulating that all costs relating to the closing process be borne by the party seeking the closing .

Tax Sale Property Review

Moved by C’lr Chisholm and seconded by C’lr Russell that the Town of Mulgrave submit a tender at the minimum bid amount for properties identified in the Feb 21 ,2018 tax sale advertisement as properties #’d 2(Selvon)#’d 3(Kawaja)#’d 5 (Meagher) but that if a valid tender is received on any of these properties that the Town will withdraw its tender.

Motion Carried

Future use of School.

Moved by C’lr Chisholm and seconded by C’lr Russell that the Town obtain quotes from the two engineering firms who we have standing offers with the Town for the purpose of estimating the costs of demolition, and or repurposing and or repairing Mulgrave Memorial School.

Motion Carried

6. Additions to Agenda

Duck Pond

C’lr Chisholm brought up the matter of a complaint he received about the cleanliness of the Duck Pond. He noted to the individual that the weather makes it very difficult to clean up winter litter at this time of year and that he fully expected the park volunteers will continue, as they have done for many years, to keep the park tidy when the weather permits.

For Sale by Tender

Moved by D/M Brophy and sec’d by C’lr Chisholm that we issue a tender to sell the 2008 GMC Topkick C7500.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

Moved by C’lr Russell and sec’d by C’lr Chisholm that the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried

Minutes approved by:

Minutes recorded by:

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Mayor Ralph Hadley**

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CAO Jim Davis**

