



ATTENDING

Mayor Jeff Cantwell, Deputy Mayor Wendy Donovan, Councillor David Mangle, Councillor Hugh Simpson, Councillor Carl Oldham, Councillor Mercedes Brian, Chief Administrative Officer Erin Beaudin, and Recording Secretary Dan Stovel

ALSO ATTENDING

Director Public Works & Parks Kevin Kerr, Director Community Development Chrystal Fuller, Manager Economic Development Ericka Wicks, and interested members of the public

LATE ARRIVAL

Councillor Hugh Simpson

CALL TO ORDER

Chair called the meeting to order at 2:33 pm

1. AGENDA APPROVAL

15-05-16 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED

Amendment:

- Addition of item 5f Discussion: Fluoridated Water

THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED WITH THE ABOVE NOTED CHANGE

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes from the May 3, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting postponed until the June 7, 2016 regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole

2:36pm Councillor Hugh Simpson arrived

3. MICHAEL LIGHTFOOT REQUEST DISCUSSION

Over the past year, Wolfville Town Council has given consideration to a request from Michael Lightfoot to extend water and sewer services to Lightfoot & Wolfville Vineyards, which is located just outside the Town border on the east end of Town. In September 2015, Council passed a motion to rescind a motion from April 2015 that directed staff to commence a review of the existing Servicing Moratorium. At that same meeting, Council referred further consideration of this matter to the 2016-17 budget deliberations. During the 2016-17 budget deliberations, it was decided not to include a review of the Servicing Moratorium in the 2016-17 Operations Plan.

On April 26, 2016, the Town received a request from Michael Lightfoot asking Council to reconsider its position. On May 3, 2016, Michael Lightfoot followed up with his letter and presented to Committee of the Whole. As of this request, staff are seeking direction from Council as to whether or not they would like to consider their position and what additional information, if any, is required to be provided to Council by staff.

Issue put before Committee of the Whole to seek direction from Council with regards to the extension of services, and whether or not Council wants this issue to be further looked into.



16-06-16 IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FORWARD THE FOLLOWING MOTION TO COUNCIL FOR DECISION: THAT COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO COMPLETE A REVIEW OF THE MORATORIUM FOR THE EXTENSION OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICES OUTSIDE OF TOWN BOUNDARIES AT A COST OF UP TO \$20,000, TO COME FROM OPERATING RESERVES

CARRIED

4. PRESENTATIONS (GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS)

- Under the new Grants to Organizations Policy 710-003, three new grants streams were approved by Council:
 - 1) Strategic Partnership Program,
 - 2) Community Partnership Program, and
 - 3) One-time Requests
- As part of the Grants to Organization Policy, there is an Appeals process that has been built in

a. SPP Appeals

- Those organizations awarded funds under the Strategic Partnership Program (SPP) were identified, as well as overviews of unsuccessful applicants denied funding under the SPP for fiscal year 2016/17
- Strategic Partners identified under Schedule A of the Grants to Organizations Policy 710-003, will receive the same amount of annual funding until March 31, 2021. Every four (4) years council will determine new Strategic Partners using criteria under section 5.2 of the Grants to Organizations Policy 710-003

i. Uncommon Common Art – Jen Bolt

- This project takes art out of the galleries and institutions delivering directly to the people who live in the rural community
- Installations appear in local parks, church yards, farm fields, along country roads, to name a few
- The unique locations expose and promote to anyone who passes by no matter their socio-economic background, hopefully promoting an interest and conversation

ii. Acadia Performing Arts Series – Peter Smith

- The Acadia Performing Arts Series presents approximately eight top-calibre concerts during each academic year
- The backbone of the series has been and continues to be classical music, but the menu also includes dance, opera, jazz, world music, theatre and pops along with Symphony Nova Scotia
- The Town of Wolfville's participation will enable the Committee to maintain and improve the quality and diversity of the programs while continuing to offer ticket and subscription prices that are affordable to the residents of Wolfville
- The major attraction planned for next season is the Vienna Boys Choir in March of 2017



iii. Valley Summer Theatre – Pamela Halstead & Bruce Klinger

- Valley Summer Theatre has been producing a season of professional theatre in Wolfville since 2009 and in that time has attracted well over 10,000 people to performances
- The company is one of the key tenants in Wolfville’s Acadia Cinema Theatre, renting the facility for six to seven weeks each year, and hires local technicians, designers, and other artists on a regular basis
- The Valley Summer Theatre has attracted over 13,000 people to award winning productions in downtown Wolfville over the past seven years
- The existence of this company touches on multiple elements of the Town of Wolfville’s Strategic Plan

b. CPP Appeals

- All applicants approved under the Community Partnership Program were scored using the *Program Grant Evaluation Score Card* or *Local Event Grant Evaluation Score Card*. Those which did not achieve the minimum scores required for each scorecard, 16 or 12 respectively were not approved for funding. Those who were approved for funding met the minimum scores, aligned with the Evaluation principles in Appendix B of the *Grants to Organizations Policy 710-003*, as well as showed alignment with Council’s strategic priorities.

i. Kings Volunteer Resource Centre (KVRC) – Bruce MacArthur & Genevieve Allen

- The overall mission of the KVRC is to promote the quality of life in Kings County through the provision of services and information in support of volunteerism
- KVRC is applying for funding assistance to all four municipalities in the County of Kings as well as other funding organizations such as the Province of NS, as well as other not for profit and private organizations in the County

c. One Time Requests

i. Acadia University CIS Women’s Championship – Len Hawley & Kevin Dickie

- This will be the first time that Acadia University will host a National level Championship since 2000
- This Championship will be a significant event for our Community
- In terms of marketing and attracting visitors, Acadia is looking at more than 5,000 fans over the four days

d. Outside of Policy

i. Victoria Order of Nurses (VON) – Alice Morse

- VON Annapolis Valley has been serving our community for 95 years
- Community Support Services is the charitable arm of the VON
- As was done in previous years, the VON is requesting that Council provide funding to them
- With the recently adopted Grants to Organizations Policy 710-003, the VON does not meet the requirements for either the Strategic Partnership Program or the One-Time Funding request

4:41pm Chair called a break to the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting

4:53pm Chair reconvened the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting



5. DISCUSSION

a. RFD 037-2016: ACADIA UNIVERSITY – CIS WOMEN’S CHAMPIONSHIP

17-05-16 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FORWARD THE FOLLOWING MOTION TO COUNCIL FOR DECISION: THAT COUNCIL GRANT \$5,000 TO ACADIA UNIVERSITY FROM THE GRANTS TO ORGANIZATION BUDGET IN SUPPORT OF THE CIS WOMEN’S CHAMPIONSHIP TO BE HELD IN WOLFVILLE IN NOVEMBER 2016.

CARRIED

b. Appeal Considerations – Strategic Partnership Program (SPP)

- Council considered funding all SPP requests presented at May 18, 2016 Special Committee of the Whole meeting
- The SPP commitment will be over a four year period

18-05-16 IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FORWARD THE FOLLOWING MOTION TO COUNCIL FOR DECISION: THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE A OF THE GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS POLICY 710-003 TO INCLUDE:

- UNCOMMON COMMON ART
- ACADIA PERFORMING ARTS, AND
- VALLEY SUMMER THEATRE

CARRIED

c. Appeal Consideration – Community Partnership Program (CPP)

i. Kings Volunteer Resource Centre (KVRC)

- Identified as an issue to be taken to the next Kings Strategic Partnership Committee. At the last meeting in February, the issue had been raised with regards to funding of regional grants

d. Appeal Consideration – Outside of Policy

ii. Victoria Order of Nurses (VON)

- Identified as an issue to be taken to the next Kings Strategic Partnership Committee

e. Grants to Organizations Policy 710-003

- Council adopted the current Policy in March 2016
- The purpose of the policy is to provide guidelines for reviewing and evaluation requests from organizations for financial assistance pursuant to clause 65(1u) of the Nova Scotia Municipal Government Act
- At the May 3, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting, Committee of the Whole forwarded the following Motion to Council for decision: That Council direct staff to revise Policy 710-003, Grants to Organizations, to create a more robust process and evaluation requirement for Grants to Organizations
- Staff sought feedback from Council with regards to Section 5.1.6 and its application to:
 - Additional one-time funding for SPP and CPP eligible organizations on a periodic basis
 - One-time funding for organizations not eligible for CPP and SPP funding
- Application process would have more rigour and would require the following documentation from the applicant:
 - Purpose of the request
 - Description and how it aligns with the Strategic Plan in a clear way



- The target demographic served
- Clear description of tangible benefits to the community, not just the organization
- The detailed budget, including all revenue sources that are anticipated
- The timeline and any risks that are associated with the project
- The previous year's financial statements
- Confirmation of any other partner funding if applicable
- Proposed Process:
 - Staff receive application and complete evaluation score card
 - Requests will be considered as part of budget but will have their own RFD
 - Staff will provide Council with the evaluation score card, and application package, including all required documentation
 - Council will make a decision
- Staff will make general changes including those based on solicitor feedback and feedback from the first round of CPP/SPP applications
- Staff will bring back to Council a revised Grants to Organization Policy 710-003 to the June 7, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting, with regards to the one-time special funding requests and that provision and clauses, for further review/discussion
- Goal is to have a finalized Policy in place during current Council's term, no later than end-September 2016

f. Fluoridated Water

- Deputy Mayor Donovan volunteered to work with Councillor Brian to take the issue of fluoridated water out into the community
- There are very compelling arguments for both keeping fluoride in our water and taking it out
- Looking at having a public engagement process to seek feedback from the municipality – a community driven process

6. QUESTION PERIOD

Bill Zimmerman raised the issue that Council is often dealing with incommensurable issues to make a decision. There is the monetary issue on one side and the social and community benefits on the other side. It's not always that easy to directly compare the two. It is Council that ultimately has the decision for the larger issues rather than management. In theory, Council is more embedded in the community than staff. In the end, it is Council that has to make the decision.

Bill Zimmerman also added that with regards to fluoridated water, it is a difficult issue because facts and values are mixed up and they tell you different things.

7. SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING ADJOURNED

19-05-16: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BE ADJOURNED AT 5:58 PM

CARRIED

Approved by Committee of the Whole Motion 05-06-16, June 7, 2016

As recorded by Dan Stovel, AA Corporate Services