



WEST HANTS
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MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST HANTS
Special Council Minutes
January 15, 2018 6:00 p.m.
Sanford Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Warden Zebian called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Call of Roll

Present:	A. Zebian	Warden
	R. Jannasch	Councillor District 1
	K. Monroe	Councillor District 2
	D. Keith	Councillor District 3
	T. Leopold	Councillor District 4
	D. Francis	Councillor District 5
	R. Hussey	Councillor District 6
	J. Daniels	Councillor District 7
	P. Morton	Deputy Warden
	R. Zwicker	Councillor District 10
	M. Laycock	Acting CAO, Director of Finance
	B. Carrigan	Director of Public Works
	C. McClare	Waste Reduction Coordinator
	R. Brown	Municipal Clerk
	C. Remme	Executive Assistant/Communications Coordinator

There were 4 members of the public in attendance.

3. Announcements

Warden Zebian reviewed the fire evacuation procedures. He noted that the Hantsport Winter Carnival kicks off in Hantsport with the building of the igloo on Sunday.

Councillor Daniels encouraged Councillors to RSVP to the collaborative health discussions taking place on January 30 at the Hants Community Hospital.

4. Approval of Agenda, including additions or deletions

MOVED and SECONDED that the agenda be approved as circulated with the following additions:

6.a. moved to item 5.a. on the agenda (Warden Zebian)

Motion Carried.

5. Business Arising from Minutes and any Related Correspondence

- a. Rescission of motion of September 12, 2017 Council Meeting "...that Council provide green bin service to the entire Municipality." Notice Given at January 9, 2018 Council (Councillor Monroe)

MOVED and SECONDED to rescind the motion of September 12, 2017 Council Meeting "...that Council provide green bin service to the entire Municipality."

Councillor Zwicker asked if providing the green bins could be provided to the entire municipality without implications on the tax rate. The Director of Finance responded that it would not be unreasonable that it could be done. He advised Council that there had been increases in education costs and RCMP, but he did not feel as though maintaining the rate was out of the realm of reason.

Councillor Daniels questioned if the cost would increase for residents if the service was not provided to the entire municipality through the general tax rate as opposed to the general rate. The Director of Finance responded that the cost would be impacted. He went on to advise Council that rescinding the motion could create potential issues moving forward as the request for proposal had already been awarded to REgroup and the rescission would require changes to the proposal.

Councillor Hussey asked if contact had been made with any of the proponents of the request for proposal surrounding supply and cost of the green bins. The Director of Public Works replied that the bidder had been contacted and expressed the company would be willing to work with the Municipality on the supply and cost.

Councillor Leopold asked if the service could be funded through the general rate if the service was adjusted from all ten districts to only seven to which the Director of Finance responded the service would have to be an area rate.

Councillor Leopold questioned if residents had been made aware that the motion was on the table to be rescinded adding that, as a resident of District 3, she had not been made aware. Councillor Monroe responded that she had received an overwhelming response from residents in District 2 demanding that they not be engaged in the organic pick up service. She went on to say that Districts 1-3 had voted against the service in the newsletter survey that had been circulated. The Councillor added that no communication had been sent out to the residents in the three districts regarding the rescission noting that the majority had stated that they did not want the service.

Councillor Jannasch pointed out that over 80% of the residents in his area that responded to the survey on organic pick up were against having the service noting that he saw no indication that the figure had changed. The Councillor went on to say that when Council began discussions on the topic of organics he was assured that the cost would be covered by area rate adding that the number of districts in favor or against the service should not have an impact on the cost. He went on to say that West Hants is a very diverse municipality and Council should respect the variances between districts.

Councillor Leopold spoke to the 80% figure mentioned by Councillor Jannasch noting that although the figure seemed high, the number of participants was very low and questioned if it would be a true representation of the District. She went on to say that she was contacted by four residents in District 2 who were in favour of receiving organics bins. Councillor Monroe stated that she had over 300 residents either email or call or stating they were not in favour.

The Councillor voiced that during the last discussions on the issue it was argued that many residents in areas 1-3 were agricultural with their own means of composting asking if there was a way to determine how many farms there were in the area adding that as a resident of District 3 she did not have a farm.

The Director of Finance and Acting CAO advised Council that as the original motion was to provide organic pick up to the entire Municipality, going back on the contract could result in legal action taken against the Municipality.

Councillor Francis asked for clarification that the Director was speaking of a potential lawsuit to which he responded yes adding that he had received legal advice that rescinding the motion would not be wise. He went on to say that he had spoken to the insurance provider who stated that the Municipality would not be covered if the decision was made to go against the advice of the solicitor.

Motion Defeated.

Deputy Warden Morton and Councillors Leopold, Francis, Daniels, Hussey and Zwicker voted nay.

b. Supply of Organics Carts (January 9, 2018 Council)

MOVED and SECONDED that Council award a contract for supply of organics carts to Speed Eco in the amount of \$337,000 plus applicable taxes, to be expended through the Diversion Credit Reserve in the amount of \$200,000 and the remaining cost from the Operating Reserve.

Motion Carried.

Councillor Jannasch voted nay.

MOVED and SECONDED that Council award a contract for assembly and distribution of organics cars to Speed Eco in the amount of \$33,600 plus applicable taxes, to be expended through the Operating Reserve.

Motion Carried.

Councillor Jannasch voted nay.

c. Provision of Organic Waste Collection Service (January 9, 2018 Council)

MOVED and SECONDED that Council approve the outright purchase of green carts used in the community of Hantsport from the current service provided, Valley Waste, in the amount of \$2,391 with funds for the purchase to come from the Operating Reserve.

Motion Carried.

Councillor Jannasch voted nay.

MOVED and SECONDED that Council approve a \$20,000 contingency fund from the purchase and distribution of green carts in West Hants with the funds to come from the Operating Reserved.

Motion Carried.

Councillor Jannasch voted nay.

MOVED and SECONDED that Council treat the costs associated with the collection of organics throughout all West Hants as a general rated service and that these costs be included in the calculation of the general tax rate, beginning in fiscal year 2018/2019.

Motion Carried.

Councillor Jannasch voted nay.

6. Reconsideration or Rescission of Resolutions of Which Notice Has Been Given on a Previous Day

a. Reconsideration of motion of January 9, 2018 Council Meeting "...that staff draft a Terms of Reference for a Hockey Heritage Sub-Committee with the intent of calling for Expressions of Interests for the Hockey Heritage Project." Notice Given at January 9, 2018 Council (Councillor Monroe)

MOVED and SECONDED that the motion of January 9, 2018 Council Meeting that staff draft a Terms of Reference for a Hockey Heritage Sub-Committee with the intent of calling for Expressions of Interests for the Hockey Heritage Project be reconsidered.

Councillor Hussey asked if a response was received from the Town of Windsor regarding their position on the arena. Warden Zebian responded no.

Motion Defeated.

Councillor Monroe asked if discussions took place during the Provincial announcement that took place in the Sanford Chambers on Monday as members from both municipal units were present. Warden Zebian confirmed that discussions had taken place.

7. In-Camera *MGA Section 22 (2)(c) Personnel Matters*

MOVED and SECONDED that the meeting move in-camera.

Motion Carried.

The meeting moved in-camera at 6:23 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:47 p.m.

MOVED and SECONDED that the Municipality strike up a hiring panel consisting of three Councillors to hire a new CAO.

Motion Carried.

Warden Zebian called for nominations for the panel.

Councillor Leopold nominated Councillor Zwicker. He accepted the nomination.

Councillor Zwicker nominated Councillor Daniels. She accepted the nomination.

Councillor Keith nominated Councillor Francis. She accepted the nomination.

Deputy Warden Morton nominated Warden Zebian. He accepted the nomination.

Councillor Francis reconsidered her nomination and removed her name from the panel.

Warden Zebian called for additional nominations. There were none.

8. Date of Next Meeting – February 13, 2018

The next meeting of Council will take place on February 13, 2018 in the Sanford Council Chambers.

Warden Zebian reminded Council of the Joint Council meeting taking place on January 25th in the Sanford Council Chambers.

9. Adjournment

MOVED and SECONDED that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Abraham Zebian, Warden

Rhonda Brown, Municipal Clerk