

BYLAW & POLICY – February 15, 2024

Called to Order @ 6:24 PM

Attendance:

Chair Councilor Creelman

Councilor Rogers-Laing

Councilor Pam Osborne

CAO Kevin Matheson

Audrey Armsworthy

Chris Pelling

Ian Gulliver

Regrets: Melanie Haggart

1.2 Approval / Additions to Agenda: Good as presented

2.1 Minutes – November 2023; councilor spelled incorrectly – approved after that change

Updates:

3.1 Flag Flying Policy 2007-27

3.2 Recreation Committee Policy TOR

- Both Completed in November

3.3 Review Progress List – Revised and explained the excel spreadsheet to the new members and how we review and decide what needs to be looked at etc. For reference only.

3.4 Commercial Tax Incentive Bylaw clarification: with respect to mixed buildings (residential / commercial) Property Valuation Services will complete two assessments commercial and residential. The tax rebate would only apply on the assessment for the commercial portion.

3.5 Dog Bylaw: we are still waiting on the approval from Dept of Justice.

New Business:

(4.1) – Audio Recording of Meetings:

- This would be best practice for all committee to be viewed publicly, and then could be archived. Could be achieved with something as simple as You Tube.

(4.2) Bylaw & Policy Terms of Reference: (Review):

- Discussion on what is in place currently and if any changes or add on's are required.
- Kevin questioned if a vice chair should be nominated for the committee? Decided as the group is small enough, the vice chair is likely not needed and we will keep as is.

(4.3) Infrastructure Charges:

- Should only apply to NEW infrastructure, development, extending services or lines tc.
- Will check with Jason Fox on what Truro currently does.

(4.4) – Garbage Collection: Still the discussion when it becomes residential collection vs commercial.

- Question was raised, are the units on Kelry all being charged the rate on their property tax for garbage collection as they are being treated as residential pick up. Kevin to check and advise.
- Review solid waste bylaw and make any necessary adjustments.

(4.5) – Video conferencing Policy & (4.6) Meetings & Procedure Bylaw: General discussion on both.

- East Hants broadcasts meetings on two channels, You Tube and Zoom. One for the public and one for council members and presentations.
- Should citizen comments be allowed after each discussion point instead of just the end of meetings?
- Colchester & East Hants has good references to look at for committee meetings.
- Jason H. will provide insight in our March meeting with him.
- All committee members to review current and discuss next meeting.

(4.7) – Meetings & Procedures (Land Acknowledgements): Will review all three examples at March meeting and bring back to council Committee of the Whole meeting for council to review and discuss.

(4.8) – Update Day Camp Policy: Erin Richard will come to our March committee meeting with changes that she will be recommending.

Next Meeting: March 14 @ 6:30 PM

Adjournment: 7:54 PM