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1. Call to Order

Mayor Lloy called the meeting to order 6:58pm

2. Attendance

PRESENT:

Mayor Lloy

Deputy Mayor Roseanne Chapman

Councillors: Chad Ramsey
Susan Creelman

Suzanne Lutz
Rebecca Rogers-Laing

Staff: Greg Brown
Erin Richard
Leah Bennett

Randi Buchi
Grant Cooke

REGRETS / ABSENT: Pam Osborne

3. Approval of / Changes to Agenda

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Deputy Mayor Chapman:

I so move to approve the Agenda as presented for October 12th, 2023 – Committee of the Whole Meeting

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4. Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items

NIL

5. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)

On the motion of Councillor Osborne and Deputy Mayor Chapman:

I so move to approve the Minutes as presented for September 14th, 2023 – Committee of the Whole Meeting

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6. Announcements / Proclamations

NIL

7. Presentations

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8. Written Petitions and Correspondence

NIL

9. Business

a. Q2 Financial Reports

- Nothing of risk or concern
- Well ahead on revenue - \$290,000 Sustainable Communities Grant, carried over from last year
-\$100,000 Accessible Grant for the Community Centre washrooms
- Deed transfer tax from September is \$43,000
- By-laws, Tax Sale and CAO recruitment cost over \$20,000 for the majority of the expense of the advertising budget.
- Creelman Regional Housing – have we ever been able to nail down better how that works or what potential deficits would be?
Randi mentioned that she always estimates on the high range and it still seems to always go over and we don't know the actual deficit until year end. Maybe try adding 10% to over budget to see if that will keep us in line.
- Councillor Ramsey asked if the deed transfer tax is 1% and is that everywhere? Randi answered that we are the lowest in the area. Our neighbouring municipalities are 1.2% and 1.5%.

b. Destination Marketing Organization – Memorandum of Understanding

- CAO Brown just wanted to speak on structure of reports, and explained the layout
- Greg reviewed origin of MOU, the background & the discussion as well as the implications. CAO Brown read the options that are available.

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Deputy Mayor Chapman:

I so move the Committee of the Whole recommend that Town Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Municipality of the County of Colchester, the Town of Truro, the Town of Stewiacke and Millbrook First Nation for the purpose of collaboration on the development, implementation and monitoring of a regional tourism marketing and development strategy and the development of recommendations regarding the formation of a destination Marketing Organization for the Colchester Region.

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c. Municipal Planning Strategy – 10 Year Review / Update

- CAO Brown reviewed the Request for Decision for the Municipal Planning Strategy Review
- Grant mentioned that sometimes we should take to the public prior to drafting
- Councillor Rogers-Laing questioned if anything was budgeted for this? CAO Brown replied no, this is just a benchmark, and that a refined budget would come later when we had the costs involved
- Councillor Rogers-Laing and Deputy Mayor Chapman both agreed that no dollar amount should be entered until we have actual numbers

On the motion of Councillor Rogers-Laing and Deputy Mayor Chapman:

I so move the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council request the Planning Advisory Committee and staff to formally resume the Municipal Planning Strategy Review including the Land Use By-law and Subdivision By-law, incorporating public and stakeholder engagement, with the first draft due June 2024 and a final draft by January 2025.

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10. By-laws and Policies

NIL

11. Citizen Comments

NIL

12. Mayor Report

- Attended a meeting with Alana Noble from CBCD, Councillor Creelman and a local business owner on site at Town Office
- Mr Brown and I continue to meet each Monday for a weekly briefing

Deputy Mayor Report

- Attended Senior Social
- Attended presentation at the Community Centre with Stephen Ellis
- Met with the owner of the new second hand store that recently opened in town
- Met with a resident regarding an issue

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13. Councillors Reports

Councillor Lutz – nothing

Councillor Ramsey – nothing

Councillor Osborne – N/A

Councillor Rogers-Laing - nothing

Councillor Creelman –

- Attended the presentation at the Community Centre with Stephen Ellis and was surprised at the low turnout, there were 10 people other than Dr Ellis's staff and family and 5 of them were from one family.

14. In-Camera Session

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Chapman and Councillor Lutz:

I so move to approve to go 'In-camera' at 7:25pm.

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- Land
- Tender

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Councillor Lutz:

I so move to recommend Council award the Residential Waste, Recycling & Organics Collection Tender to low bidder Royal Environmental Inc. in the amount of \$672,303.98 (exclusive of HST) for a five-year period commencing November 1, 2023 and ending October 31, 2028.

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- Personnel
- Tax Sale

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Deputy Mayor Chapman:

I so move to recommend Council approve a reduction in the minimum required bid to sell 50 St. Andrews St to \$20,000 and that a third Property Tax Sale by Tender be scheduled for the subject property.

On the motion of Councillor Rogers-Laing and Councillor Ramsey:

I so move to approve to come out of 'In-camera' at 8:20pm.

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15. Notice of Motion and Reconsideration

NIL

16. Adjournment

Adjournment called at 8:55pm.

Read and approved this 14 day of NOVEMBER, 2023

Mayor

CAO

