

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN COUNCIL, TOWN HALL
Monday, September 19 2016

A regular meeting of Oxford Town Council was held on the above date at 6:00 pm. Mayor Stewart presided with Councilors Kay, Patriquin, Adshade, Thompson in attendance. Regrets: Councilor Jones and Councilor Ellis.

Town Council Meeting – Called to order by Mayor Stewart – 6:00 pm

Presentation – No presentations tonight

Approval of the agenda – It was moved by Councilor Adshade, seconded by Councilor Thompson that the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Approval of the Minutes - It was moved by Councilor Kay, seconded by Councilor Thompson that the minutes from the meeting held on June 20, 2016 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

Reports

All Director Reports and Councilor Reports were distributed and/or discussed.

Public Works – General Discussion on Public Works Report that was submitted. In the report, Wes Adshade advised Darrell the cost to replace pump#3 in Leicester is estimated at \$5,000 - \$7,000.

Arena – There was no report

Recreation – General Discussion on the Recreation Report that was submitted. Terry Fox numbers were up this year. Corey is the contact person for the needs assessment committee. Corey is also looking for ideas for afterschool programs.

Fire – General Discussion on the Fire Report that was submitted. It was commented that there were 25 calls that were responded and 7 of the 25 calls were in town, the rest were in the County.

Finance – General Discussion on the Finance Report that was presented. It was commented that our budget is on target and we are projecting a small surplus.

Councilors' verbal reports that were presented:

- **Councilor Ellis** – regrets
- **Councilor Adshade** – nil
- **Councilor Patriquin** – commented that Councilor Adshade would need to attend the next CJSMA meeting. The Jammin' it up at the Capitol has started back up and the theatre is booked for other events as well.
- **Councilor Thompson** – attended the Police Advisory Board meeting. The Strawberry Festival was successful. Community Garden Project was a success also. The teen room is planned to be open in October. The theme for the Town of Oxford Christmas Parade is "A Small Town Christmas"
- **Councilor Kay** – Nil
- **Councilor Jones** – regrets

- **Mayor Stewart** – Needs assessment for the arena – setting up a committee. Councilor Kay and Councilor Thompson are interested in being part of this committee. It was suggested that County of Cumberland may want to be on board also. Building Blitz – one house will be put up tomorrow and the other house will be up soon. There is a barbeque set up to celebrate this at the Habitat site tomorrow from 12 pm – 1 pm.

It was moved Councilor Thompson, seconded Councilor Adshade that all reports be accepted as presented.

Motion Carried

Correspondence

Letter from visitors in BC - Mayor Stewart received a letter from a Marlene Gregory who expressed how much they enjoyed their visit to our town. The highlight of their visit was the hospitality they received at the Parkview Family Restaurant. Mayor Stewart will send a copy of this letter to Erin and Mike Emmerson.

NEW BUSINESS

Debenture Pre-Approval Resolutions

7.1 It was moved Councilor Thompson, seconded Councilor Kay

WHEREAS Section 91 of the Municipal Government Act provides that a municipality is authorized to borrow money, subject to the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations;

AND WHEREAS the resolution of council to borrow for Various Purposes (File No.16/17-1) was approved by the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations on April 20, 2016;

AND WHEREAS clause 91 (1) (b) of the Municipal Government Act authorizes the council to determine the amount and term of, and the rate of interest, on each debenture, when the interest on a debenture is to be paid, and where the principal and interest on a debenture are to be paid;

AND WHEREAS clause 91 (2) of the Municipal Government Act states, that in accordance with the Municipal Finance Corporation Act, the mayor or warden and clerk or the person designated by the council, by policy, shall sell and deliver the debentures on behalf of the municipality at the price, in the sums and in the manner deemed proper;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT under the authority of Section 91 of the Municipal Government Act, the Town of Oxford borrow by the issue and sale of debentures a sum or sums not exceeding \$515,000, for a period not to exceed ten years, subject to the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations;

THAT the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Town of Oxford in the amount that the mayor or warden and clerk or the person designated by the council deems proper, provided the average interest rate of the debenture does not exceed 5.5%;

THAT the debenture be arranged with the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation with the interest to be paid semi annually and principal payments made annually;

THAT this resolution remains in force for a period not exceeding twelve months from the passing of this resolution.

Motion Carried

7.2 It was moved Councilor Kay, seconded Councilor Adshade

WHEREAS Section 91 of the Municipal Government Act provides that a municipality is authorized to borrow money, subject to the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations; **AND WHEREAS** the resolution of council to borrow for Water Purposes (File No.16/17-01) was approved by the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations on April 20, 2016;

AND WHEREAS clause 91 (1) (b) of the Municipal Government Act authorizes the council to determine the amount and term of, and the rate of interest, on each debenture, when the interest on a debenture is to be paid, and where the principal and interest on a debenture are to be paid;

AND WHEREAS clause 91 (2) of the Municipal Government Act states, that in accordance with the Municipal Finance Corporation Act, the mayor or warden and clerk or the person designated by the council, by policy, shall sell and deliver the debentures on behalf of the municipality at the price, in the sums and in the manner deemed proper;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT under the authority of Section 91 of the Municipal Government Act, the Town of Oxford borrow by the issue and sale of debentures a sum or sums not exceeding \$250,000, for a period not to exceed ten years, subject to the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations;

THAT the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Town of Oxford in the amount that the mayor or warden and clerk or the person designated by the council deems proper, provided the average interest rate of the debenture does not exceed 5.5%;

THAT the debenture be arranged with the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation with the interest to be paid semi annually and principal payments made annually;

THAT this resolution remains in force for a period not exceeding twelve months from the passing of this resolution.

Motion Carried

7.2 a

WHEREAS Section 91 of the Municipal Government Act provides that a municipality is authorized to borrow money, subject to the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations; **AND WHEREAS** the resolution of council to borrow for Water Purposes (File No.15/16-01) was approved by the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations on March 31, 2016;

AND WHEREAS clause 91 (1) (b) of the Municipal Government Act authorizes the council to determine the amount and term of, and the rate of interest, on each debenture, when the interest on a debenture is to be paid, and where the principal and interest on a debenture are to be paid;

AND WHEREAS clause 91 (2) of the Municipal Government Act states, that in accordance with the Municipal Finance Corporation Act, the mayor or warden and clerk or the person designated by the council, by policy, shall sell and deliver the debentures on behalf of the municipality at the price, in the sums and in the manner deemed proper;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT under the authority of Section 91 of the Municipal Government Act, the Town of Oxford borrow by the issue and sale of debentures a sum or sums not exceeding \$180,000, for a period not to exceed ten years, subject to the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations;

THAT the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Town of Oxford in the amount that the mayor or warden and clerk or the person designated by the council deems proper, provided the average interest rate of the debenture does not exceed 5.5%;

THAT the debenture be arranged with the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation with the interest to be paid semi annually and principal payments made annually;

THAT this resolution remains in force for a period not exceeding twelve months from the passing of this resolution.

Motion Carried

7.3 – ATV Bylaw – Making a motion to start the process.

It was moved Councilor Kay, seconded Councilor Patriquin

Motion Carried

7.4 – Returning Officer Report

Nominations closed last Tuesday at 5:00 pm

Elections are set for Advance Poll - Saturday, October 8 – 12 pm – 8 pm at the Fire Hall

Advance Poll – Tuesday, October 11 – 12 pm – 8 pm at the Fire Hall

Election Day – Saturday, October 15 – 8 am – 7 pm at the Fire Hall

There will be two elections, one is for Mayor and the other is for the African NS seat.

As there were only five candidates who filed papers for Councillor, they were all elected by acclamation. Further, there is now a requirement for a Special Election. October 19 for the first ad to go in. November 8 is the deadline for candidates to apply for the sixth seat on Council. Notice of Poll is November 15. Advance Poll is November 29. Election Day is December 3, 2016

It was moved to adopt the report as the recommendation was presented.

It was moved Councilor Kay, seconded by Councilor Thompson.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilor Kay moved Adjournment

Motion Carried

Trish Stewart
Mayor

Darrell White
CAO