Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town of Oxford Council

Place:

Council Chambers

Date:

Monday, January 21, 2019

Presiding Officer:

Mayor Trish Stewart

Councilors present:

Councilors Brenton Colborne, Dawn Thompson, Rick Draper and Wade Adshade

Councilors absent:

Councilor Dave Clark

A quorum was present throughout the meeting.

Staff in attendance:

Rachel Jones, CAO

Linda Cloney, Deputy Clerk (recording secretary)

Call to order:

Mayor Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Agenda item	Discussion and Decisions
2. Agenda	It was moved and seconded that the agenda of the Oxford Town Council regular council meeting of January 21, 2019 be approved.
	Motion Carried
3. Presentation	Maryn Smith
	Mayor Stewart and Council congratulated Maryn Smith for winning the poster contest for the Canadian Public Health Association for immunization; she was the winner for Nova Scotia. Oxford Town Council is very proud of Maryn.
4. Minutes	It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the December 17, 2018 Oxford Town Council meeting be approved as circulated.
	Motion Carried
5. New Business	RFD 001-2019 Capital and Operating Reserve Fund Policies
	It was moved and seconded to approve the Capital and Operating Reserve Policies as presented.
	Motion Carried
5.2	RFD 002-2019: Occupational Health and Safety Policy
	It was moved and seconded to approve the Occupational Health & Safety Policy as presented.
	Motion Carried

Policing Review - Discussion

- There was a preliminary meeting with Mayor Stewart, CAO Rachel Jones and the Town of Amherst Mayor Kogon and CAO Greg Herrett to discuss policing.
- Amherst planning to submit a proposal to the Oxford Council.
- The Town of Amherst offered this opportunity to the County and the Town of Oxford.
- The Town of Oxford is the second highest for policing costs of towns per capita in Nova Scotia
- Oxford Town Council has agreed to further discussions with the Town of Amherst for policing.

6. Reports (6.1 to 6.4)

5.3

Rachel Jones presented the Staff Reports.

Key points discussed were:

- •Discussion on entrance directory signage mentioned in the Economic Development report.
- Discussion on the Way-Finding signs mentioned in the Economic Development report. Council agreed that these approaches should be used moving forward.
- Volunteer Awards are coming up in April. Forward nominees to Corey Skinner regarding Volunteer of the Year award.
- Canada Summer Jobs program we are applying for three summer students
- Discussion on our green spaces upkeep we are looking into bringing in a Horticulture student to assist us.
- look into the cost of a student to water plants and to keep the downtown area neat and tidy.
- look into the cost of renting a vacuum truck to help the public works crew with seasonal street sweeping.
- depending on the skill set of the summer students we hire for the summer staff may bring forward a proposal to Council as part of the budget process to contract seasonal maintenance for our green spaces.
- Discussion around showing some appreciation to the Public Works Staff for the many long hours repairing recent water breaks and snow removal.
- Discussion on pothole patching in the spring.

It was moved and seconded that Council receive the reports as presented.

Motion Carried

7. Correspondence

8. Adjournment

Mayor Stewart advised Council the next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Patricia Stewart, Mayor

Linda Cloney, Recording Secretary