

Minutes of the special **Committee of the Whole** meeting held on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, at 10:15 a.m. via Zoom teleconference, in accordance with the Direction of the Minister under a Declared State of Emergency [updated July 29, 2020 (*see attached*)]

Present: District 1 – Bruce Prout, present
District 2 - Brian “Fuzzy” Connell, present
District 3 – Alan Parish, Warden, present
District 4 – Clyde Barteaux, present
District 5 – Lynn Longmire, present
District 6 – Alex Morrison, present
District 7 – David Hudson, present
District 8 – Michael Gunn, Deputy Warden, present
District 9 – Wendy Sheridan, present
District 10 – Brad Redden, present
District 11 – Diane Le Blanc, present

Also Present: A/CAO Louis Coutinho, Municipal Clerk Carolyn Young, other staff (D. Campbell, A. Dunphy, S. McInnis, H. Orde, W. Atwell), as well as representatives from Seaside Communications, Eagle Telecom, and Hatch.

Re: Internet – A/CAO Louis Coutinho noted this is a simple agenda with one item, internet, and the Director of Municipal Operations will lead the meeting.

Mr. McInnis noted there would be two presentations, one by the Builder – Eagle Telecom, and one by the Operator – Seaside Communications. He noted that they would be about 20 minutes each, and asked that all questions be held until the presentations are done.

- *Eagle Telecom* - Grant Crowson presented - he is the single contact between Hatch (the County’s representative) and Eagle. COO Dan McCarthy provided additional comments. The presentation outlined areas where strand is already in place.
- *Seaside Communication* – Sandra Canchuk, Angela Bresson, and Manager Dean Abass, presented for Seaside Communication, a locally owned and operated business. Phase 1 and 2 are carried out by the County, and, once construction is complete, Seaside takes over.

Warden Parish thanked the presenters and allowing us to ask questions. He added that he was pleased to have been able to meet by Zoom with today’s weather.

In-camera

Deputy Warden Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, to meet in-camera from 12:02 p.m. until 12.42 p.m. in accordance with Sections 22(2)(f) litigation or potential litigation, of the *Municipal Government Act*. Motion carried unanimously.

Re: Additional Internet Service – Councillor Redden inquired about information on additional funding sources and line of sight towers. Director McInnis noted that ‘line of sight’ extensions have always been the intention for where the project left off. Staff are currently working with other agencies towards an end result of the farthest reach for internet, regardless of the providers.

Adjournment Upon motion of Councillors Barteaux and Connell, the special meeting of Committee of the Whole adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Warden

Municipal

Clerk

Direction of the Minister
under a Declared State of Emergency
(Section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act*)
20-008

Under my authority in Section 14 of the Emergency Management Act, I order that this Direction (20-008) repeal and replace the Direction regarding municipal meetings issued on March 22, 2020.

During the Provincial State of Emergency declared on March 22, 2020, and under the authority provided to me in Section 14 of the Emergency Management Act, in addition to any other directives I have issued and not repealed or otherwise terminated, I direct that all municipalities and villages in the Province:

1. **Effective at 8am on July 29, 2020**, may hold meetings exclusively in person if all the following conditions are met:

- i) the total number of persons present does not exceed a gathering limitation imposed in a *Health Protection Act* order;
- ii) all physical distancing requirements or other requirements imposed in a *Health Protection Act* order are met.

2. If the conditions set out in (1) cannot be met, the municipality or village must not hold meetings exclusively in person and must instead hold the meeting partly or wholly as a virtual meeting by video or telephone, and ensure that all of the following conditions are met:

- i) the total number of persons present for any in person portion of the meeting does not exceed a gathering limitation imposed in a *Health Protection Act* order; and
- ii) for any in person portion of the meeting, all physical distancing requirements or other requirements imposed in a *Health Protection Act* order are met.

For clarity, this direction does not apply to statutorily required meetings of electors for a village commission which are covered under Direction 20-007 issued on May 20, 2020.

Despite this direction, municipalities and villages are still authorized to continue making other operational decisions especially those required for service delivery.

Please note that these directions are in addition to any requirements established in a Medical Officer's order under the *Health Protection Act*.

A failure to comply with this direction could result in a summary conviction with fines between \$500 to \$10,000 for individuals and up to \$100,000 for a corporation per incident.

This direction will remain in place for the duration of the Provincial State of Emergency unless it is terminated in writing by me earlier.

Dated July 29, 2020.

Original signed by

Hon. Chuck Porter
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
