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Minutes of the **special session of Municipal Council** held on Thursday, October 18, 2018, at the Municipal Administration Building, 752 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal, N.S., at 9:30 a.m.

- **Present:** Deputy Warden Martha Roberts; Councillors John A MacDonald, Alex Morrison, Michael J Gunn, Wendy Sheridan, and Diane LeBlanc.
- Absent: Warden Timothy Habinski (attending municipal business), and Councillors Marilyn Wilkins, Wayne Fowler, Burt McNeil, and Gregory Heming.

Also

**Present:** Chief Administrative Officer, John Ferguson, Municipal Clerk Carolyn Young, and other members of staff.

This meeting was called to receive application presentations on two requests for support for the Low Carbon Communities Initiative.

# New Business

<u>Re: Centre for Local Prosperity (CLP)</u> – Mr. Robert Cervelli attended by phone to present the Centre for Local Prosperity's application to the Low Carbon Communities Initiative – Establishing Drawdown Nova Scotia. He proposed a 4 minute video clip on the CLP conference in Annapolis Royal in 2015, and 22 minutes of clips from the 2015 Thinkers Lodge to provide background.

Councillor Macdonald moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, to allow the presentation to continue as requested. Motion carried, 5 in favour, 1 against (Morrison).

Mr. Cervelli reviewed with council the proposal as circulated to desks and request for support.

It was noted that the municipality has not approved the figures included in the application of \$5,000 in kind and \$3,000 funds, and by indicating a tentative approval date is not correct as it may not be reviewed by council until November. Council has not yet considered the application, and the normal practice is not to make a decision at the time of the presentation. The presenter agreed to amend the submission to indicate that the funding components will be considered by Council at a later date and considering (not committing) potential support

#### MOTION 181018.01 Letter of Support – Centre for Local Prosperity Funding Application to Low Carbon Communities for Establishing Drawdown Nova Scotia

It was moved by Councillor Sheridan, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc, that municipal council provide a letter of support for the Centre for Local Prosperity's Drawdown Nova Scotia Hub application to Low Carbon Communities, with the funding requests to be considered at November Committee of the Whole. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Recess**

A brief recess was held at 10:53 a.m.

<u>Re: Solar Nova Scotia (SNS)</u> – Ms. Christie Chaplin, Chair of Solar Nova Scotia, presented by phone SNS's proposal to the Low Carbon Communities Initiative for funding to provide education to customers on the Solar Homes program. Solar Nova Scotia is a volunteer-based organization.

They hope to educate on how customers can connect to the grid; how homeowners can install a solar electric system and purchase power at par with the charge on residential bill. Access to this electricity for the life of the asset.

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Their request is for council to provide space to present to communities, assistance in publicizing events and redirecting inquiries back to them as needed.

### MOTION 181018.02 Letter of Support – Solar Nova Scotia Funding Application to Low Carbon Communities

Councillor Gunn moved, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, to provide a letter of support for Solar Nova Scotia's funding application to Low Carbon Communities to provide meeting space, publicity and direct inquiries. Motion carried unanimously.

# **Adjournment**

Upon motion of Councillors LeBlanc and Sheridan, the meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.