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Council Meeting July 7, 2022

Your Council met for their ninth Regular Session of the year on July 7, 2022. This meeting was held in a hybrid format. While virtual (or electronic participation) continued, there were some in Council Chambers for the meeting for the first time since March 2020. While there are a couple of wrinkles to iron out, the experience was a positive one.

Council welcomed MHBC, our contract planners to the meeting. They presented a planning report on a potential rezoning which was approved later in the meeting, and provided comments regarding the use of shipping containers. They also informed Council that we are still waiting for comments from the Province on our draft Official Plan although we are now well past the 90 day period comments are to be received. Our draft Official Plan was supplied to the Province on February 16th.

Council also received a presentation from Ryan Smith who brought information on Chic Shore.

Council spent some time reviewing maps of the various parking areas included in the draft traffic and parking by-law. Comments received will be incorporated into the draft by-law when next considered by Council.

Speaking of by-laws, Council approved the rezoning noted above, a couple funding agreements with the Provincial and Federal Governments, amended the animal control by-law to ensure the fee structure matched our fees and charges by-law and approved the sale of one lot.

At the last Regular Session, Council declared the seat of former Councillor Shymko vacant and requested those who might be interested in filling this seat for the remainder of the term submit their names to the Clerk. Council received four names. These people will be invited to the next Regular Session for a brief presentation/questions to assist Council in making their decision.

Council was informed that next week the waste audit, as part of the Solid Waste Master Plan, will be conducted. As well, the memorandum in support of the expansion of the Strathy site was submitted to the Province. Once the information has been received from the waste audit, Council provided direction to Staff to prepare a report outlining incineration options for waste generated.

Appreciation was given to the Volunteers and Staff that made our Canada Day celebrations a success. It was indeed fun for all ages!

Council's next meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2022