

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
RE: SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING WITH FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

March 29, 2005

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:08 p.m. in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Sterling Belliveau
- Fred Bower
- Louise Halliday
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Eddie Nickerson
- Larry Stewart
- Sean Strang

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

INTRODUCTIONS

The following representatives were introduced to the meeting:

- Ricky Banks, Fire Chief, Shag Harbour/Bear Point Volunteer Fire Department
- Jason Shand, Treasurer, Shag Harbour/Bear Point Volunteer Fire Department
- Stephen Smith, Fire Chief, Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department
- Dwayne Hunt, Fire Chief, Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department
- Eugene Stoddard, President, Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department
- Gordie Ross, Fire Chief, Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department
- Shannon Newell, Treasurer, Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department
- Marshall Blades, Fire Chief, Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department
- Robert Chetwynd, Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department
- John Nickerson, Fire Chief, Barrington Volunteer Fire Department

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Written reports were received from the majority of the fire departments. In these reports the following statistics were included:

| <u>FIRE DEPARTMENT</u> | <u>NO. OF CALLS</u> | <u>NO. OF MEMBERS</u> |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Barrington Volunteer Fire Department | 42 | 30 |
| Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Dept. | 80 | 63 |
| Shag Harbour/Bear Point Volunteer Fire Dept. | 44 | 25 |
| Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department | 16 | 15 |
| Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department | 49 | 29 |
| Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department | <u>25</u> | <u>30</u> |
| TOTALS: | 256 | 192 |

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Port Clyde Bridge**

It was indicated by members that the Port Clyde bridge is open for traffic, however, it is restricted to 12 tonnes or less. This means that the fire truck from Port Clyde cannot cross the bridge when it is loaded.

2. **The Head for a Cure Fundraiser**

Members were informed that the Royal Bank is spearheading a fundraiser for the Canadian Cancer Society to raise funds for "Camp Good Time". This is a camp for children who are cancer patients. The Royal Bank is raising funds by having individuals shave their heads. These individuals obtain sponsors who are willing to pay a price for them to shave their heads. Warden Belliveau, Chief Dwayne Hunt and Chief Gordie Ross agreed to shave their heads and to raise funds for this cause.

3. **Equipment List**

A list of equipment which is desired by the fire departments was circulated for the information of members and to be considered by Council.

Resolution COW050334

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that the purchase of equipment contained in the list provided by the fire departments will be referred to Council's budget considerations in order to determine whether or not the Municipality can provide the funds to purchase this equipment.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Extrication Competition**

The Extrication Symposium that is to be held in June at the Barrington Municipal Arena is now being organized by the fire departments. At the present time there are ten (10) teams confirmed for this competition. It is hoped that there will be twenty (20) teams participating. The fire departments estimate that this event will bring \$80,000 of business to our community. The teams that place in the top three (3) in this competition will be qualified for the national competition. There will be four local teams competing, three from our Municipality and one from Shelburne.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual agreement at 7:35 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary for the Meeting

Copied for Councillors on March 30, 2005 by Sharon Brannen.

