

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

April 6, 2005

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:00 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

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Arena Rental Request
- Iva Cameron Request
- Oak Park Sewer Response
- UFO Telescope
- Year of the Veteran
- Salt Fish Study - Closed Session
- Immigration Conference
- Sound of Council Video
- Sea Cadets
- Fire Department Statements

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by F. Bower that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by L. Halliday that the minutes of the last previous meeting held March 21, 2005 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

ARENA COMPRESSOR

Members were informed that as a result of a concern previously raised by a councillor, information had been obtained from Cimco Refrigeration indicating the estimated cost of changing the brine pumping system in order to correct some apparent deficiencies in the system. The estimated cost of correcting these deficiencies is \$14,000.00. This matter is not an urgent matter at the present time as the Arena is presently shut down. This inefficiency will not prohibit the Arena from operating, but means that it will not operate at maximum efficiency.

Resolution COW050401

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by E. Nickerson that this matter be deferred to the budget process for further consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

Members were also informed that Cimco was requested to provide an estimate of the cost of changing the set up of the compressor room so that it would not be necessary to have certified operators. The estimate provided by Cimco is that changing this equipment would cost approximately \$85,000.00. This estimate is believed to be excessive and will not be pursued because of the high cost of doing so. We will continue to hire or contract certified people to operate the compressor room at the Arena.

ARENA DISCIPLINE POLICY

A proposed Arena Discipline Policy has been circulated to members for their information and review. This policy was reviewed by the Municipal Clerk for the information of members. It is still unclear how Municipal Staff will determine that patrons to the Arena are in possession of alcohol. There is still some question as to just what determines whether or not patrons are in possession of alcohol in the Arena. As a result, members wish to further consider how this policy would be enforced.

Resolution COW050402

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Strang that the Arena Discipline Policy be deferred for further consideration until the first meeting of the Committee of the Whole during the month of May.

AFFIRMATIVE

Sterling Belliveau

Louise Halliday

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Eddie Nickerson

Larry Stewart

Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Fred Bower

Motion carried.

RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Recreation Director's Reports for the months of February and March were previously circulated to members for their consideration and review. There was some discussion regarding the provision of a volunteer award to the individual chosen as Volunteer of the Year. It was suggested that Municipal Staff determine what is done by other municipal units for their Volunteer of the Year. This information will be obtained and provided to a subsequent Committee of the Whole Meeting.

ORGANIC COSTS

Members were informed of the organic costs to the Municipality for disposal of organic waste at the Queens Landfill. The costs that have been received as a result of the tender are:

1.	Disposal of Organic Waste at the Whynot Settlement Landfill	- \$40.28 per metric ton
2.	Administration by Region of Queens	- \$ 5.00 per metric ton
3.	Trucking Costs from Queens Landfill to Whynot Settlement Landfill	- <u>\$11.65</u> per metric ton
	TOTAL COST:	- \$56.93 per metric ton, plus H.S.T.

The estimate of the cost of the disposal of organics previously used was \$65.00 per metric ton, plus H.S.T. As a result, there will be some savings in the cost of organics disposal at the beginning of the contract which starts August 1st. The current cost of disposal at the Yarmouth Organics Disposal Processing Site is \$71.00 per metric ton, plus H.S.T.

PROPRIETOR'S LAND

This matter had been referred to Committee by Council. There was some discussion regarding the proprietor's land that is still designated as such within the Municipality. A map of the proprietor's land in the Municipality will be obtained so that the Committee can consider whether or not it wishes to take further action in this matter.

BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL HIGH SCHOOL

Correspondence has been received from the Department of Education indicating that the local School Board must determine whether or not the school property is to be continued to be used for education purposes. Once the School Board does this it should notify the Municipality. The School Board has already been asked in correspondence when this will take place. To date, no response has been received from the School Board.

Resolution COW050403

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Department of Education requesting that the environmental reports and assessments done at Barrington Municipal High School be made available to the Municipality.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

Resolution COW050404

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to Mr. Phil Landry at the Tri-County Regional School Board requesting a date at which the School Board will turn over the current Barrington Municipal High School property to the Municipality.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

There then followed some discussion regarding the contents and the associated equipment that would be contained in the new school when it is built. A councillor's concern regarding this matter was responded to for clarification by Councillor Halliday who is the Municipality's representative on the School Steering Team.

LANDS OF RUPERT CUNNINGHAM AT THE HAWK

Members were informed that the Department of Natural Resources is currently attempting to purchase lands of Rupert Cunningham at The Hawk. These lands include Big Calf Island and Little Calf Island and three (3) other small islands nearby. The Municipality obtained these islands in 1970 by having them vested in the Municipality through a court. They were subsequently sold by the Municipality to Mr. Rupert Cunningham. The Department of Natural Resources has indicated that they do not have copies of any notification received by them regarding the vesting of these properties by the Municipality. The Department of Natural Resources does not have any copy of the notifications that were sent to them during this vesting of property in 1970. As a result, they are asking the Municipality to be party to the cost of

purchasing these properties today from Mr. Cunningham. The Municipal Solicitor will be providing a letter of advice regarding this matter, to Council. In the interim, no action will be taken in this matter.

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CED CENTRE

Because the Municipality has received funding from ACOA for this project, it is now necessary for the Municipality to determine where the CED Centre will be located, and also to determine how the construction of the CED Centre will be administered.

There then followed some discussion of the location for this municipal facility. The two locations discussed were the Community Health Centre property and Owaissa Park. It was suggested that Owaissa Park would be a good location for this facility in the middle of the commercial district. It was indicated that the pond at Owaissa Park would have to be altered in order to allow for construction of this facility on that property. There was some question raised as to how many government agencies would be involved in the required alteration to Owaissa Park as it is a part of a natural waterway.

Resolution COW050405

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by F. Bower that MacIssac Environmental Consulting be contacted to determine if either or both of the two sites would be suitable for the construction of the CED Centre, and which of the two sites may be preferable, and also to determine if MacIsaac Environmental Consulting could act as the owner's engineer on this construction project.

Motion carried unanimously.

SEA STAR ICE DOGS REQUEST

The Sea Star Ice Dogs had previously requested a financial contribution towards their trip to Tignish, Prince Edward Island for the Maritime and Northern Junior "C" Hockey Championships.

Resolution COW050406

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality respond to the Sea Star Ice Dogs request by indicating to them that it is not the practice of the Municipality to fund trips by sports teams for various provincial competitions or inter-provincial competitions, and also to offer congratulations of Council on their winning of the Maritime and Northern Junior "C" Hockey Championships which they won during the previous weekend.

Motion carried unanimously.

CAPE SABLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY RESPONSE

In response to discussions with Municipal Staff, the Cape Sable Historical Society have indicated they are willing to consider taking over operation of the Old Court House building during the summer as a museum complex, providing they know that this will be done over a satisfactory

length of time so that they do not have to move their displays in, and their offices in and out on a short term basis. It is also necessary that certain renovations be done in order to make the interior more amenable to the display of historical artifacts and documents.

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Resolution COW050407

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality draft an agreement for a five (5) year renewable term including the renovations to be done to the interior of the Old Court House, at Municipal expense, and that this agreement be reviewed by the Municipal Solicitor and then forwarded to the Cape Sable Historical Society for the purpose of having the Society operate a museum out of the Old Court House building.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP PROGRAM

Members were informed that the Municipal Office is currently receiving calls from individuals and organizations wishing to participate in the Community Clean-up Program this spring. A number of alternatives for this program were suggested to members for their consideration.

Resolution COW050408

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality include \$15,000.00 in the 2005/2006 Operating Budget for the Community Clean-up Program and that the rate paid for clean-up be changed to \$100.00 per kilometre.

<u>AFFIRMATIVE</u>	<u>NEGATIVE</u>
Sterling Belliveau	Fred Bower
Louise Halliday	
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger	
Eddie Nickerson	
Larry Stewart	
Sean Strang	

Motion carried.

The Community Clean-up Program will be advertised in the local newspaper as soon as possible in order to inform residents that it is once again being put in place. It will be necessary to revise the Community Clean-up Policy in order to change the rate being paid per kilometre. This notice of consideration of the change in this policy will be given at the next subsequent Council meeting.

SPCA CONTRACT

The Municipality's contract with the Yarmouth SPCA is coming up for renewal soon. Council had previously indicated to the Municipality of Shelburne that they would consider using the Beulah Burman Society Animal Shelter for the purpose of harboring and disposing of animals from the Municipality of Barrington if it is feasible.

Resolution COW050409

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality of Shelburne be contacted regarding the Beulah Burman Animal Shelter operation and the feasibility of using that operation by the Municipality of Barrington prior to renewing the contract with the Yarmouth SPCA.

Motion carried unanimously.

BARRINGTON REGIONAL CURLING CLUB REQUEST

Correspondence has been received from the Barrington Regional Curling Club requesting use of Arena equipment; more specifically, requesting the use of tables and chairs from the Arena for the purpose of summer rentals that are being conducted at the Curling Club outside of the curling season.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the request of the Barrington Regional Curling Club be approved.

Motion withdrawn.

Resolution COW0504010

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. LeBlanc-Messenger that Municipal Staff meet with the Barrington Regional Curling president to determine what loan agreement will be required to be put in place in order to fulfill their request, and that this agreement be brought back to Committee for consideration and recommendation to Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

ORGANIZATION AND COMMUNITY GRANT REQUESTS

Due to the large number of requests received, it was suggested that the grant requests be reviewed at a separate meeting of the Committee before being recommended to Council and included in the budget.

Members agreed that a meeting of the Committee will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2005 for the express purpose of dealing with the following three topics:

1. Proprietor's Land
2. Grant Requests
3. Budget Considerations

Members agreed by consensus to defer the consideration of grants to this meeting.

MEETING WITH DISTRICT HEALTH AUTHORITY

Correspondence has been received from the District Health Authority indicating that they will be having a meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2005 at the Yarmouth Regional Hospital for the purpose of discussing health care initiatives and planning in the district. Each council in their area is asked to send up to four (4) representatives to attend this meeting.

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Resolution COW050411

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that it be recommended to Council that Councillor Messenger attend the meeting with the South West District Health Authority on April 26, 2005 at the Yarmouth Regional Hospital, and that her expenses related to this meeting be approved for payment by the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

A Schedule of Fees for Municipal employees for the previous two weeks was circulated to members for their information and review.

UFO TELESCOPE

It was suggested by a resident that a telescope or “viewing glasses” might be stationed at the UFO Tourist Rest Stop so that the patrons at this site could view the waters off Shag Harbour and Wood’s Harbour from this vantage point.

Resolution COW050412

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by F. Bower that Municipal Staff determine the potential cost of a telescope or “viewing glasses” to be installed at this site.

Motion carried unanimously.

ARENA RENTAL

Members were informed that correspondence has been received from Nothin’ Fancy Furniture Warehouse requesting that the Arena be rented to them for a period of fourteen (14) days to hold a furniture sale. This company wishes to hold a furniture sale at the Arena for the period from May 5 - 14, 2005. During that period there is only one event scheduled at the Arena which is a flea market being held by the Arena Fundraising Committee. The Fundraising Committee will change the date of the flea market if this rental takes place. The regular rental rate for commercial use of the Arena is \$500.00 per day. Nothin’ Fancy is requesting that the Municipality rent the facility to their business for a fee of \$3,000.00 for the use of the facility for fourteen (14) days. As well, Nothin’ Fancy is indicating that they will make a donation to the Arena, i.e. a washer or a dryer.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality rent the Arena to Nothin' Fancy for the required time and event at the regular approved rental rate of \$500.00 per day.

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by F. Bower that the previous motion be amended by adding the words "payable in advance".

Amendment carried unanimously.

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Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that the previous motion as amended be deferred to consideration of Council pending information obtained on a previous rental of the Arena to Wilson's Shopping Centre Limited for a similar event.

Motion carried unanimously.

IVA CAMERON REQUEST

Mrs. Iva Cameron owns a mobile home in Wood's Harbour. On December 26, 2004, as a result of a wind storm, the roof was blown off Mrs. Cameron's home. She is requesting under the Tax Reduction Policy, #46, that her taxes be reduced for a two month period from December 26, 2004 to February 26, 2005, since she was unable to occupy her home during those two months as a result of the roof being blown off.

A tax reduction is permissible under this policy by the Municipality when a property is damaged by fire, storm or other causes.

Resolution COW050413

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that it be recommended to Council that a tax reduction in the amount of 50% for the two month period, from December 26, 2004 to February 26, 2005 be granted on the property of Iva Cameron in Wood's Harbour because the property was damaged by the roof being blown off during a snow storm on December 26, 2004, and as a result the property was not inhabitable for the two subsequent months.

Motion carried unanimously.

OAK PARK SEWER

Correspondence has been received, by fax, from Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations in response to a request for funding for the construction of the Oak Park sewer. This correspondence is from Minister Barry Bernet and indicates that the Province is not in a position to make a commitment towards the proposed sewer line extension project at this time. The Minister also suggests that other options for funding, such as the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund and Federal Gas Tax Program be pursued for funding in the fiscal year 2005/2006.

The Department of Education wishes to know from the Municipality if the Oak Park sewer will be constructed. The Department of Education needs this information by April 15th so that they can determine whether or not they should build an on-site septic system on the property for the new high school being built in Oak Park. A delay beyond this point in responding to this issue

may cause a delay in the construction of the high school. Because the Municipality does not wish to delay the construction of the high school, and because the Department of Education must have a response not later than April 15th, Municipal Council must make a decision in the very near future and will not be able to wait for applications to be made and for approvals to be received through other funding sources which may take months to process.

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Resolution COW050414

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by E. Nickerson that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality write the Department of Education indicating that they should proceed with their project for the construction of a new high school assuming that the Municipality will not be extending the Municipal sewer line up the Oak Park Road to the high school property.

Motion carried unanimously.

YEAR OF THE VETERAN

Members were presented with a copy of correspondence from the Royal Canadian Legion Cape Sable Branch #148. In this correspondence the president of the Legion is requesting that the Municipality take part in celebrations of the *Year of the Veteran*, which is 2005. It is suggested that the Municipality obtain banners and participate in other activities that will help celebrate the *Year of the Veteran*.

Resolution COW050415

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality respond to the letter from the Royal Canadian Legion by indicating to them that the Municipality will contact the local Sea Cadet Corps and try to make arrangements with them for the construction of a float that can be used in the July 1st Canada Day parade in Clark's Harbour and the Barrington Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade, celebrating the *Year of the Veteran* and that banners will be obtained from the Legion in order to help publicize and celebrate the *Year of the Veteran*.

Motion carried unanimously.

The local Sea Cadet Corps will be contacted regarding a possible contribution of \$250.00 being made towards the corps in consideration of them constructing a float for the Municipality for the parades and also the provision of \$250.00 will be provided in the Municipal budget for the cost of materials for a float to be included in these parades.

CLOSED SESSION

The Committee then entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing a request from an employee regarding a personnel matter and for the purpose of considering a report that may have

financial implications to the Municipality.

Having completed their discussion of matters in Closed Session, the Committee then again returned to Open Session.

Leave of Absence

Resolution COW050416

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality inform Michelle DeSantis that her request for a further six (6) months leave of absence is approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Resolution COW050417

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that Laura Lee Greenwood continue on her term of employment until the return of Michelle DeSantis to regular full-time employment, or until the end of six months, whichever comes first.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual agreement at 11:07 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary for the Meeting

Copied for Councillors on April 8, 2005 by Sharon Brannen.

