

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

May 16, 2005

The meeting was called to order by the Deputy Warden at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Sterling Belliveau (7:48 p.m.)
 - Fred Bower
 - Louise Halliday
 - Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
 - Eddie Nickerson (7:32 p.m.)
 - Larry Stewart
 - Sean Strang
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

CED/LIBRARY PROJECT

The Deputy Warden began the meeting by conducting the interview for the Community Economic Development Centre and Library Project. Present for this interview were Trudy Amirault, Director of Western Counties Regional Library; Joan Bower, South West Shore Development Authority; Marjory Weeks, Friends of the Library; Mark MacIsaac, Engineer; and Brian Lynch, Engineer.

The purpose of this interview was for the engineers to obtain information from potential tenants and users of the building so that they could determine the layout and pending structure of the building. It was confirmed that the building would be one (1) level only, that the common area should include washrooms, hallways and meeting rooms. It was indicated that there should be a combined CAP Site location for six (6) to eight (8) computers. Information on Library standards was provided by Mrs. Amirault. It was indicated that windows in the building should be high on the walls in order to allow for as much shelf space as possible. It was also indicated that the building should have a brick facade and be of wood frame construction. Outside entries or entries from the common area should be provided for the tenants office spaces.

Some discussion followed regarding the traffic problem that may ensue as a result of the location of the building.

It was agreed that the engineers would prepare some draft designs of the building and that this group would meet again at the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for May 30, 2005 in order to review suggested designs.

Having completed their discussion of this project, members of the user groups retired from the meeting at approximately 8:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION RE: CONTRACT AGREEMENT

Members entered into Closed Session to discuss the agreement with the Barrington Regional Curling Club with Mr. Bob Cushing, President; Mr. Dick Crowell, Secretary; and Mr. Richard Nickerson, Director of the Club.

Prior to the Closed Session the Warden assumed the chair of the meeting.

Having completed their Closed Session discussion, members then returned to Open Session.

Resolution COW050514

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that a working capital loan in the amount of \$10,000 be provided to the Barrington Regional Curling Club allowing them to operate during the summer months until a financial plan can be prepared by the Club for presentation to Council during the fall.

Motion carried unanimously.

Having completed their discussion of these matters, representatives of the Curling Club retired from the meeting.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Eastlink Response
- Physician
- Hiring Committee
- Float for Year of the Veteran

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that the minutes of the last two previous meetings held May 2, 2005 and May 5, 2005 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION RE: SALE OF PROPERTY

Members then entered into Closed Session to discuss the potential sale of Municipal property.

Having completed their discussion, members then returned to Open Session.

BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL HIGH SCHOOL PROPERTIES

Correspondence has been received from the Municipal Solicitor regarding the transfer of property to the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Public Works. A map has been provided of the property to be transferred. This is property that is owned by the Municipality which was previously offered to the Department of Education for the construction of a new high school.

Resolution COW050515

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the Warden and the Clerk be authorized to sign the Agreement of Sale to the Department of Transportation and Public Works for the sale of the school property in Oak Park for the purpose of constructing a new Barrington Municipal High School.

AFFIRMATIVE

Sterling Belliveau
Louise Halliday
Donna Messenger
Eddie Nickerson
Larry Stewart
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Fred Bower

Motion carried.

Existing B.M.H.S. Property

Members were informed that a report has been received from the Department of Education on the current B.M.H.S. property. This report was completed by John K. Dobbs & Associates, Architects and Facility Planners, and is titled "Facility and Site Evaluation Barrington Junior and Senior High School". This information is being compiled so that the Municipality will be better able to assess future uses of this property. The Tri-County Regional School Board has also been in contact and will be providing studies and information that they have also obtained in recent years on this school.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS RE: STIPENDS

Proposed amendments regarding the payment of stipends for committee members who are not councillors had previously been circulated. The proposed amendment is to remove the following sentence: "In order to qualify for payment, at least one meeting must be held during the payment period.". Removal of this sentence will mean that payment will be made regardless of whether a meeting has been held in a given quarter.

Members agreed by consensus that notice of this amendment should be given to Council at their next meeting.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

A summary of costs has been received from the Municipal Waste Collector regarding the spring clean-up that has just been completed. During the course of this clean-up it was necessary for the Municipal Waste Collector to use three (3) different trucks since there was so much waste placed at roadside for collection. It was also necessary that six (6) men work during this clean-up. The Municipal Waste Collector has provided an estimated cost, before H.S.T., of \$8,560.00, to complete this clean-up. The Municipality is already obligated to pay \$2,500.00 for this clean-up. The cost of advertising is contained in the contract and is to be born by the Municipal Collector. It is recommended to the Committee that the Municipality pay the remaining costs to the Collector as he has collected all of the waste that was placed at roadside except for a minimal amount of waste that did not qualify for collection. The increased costs that would be paid amount to \$5,630.00.

Resolution COW050516

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality pay an additional \$5,630.00 to cover the cost of the spring clean-up incurred by the Municipal Waste Collector.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was also brought up by a member that he has noticed some waste being picked up by the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Public Works in other areas of the province.

Resolution COW050517

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council:

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of property owners within the Municipality to clean up litter and waste deposited on their properties;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality paid local organizations and individuals to clean up Department of Transportation properties along the roadways through the Municipality in 2004 resulting in the collection of 34,960 kg. of solid waste at a cost of \$26,690.00;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality has also conducted a Community Clean-up Program again in the spring of 2005 resulting in the collection of 8,400 kg. of waste at a cost of \$7,550 thus far this year;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Barrington invoice the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Public Works for the cost of cleaning up their property within the Municipality again this spring once the clean-up has been completed.

AFFIRMATIVE

Sterling Belliveau
Fred Bower
Louise Halliday
Larry Stewart
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Donna Messenger
Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

WILDLIFE SPECIES AND HABITATS IN NOVA SCOTIA

Members were informed that information has been received from the Government of Canada Habitat Stewardship Program for Species at Risk, and from the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources providing a guide to Municipal tools supporting wildlife species and habitats in Nova Scotia. This information has been provided both in hard copy and on a computer disk. This information is available in the Municipal Office for councillors to review.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

The Schedule of Fees for the previous two weeks was circulated to members for their information.

EASTLINK RESPONSE

Correspondence has been received from Eastlink Cable regarding the taping of Council meetings and the subsequent broadcast of those meetings on their cable television network. Concern had been expressed to the company regarding the taping of a recent council meeting. The technician taping this meeting left in the middle of the meeting because a Closed Session was held at that time and did not complete taping the meeting. The correspondence from Eastlink indicated that they will make every effort to avoid having this taking place again in the future.

PHYSICIAN

Members were informed that it is anticipated that Dr. Ray McKnight will be coming to the community some time between May 26th and 29th in order to take up residency here and practice medicine from the Community Health Centre.

FLOAT FOR YEAR OF THE VETERAN

A member informed the meeting that preparations will begin at the Sea Cadet meeting on Wednesday evening for the design and construction of a float for Year of the Veteran. Other members of Council are invited to also attend the meeting and bring their ideas.

HIRING COMMITTEE

A total of twenty-seven (27) applications have now been received for the position of Property Services Labourer. These applications will be short-listed. Members are requested to evaluate the applications according to the short-listing process and return them to the Municipal Office by Friday noon. These short-listings will then be accumulated and the top six (6) applicants, including ties, will be interviewed by the Hiring Committee. A Hiring Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 25, 2005 for this purpose.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:52 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary for the Meeting

Copied for Sean Strang on May 17, 2005 by Sharon Brannen and on website.

