

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

June 20, 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:

- UNSM Hotel.
- CED Centre Floor Plan.
- Fire Department Requests.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by S. Strang 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 S. Strang that the minutes of the last previous meeting held June 7, 2005 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

CED CENTRE FLOOR PLAN

A proposed floor plan for the CED Centre was circulated to members for their review. This plan had been compiled from information obtained by Mark MacIsaac from the tenants of the building. The library layout was done in conjunction with Trudy Amirault, Director of the Western Counties Regional Library.

After reviewing the floor plan it was agreed by members that this would be a satisfactory layout for the building.

There was concern expressed about infilling of the pond in front of the building, and the affect this may have if the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans became involved in an environmental assessment as a result of it. Mark MacIsaac will try to get that information from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans regarding the infilling of the pond before proceeding any further.

There was also some discussion regarding the outside of the building and the facade it presents to the public. This will be further developed by Mr. MacIsaac for later review by members.

After completing this discussion Mr. MacIsaac retired from the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

The chairman of the Planning Advisory Committee, together with the Municipal Planner appeared before the meeting for the purpose of discussing proposed Coastal Wetlands amendments that will provide for development in the Coastal Wetlands Area.

The Chairman of the Planning Advisory Committee informed members that they cannot deal solely with Dean Nickerson's project in isolation from other developments in the Coastal Wetlands Areas.

The committee has been asked to enable Mr. Nickerson's proposal and has proposed amendments that would enable it "as of right" in the Coastal Wetlands Areas.

Members were informed that an additional rezoning application has been received from owners of the O'Neil property at the end of Kenney Road in Stoney Island. These property owners are requesting that their property in the Coastal Wetlands Area be rezoned to either Rural Development, Residential 1 or Residential 2, in order to allow for subdivision of the property for residential lots.

When asked the Municipal Planner emphatically advised members against allowing development in Coastal Wetland Areas.

Having completed their discussion of this matter, the Chairman of the Planning Advisory Committee and the Municipal Planner retired from the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

There was no definitive decision taken in this matter at this time.

RURAL COMMUNITY IMPACTING POLICY

Correspondence has been received from Mr. Corey Towes who is a Research Assistant for the Rural Communities Impacting Policy Project at Dalhousie University. He is requesting members of Council to participate in a focus group that will take approximately 1 1/2 to 2 hours that will focus on the challenges of sustainable use in the development of coastal areas.

Warden Belliveau and Councillor Strang agreed to participate in this focus group. Mr. Towes will be informed.

SEWER EXTENSION REQUEST

Mr. Bruce Thomas, together with Mr. Gardiner Allen, appeared before the meeting. Mr. Thomas had previously forwarded a letter to the Municipal Office requesting permission to connect to the Municipal sewer on Wireless Road. Mr. Thomas will be purchasing and developing a property on the Wireless Road for the purpose of placing a residence there.

Some discussion followed regarding the extension of the sewer up Wireless Road.

Resolution COW050607

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that Bruce Thomas be permitted to connect to the Municipal sewer line at the 8 inch sewer lateral at Wireless Road with all costs to be born by the property owner.

Motion carried unanimously.

MUNICIPAL PROPERTY IN UPPER PORT LATOUR

Members were informed that the Real Estate listing for the property owned by the Municipality in Upper Port LaTour was about to expire on July 25th. This property has been listed for sale for 18 months without any interest being shown by the public.

It was agreed by consensus of members that this property would no longer be listed as the efforts to sell it seem to be futile.

UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA MUNICIPALITIES CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

There was some discussion regarding possible resolutions to be forwarded to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Conference.

No motion was made at this time to forward any resolutions.

UNSM HOTEL BOOKINGS

It was suggested that the Municipality book hotels for the UNSM Conference from the 5th to the 7th of October, 2005, in Halifax at the Westin Hotel, under personal names of the councillors in order to obtain hotel reservations in the hosting hotel. This will be done by Municipal Staff in the immediate future.

ARENA DISCIPLINE POLICY

This matter has been further deferred until a meeting of the committee in July.

SOUTH WEST SHORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY THANK YOU LETTER

It was suggested by the Warden that a thank you letter be sent to the South West Shore Development Authority thanking them for their cooperation and efforts in obtaining funds for the Municipality for such projects as the development at McGray Avenue, the Visitor Information Centre and the Community Economic Centre.

Resolution COW050608

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that it be recommended to Council that a letter of appreciation and thanks be sent to the South West Shore Development Authority for their cooperation in obtaining funds for various municipal projects.

Motion carried unanimously.

THE HAWK DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

This matter is deferred to a later meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council at which time the proponents will make a presentation to the committee.

UNSM SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the UNSM is scheduled for August 4, 2005, at the Westin Hotel, in Halifax. At this meeting members will be discussing the Fair and Equitable Funding Report that has been submitted to members.

It was agreed by members that the following councillors would attend as voting representatives: Warden Sterling Belliveau, Deputy-Warden Fred Bower, Councillor Louise Halliday, Councillor Donna LeBlanc-Messenger and Councillor Larry Stewart. Councillor Sean Strang will also attend, but will not be a voting delegate.

It was also agreed by members that the Fair and Equitable Funding Report be placed on the agenda of the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting so that it could be discussed prior to the UNSM Special Meeting.

BOAT AT MCGRAYS

Members were informed that Mr. Eugene Nickerson had come to the Municipal Office this morning to discuss his boat at McGray Avenue. Mr. Nickerson informed the Municipal Clerk that he is doing repairs to the boat so that it may be used in the inshore lobster fishing industry in the fall. Mr. Nickerson is at the present time trying to obtain a lobster licence for the boat for this purpose. He will be doing repairs to the boat over the course of the summer. These repairs may take half of the summer months. Mr. Nickerson stated that he would move the boat so that it is below the high water mark and he would continue to work on the boat at McGray Avenue. He also stated that by moving it below the high water mark, it would not interrupt the flow of pedestrian traffic along the walkway at McGray Avenue. Mr. Nickerson also stated that he had

been advised by a lawyer that he may have some claim to the property at McGray Avenue since he has been using it for some 65 years as a fisherman.

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Members of the committee were adamant that the boat should be moved from Municipal property and that a letter should be sent to Mr. Nickerson as previously indicated in a motion of Council requesting that he move the boat within two weeks.

The appropriate letter will be sent immediately so that Mr. Nickerson is aware that he is required to move the boat.

COUNCILLOR'S IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Draft proposals of identification cards for councillors was circulated to members. Members agreed on a draft layout of the identification card. These identification cards will be made up by Municipal Staff in the near future.

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Council has been using a Committee of the Whole Council structure for its meetings for the past six (6) months. It was the general consensus of members that this system has been working satisfactorily and should be continued.

Resolution COW050609

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday that Municipal policy be amended appropriately in order to permanently place the Committee of the Whole Council structure in place for meetings of Standing Committees of Council, and that notice be given at the next following Council meeting of the proposed amendments to Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

ACOA LUNCHEON MEETING

Correspondence has been received from the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency indicating that the Vice President will be in Shelburne on June 21st and will be hosting a luncheon meeting to which the Warden or a representative has been invited.

Resolution COW050610

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the expenses of either the Warden or Deputy Warden to attend a luncheon meeting with the Vice President of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency in Shelburne, be paid by the

Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

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HIGHWAY 103 UPGRADE

An email has been received from Mr. Brian MacDougal who is a councillor at the Region of Queens Municipality. Mr. MacDougal is the chairman of the Highway 103 Committee. He is requesting a letter from the Warden and Mayors of the various municipal units on the South Shore supporting the upgrade of Highway 103.

Resolution COW050611

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Halliday that it be recommended to Council that a letter of support be sent to Councillor MacDougal indicating the Municipality's support for the upgrade of Highway 103, and more particularly for the completion of the Barrington By-Pass.

Motion carried unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS

Two requests have been received from the Shag Harbour/Bear Point Volunteer Fire Department. The first request concerns the purchase of a new fire truck.

The fire department wishes to purchase a new fire truck but does not wish to burden the taxpayers with an additional area rate to pay for it. They have indicated that the fire department will raise the funds to pay for a new fire truck themselves each year. It is necessary to borrow the funds over a period of 15 years. In order to borrow the funds from the local bank it is necessary for the Municipality to co-sign a loan as a guarantor. The fire department is requesting the Municipality to co-sign the loan.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality co-sign a loan for the Shag Harbour/Bear Point Volunteer Fire Department for the purpose of purchasing a new fire truck in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, and that in the case of default of the loan an area rate be put in place to repay the loan.

After some discussion this motion was withdrawn.

It was the general consensus of members that the executive of the Volunteer Fire Department be requested to come to the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting in July to discuss this matter with committee members.

The second request from the Fire Department was for the Municipality to put a float in the Birthday Fest Celebrations being held at the end of July.

There was no commitment from committee members to put a float in this particular parade.

CLOSED SESSION RE: PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

Members entered into Closed Session in order to discuss an offer from a local resident for the Municipality to purchase property.

After completing this discussion, members returned to Open Session.

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Resolution COW050612

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality respond to an offer from Donna Smith for the sale of her property in Barrington Passage by stating that the Municipality is not interested in purchasing the property.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual agreement of members at 10:50 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary for the Meeting

On Website June 23, 2005.

