

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

July 18, 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:

- Sea Cadets - Float.
- Exhibition Request.
- Commemoration of the Great Upheaval.
- Victorian Order of Nurses.
- Fair and Equitable Funding.
- Street Light.
- Gymnasium.
- Marathon.
- Shag Harbour Fire Truck.
- Waste Collection Ad
- Paperwork.

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. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that the minutes of the last previous meeting held July 4, 2005 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

ARENA DISCIPLINE POLICY

A letter provided by the Municipal Solicitor was summarized for members. In this letter the Municipal Solicitor advises that it is technically contrary to the Liquor Control Act for individuals to carry unopened liquor in a vehicle, or to have it in a public place unless there is a specific permit to do so, however the R.C.M.P. will not charge someone if they are carrying unopened liquor to their home. As a result, if a person had a bottle of beer opened or unopened in their possession in the Arena, they would not be in the process of conveying it to a residence and therefore no permit permitting him to have or consume liquor.

It was suggested that the policy of the Arena be amended so that patrons using dressing rooms would be required to provide a set of car keys to the Arena Attendant when getting the dressing room key, and that they be returned their car keys when they return the key to the dressing room to the Arena Attendant. At that time the Arena Attendant is to check to see that the dressing room is satisfactorily cleaned and in acceptable condition.

It was also suggested that a check list be prepared for the Arena Attendant to check to see that various areas in the dressing room had been checked when the keys are returned.

It was the consensus of members that a policy putting this procedure in place be drafted and returned to the committee for approval.

ELECTRICITY USAGE

A summary of power usage costs for the Municipality was related to members for their information. Members were informed that over the last fiscal year the Municipality paid \$255,000.00 for electricity to Nova Scotia Power Inc. The Municipality used 1,375,000 kilowatt hours of electricity during the year.

There then followed some discussion regarding the use of power and the possibility of reducing power consumption through alternative means.

Members were advised that they could obtain information on Green Municipal Funds from the FCM website.

UNNAMED ISLAND OFF FORBES POINT

There is an unnamed island off Forbes Point in Wood's Harbour that is presently being assessed to the Municipality. The Department of Natural Resources has indicated by letter that this is considered to be crown land. This island is identified by PID #80017353. Unless the Municipality wishes to make claim to it, which would then have to be proven to the Department of Natural Resources, it would be advisable to have this property assessed in the name of the Department of Natural Resources so that the Municipality would at least receive a grant in lieu of taxes.

Resolution COW050720

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by E. Nickerson that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality inform Assessment Services that the unnamed island off Forbes Point identified by

PID #80017353 be assessed to the Department of Natural Resources.

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AFFIRMATIVE

Sterling Belliveau

Louise Halliday

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Eddie Nickerson

Larry Stewart

Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Fred Bower

Motion carried.

TOURIST DESTINATION SIGN

A draft proposal for tourist destination signs to be placed on Highway 103 when approaching the Municipality was circulated to members for their consideration. This sign consists of a blue background with the Municipality of Barrington, Lobster Capital of Canada insignia, identical to the one which appears on our Municipal flag.

Resolution COW050721

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that the Lobster Capital of Canada design for tourist destination signs be forwarded to the Department of Transportation so that these signs can be erected on Highway 103 as soon as possible.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW050722

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that a Visitor Information Centre sign be erected on the Visitor Information Centre building.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY LITTER CLEAN-UP PROGRAM

Members were informed that the Community Litter Clean-up Program has been nominated by the Municipality to Service Nova Scotia for an InNOVAward.

BOAT AT MCGRAY AVENUE

Members were informed that the boat at McGray Avenue has been moved from in front of the boat launch to an area off to one side near the rock wall. A picture showing the location of the boat was circulated to members for their information.

Resolution COW050723

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that a letter of thank you be sent to Mr. Gene Nickerson for moving the boat to a more appropriate location out of the way.

Motion carried unanimously.

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LIGHTS AT THE WATERFRONT

As a result of an email received from Jason Hollett at the South West Shore Development Authority, there was some discussion regarding the provision of LED lights at the waterfront during the Christmas season.

It was suggested that these lights could be used on the Christmas tree that is placed at the waterfront.

Resolution COW050724

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that it recommended to Council that the Municipality request Nova Scotia Power Inc. to sponsor lights on the Christmas tree at the waterfront by donating the lights.

Motion carried unanimously.

ANNUAL REPORT

A draft annual report for the 2004/2005 fiscal year was previously circulated to members for their comments.

No comments were provided by members.

It was requested that this report be placed on the Municipal website providing it is acceptable.

Resolution COW050725

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the draft annual report for the fiscal year 2004/2005 be placed on the Municipal website.

Motion carried unanimously.

ISLAND ELECTRIC BUSINESS OCCUPANCY TAX

Members were informed that there is still business occupancy tax in the amount of \$1,551.00 owing on the account of Island Electric Ltd. This tax is uncollectible and the property has been sold.

Resolution COW050726

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality write off the balance of the business occupancy tax on the account of Island Electric Ltd.

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

Motion carried.

PIPING PLOVER RECOVERY STRATEGY

The proposed Piping Plover Recovery Strategy was circulated to members for their information and review. This is a strategy that is being prepared by the Canadian Wildlife Service to preserve and improve the status of the piping plover. The Canadian Wildlife Service is asking for comments on this strategy before July 31, 2005.

Resolution COW050727

WHEREAS part of the strategy for recovery of the piping plover is to minimize human disturbance and increase enforcement of vehicular restrictions in areas frequented by the piping plover;

AND WHEREAS numerous restrictions are being placed on the use of private property, especially in coastal areas;

THEREFORE IT IS MOVED by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the Canadian Wildlife Service in their recovery strategy for piping plover not prevent people from exercising in passive recreation activities on beaches and coastal areas and that the strategy for the piping plover respect a public use of these areas as well as the use of these areas by piping plover.

Motion carried unanimously.

MILTON SEWER PROJECT

Members were informed that correspondence has been received by email from the Region of Queens Municipality indicating that the latest project done on the Milton sewer was funded through the Capital Assistance Program provided on a 50/50 cost sharing basis through Service Nova Scotia.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ARENA POLICY

Members were informed that it is proposed that the Arena Policy be amended to include a rental rate for non ice time and non commercial users, of \$100.00 per hour, for use of the Arena surface when there is no ice installed at the Arena. This rental rate would be the equivalent of the ice rental rate of \$100.00 per hour. This draft policy amendment will be circulated to councillors and placed on the council agenda.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

TENDERS FOR VARIOUS WORKS

Tenders for electrical work, carpentry work and miscellaneous materials are due to expire at the end of September 2005. It will be necessary to re-tender for another year in the very near future. It is proposed that tenders be published for electrical and carpentry works but that the tender for supply of various materials be approached differently this year.

It is suggested that the tenders for various materials and for miscellaneous work be done on an individual job basis with the jobs circulated to the seven (7) known local contractors for pricing and that the lowest price be taken in each instance.

Resolution COW050728

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality tender for the provision of carpentry services and electrical services for the coming fiscal year.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed by consensus of members that a draft policy be provided for review of the committee for the purchase of miscellaneous materials and works. This policy will contain a description of the work required, the materials required, price for the materials, the weight of the materials, the number of hours of machine use required, and the rate of hire for machines in each instance, and circulated to the seven (7) known local contractors to include: D.M. Snow Contracting, Bud Nickerson Contracting, Wayne Newell Construction, Gardiner Allen Construction, Eugene Newell & Sons Construction, Roger Greenwood Construction and Ronnie Ryer Construction.

SOUTH WEST SHORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PRIORITIES LIST

The priorities list received from the South West Shore Development Authority as a result of their planning session held on December 4, 2004 at the Fire Hall in Shelburne was previously

circulated to members.

Team Shelburne has requested that this list be reviewed and that the Municipality provide a list of priorities to Team Shelburne for consideration.

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Members discussed the various priorities listed from the S.W.S.D.A. planning session.

Resolution COW050729

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the following priorities be forwarded to Team Shelburne for their consideration and action:

1. **Education**
Specialized courses should be incorporated into the Nova Scotia Community College, Shelburne Campus.
2. **Health Care**
Recruitment of Physicians and Incentive Programs to be provided to physicians should be developed by Team Shelburne for the entire county.
3. **Transportation**
Highways in general in Shelburne County should be improved including secondary roads as well as Highway 103.
4. **Exports**
Development of more exports for Shelburne County should be further pursued.
5. **New industry**
New and different industries should be attracted to the county in order to diversify the economy.

Motion carried unanimously.

SEA CADETS - FLOAT

The Sea Cadets provided a float on behalf of the Municipality of Barrington which was included in the Town of Clark's Harbour Canada Day Parade.

Resolution COW050730

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by F. Bower that the Municipality make a donation of \$250.00 to the Unicorn Sea Cadet Squadron in recognition of their construction and provision of services for the float on behalf of the Municipality in the Clark's Harbour Canada Day Parade.

Motion carried unanimously.

EXHIBITION REQUEST

Correspondence has been received from the Barrington Municipal Exhibition. The Exhibition Association is requesting permission to borrow 15- 8 foot tables, and 80 chairs from the Barrington Recreation Complex to be used in the Bingo building during the Exhibition.

Resolution COW050731

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

Municipality loan to the Barrington Municipal Exhibition, 15 - 8 foot tables, and 80 chairs from the Barrington Recreation Complex for the purpose of use in the Bingo building during the Exhibition. The Exhibition Association will be responsible for picking up and returning these tables and chairs.

Motion carried unanimously.

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INVITATION TO THE COMMEMORATION OF THE GREAT UPHEAVAL

The Commemoration of the Great Upheaval is a celebratory event that will take place on July 25th at the Grand Pre National Historic Site. This event will commemorate the expulsion of the Acadians which took place in 1755. The Warden has received an invitation to attend this event.

VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES

The request for a grant had previously been considered by the committee. The Victorian Order of Nurses had requested a \$1,000.00 grant from the Municipality. This grant request was considered by both the Committee of the Whole Council and by Council during its budget considerations. No grant had been approved at that time although no definitive motion had been passed.

Resolution COW050732

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality inform the VON that it regrets it cannot fund any grant to that organization during this fiscal year.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Sterling Belliveau

Motion carried.

FAIR AND EQUITABLE FUNDING

The Fair and Equitable Funding Proposal had previously been circulated to members for their review and consideration. Additional information received from the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities was also circulated to members.

The meeting that was proposed for August 4th by the UNSM for consideration of this initiative has been canceled. In its place an information session will be held for the Wardens and CAOs. There will also be a Rural Caucus Meeting to discuss this matter to be held on September 16th at 9:00 a.m. at the Antigonish County Council Chambers, at Beach Hill Road, Antigonish County.

The Warden assured members that he would attend both the August 4th meeting and the September 16th meeting.

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Resolution COW050733

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the attention of the chairman of the Rural Caucus requesting that meetings of the Caucus be held in more central locations because journeying to Antigonish for a 9:00 a.m. meeting required municipal units from the southwestern end of the province to take two days in order to attend this meeting, and that a response be requested from the Rural Caucus Chair.

Motion carried unanimously.

This matter will be further discussed at the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting to be held on August 2, 2005.

PAPERWORK

It was suggested by a member that all information being sent to councillors be sent by email if possible so that as much paper may be eliminated as possible.

This will be done by Municipal Staff in the immediate future.

STREET LIGHT

A member requested that a street light be placed at the corner of the Clam Point Road at Clam Point, Cape Sable Island. This request does not meet the requirements of the Street Lighting Policy and therefore must be approved by Council.

Resolution COW050733

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by E. Nickerson that it be recommended to Council that a street light be placed at the end of the Clam Point Road on Cape Sable Island..

Motion carried unanimously.

GYMNASIUM

Members were informed that it is believed that the Barrington Fitness Centre will be closing in the very near future and as a result there will be a need for a male gym in the community.

NOVA SCOTIA MARATHON

The Nova Scotia Marathon is being held this Sunday in the Municipality.

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Strang that the councillor from the Barrington Area, District 3, attend the ceremony on behalf of the Municipality.

After some discussion this motion was withdrawn.

It was agreed that the Warden should attend the ceremony on behalf of the Municipality as usually required, and in his absence the Deputy Warden.

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SHAG HARBOUR FIRE TRUCK

Members were informed by the councillor from the area that the executive of the Shag Harbour/Bear Point Volunteer Fire Department feel that they can raise the funds for this truck without imposing an area rate on the district, however having council guarantee a loan for the purchase of a fire truck would circumvent the policy that is now in place for the purchase of capital assets of the fire departments. This policy requires that fire departments obtain approval for the purchase of capital assets from the residents of the district by holding a public meeting, and also that the residents confirm they are willing to pay the amount required for capital purchases through an area rate.

Further discussions will be held with the executive of the fire department to determine their course of action.

WASTE COLLECTION ADS

Members were informed that an ad has been placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper by Ridge Road Recycling indicating that waste collection would be starting at 7:00 a.m. in the morning.

It was felt that this ad was not adequate to inform the public. As a result the collector will be reminded that flyers should be placed door to door to inform residents of this change in collection procedure.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:31 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary for the Meeting

On website July 19, 2005.

