

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

October 3, 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:

- Community Grant Request.
- CRT Seafoods Request.
- Sherose Island Walking Trail.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the minutes of the last previous meeting held September 19, 2005 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

INTERVIEW WITH FIRE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES

Representatives of the following fire departments attended the meeting in order to discuss fire department issues:

- Gordie Ross, Chief, - Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department
- Dwayne Hunt, Chief - Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department
- Eugene Stoddard, President - Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department
- Marvin Blades, Chief - Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department
- Paul Thomas, Deputy Chief - Barrington 7E Volunteer Fire Department
- Danny Jack - Shag Harbour/Bear Point Volunteer Fire Department
- Dennis Smith - Shag Harbour/Bear Point Volunteer Fire Department

There was no representative present for the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department.

Each representative from each fire department submitted a report either verbally or in writing to the meeting summarizing their activities over the previous six (6) to eight (8) months.

Paul Thomas indicated that the fire departments had made arrangements to provide emergency fire services due to the closure of the Port Clyde bridge. It is expected that the Port Clyde bridge will be closed for some time. The fire departments on both sides of the bridge have made alternate arrangements so that fire services will be provided.

It was indicated that there is an emergency services problem in the area. Certain parts of the Municipality are not well covered by cell phone towers. This also affects the MTR radio coverage. It was indicated that coverage is especially weak on Cape Sable Island.

Resolution COW051001

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that correspondence be sent to Aliant requesting the company to improve cell phone and MTR radio coverage for emergency services in the following areas: Centreville, South Side, Clark's Harbour, The Hawk and Shag Harbour.

Motion carried unanimously.

There was also concern expressed that the Emergency Measures Organization was not communicating adequately with fire departments, and that the fire departments were not kept well enough informed of emergency planning.

Fire department representatives were informed that a meeting has been scheduled for the Emergency Measures Organization in late October. A notice will be sent to them requesting that a representative attend the Executive Committee meeting. It is anticipated that the Emergency Measures Organization will become more active in future.

The final concern expressed by fire departments was that a water hole on property of Paul Nickerson in Brass Hill was no longer being used and therefore should be filled in. This matter will be addressed by Municipal Staff.

Having completed their discussion with the committee, fire department members retired from the meeting at approximately 7:30 p.m.

R.C.M.P. REPORT FROM SERGEANT KEVIN SURETTE

Sergeant Surette submitted a written report and reviewed it with the committee. This report covered the previous eight (8) months, from January to August of 2005.

Sergeant Surette indicated that the Lock-up at the local R.C.M.P. Detachment has been repaired, although it has not yet been cleared for use. He also indicated that there has at the present time been no indication that any further changes will be pursued in policing in Shelburne County. He also indicated that it would be possible for him to provide training for Lock-up guards in the very near future. He will contact the Municipal Office to make arrangements for such training.

After completing his review of his report and discussion with Council, Sergeant Surette retired

from the meeting at approximately 8:15 p.m.

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ICE CANCELLATION POLICY

Brian O'Connor, Property Services Supervisor, attended the meeting for the purpose of discussing the Ice Cancellation Policy.

Minor hockey is requesting that the 48 hour ice cancellation policy be amended to allow for a shorter period of cancellation. The enforcement of this policy was discussed with the Property Services Supervisor. As a result of the discussion it was recommended that the policy be amended to allow for 24 hour notice of cancellation for a trial period of one full season.

Resolution COW051002

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday that it be recommended to Council that the Arena Policy be amended to reduce the notice period required for cancellation of ice to twenty-four (24) hours from forty-eight (48), for a one full season trial period.

Motion carried unanimously.

Having completed his discussion of this matter Brian O'Connor retired from the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

CED CENTRE/LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION

Mark MacIsaac, the Owner's Engineer on the project, attended the meeting to bring members up to date on the construction of the project over the past two (2) weeks.

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Eddie Nickerson declared a conflict of interest as his father may be doing site work on this project.

Mr. MacIsaac provided a written report of progress to date and a summary of suggested changes.
Resolution COW051003

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the building location be moved approximately ten (10) feet closer to highway #3, and five (5) feet further to the east as a result of the ledge rock found to be on the property, and that the french drain on the western side of the property be further extended in order to prevent flooding of the property by surface water from surrounding properties.

Motion carried unanimously.

There then followed some discussion regarding the pipes entering the property from the adjacent property to the west.

Resolution COW051004

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Stewart that Municipal Staff contact the adjacent property owners and request their permission to connect the plastic pipes coming into Owaissa Park to the storm sewer drain in front of the adjacent property, at Municipal expense.

Motion carried unanimously.

Having completed their discussion of the site work, Councillor Nickerson then returned to the meeting.

Members were informed by Mr. MacIsaac that Delmar Construction Limited will be starting work on the building on Tuesday, October 4, 2005.

The Engineer will complete the Field Review of Construction forms that is required for the Building Inspector.

The contracts for the electrical and mechanical work have not yet been signed, however, Germain Mechanical & Electrical have been asked to complete these and return them to the Municipal Office.

There then followed some discussion regarding the provision of electrical service through underground conduit. The electrical service will be brought into the property as far as possible on poles, and then provided as much as possible through underground service.

Having completed his review of progress to date, Mr. MacIsaac retired from the meeting.

The committee then discussed the possibility of having a sod turning ceremony, a press release, and erecting a sign with a conceptual drawing of the building on the site.

The timing and provision of the sign and events will be further investigated by Municipal Staff and reported back to the committee.

RECREATION NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE

There will be a Recreation Nova Scotia Conference held October 20 - 22, 2005 at the Old Orchard Inn in Wolfville.

At the present time no members expressed any interest in attending this conference.

COMMUNITY CLUB PROPERTY TAXES

There are small amounts of property taxes still outstanding on the Community Club properties which were purchased by the Municipality. Since the Municipality has purchased these properties it would be appropriate now to write off the balance of these accounts.

Resolution COW051005

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that the small balances remaining on the Barrington Passage Community Club properties which have been purchased by the Municipality be written off.

Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED RESPONSE TO GRADE SIX PROPOSALS

Last fall Council received proposals from the Grade Six students at Forest Ridge Academy. It is proposed that a response be sent to the teacher of the Grade Six class indicating what has been done in relation to their request.

The proposed response was reviewed in detail with members. Some amendments were requested to the response regarding the skateboard park. These amendments will be made prior to the response being sent.

Resolution COW051006

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality send correspondence to Mrs. Andrea Mood-Nickerson, the teacher of the Grade 6 Class at Forest Ridge Academy, in response to their proposals to Council which were made last fall.

Motion carried unanimously.

INVITATION FROM THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE

Correspondence has been received from the Municipality of the District of Argyle inviting the Warden to attend a re-enactment of the first Council meeting of the Municipality of Argyle which will be held at the Court House in Tuskent on October 11, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

Unfortunately, Barrington Municipal Council will also be meeting that same night in Barrington. As a result, the Warden will be unable to attend the Argyle re-enactment. A letter of thanks will be sent to the Municipality of Argyle expressing regrets that the Warden will not be able to attend the re-enactment, and congratulating them on their 125th anniversary.

COMMUNITY GRANT REQUEST

A Community Grant Request has been received from the Old Union Chapel Cemetery on the Old Ferry Wharf Road in Port LaTour. The trustees of the Old Chapel Cemetery are requesting funds from the Municipality for maintenance of the cemetery. In their correspondence they indicate that they intend to clear away brush, weeds and trees to help reveal the 30 plus graves in this cemetery. They will require loads of gravel to fill sunken graves and help level the area to help facilitate mowing in the future, and they will possibly be building up the stone wall.

Resolution COW051007

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality provide a grant in the amount of \$1,100.00 from the District 4 Community Grants Fund to the Old Union Chapel Cemetery, for the purpose of maintenance and restoration of the cemetery.

Motion carried unanimously.

CRT SEAFOODS REQUEST

Correspondence has been received from CRT Seafoods requesting permission to set up a mobile steaming facility for seafood located at McGray Avenue in North East Point.

Resolution COW051008

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by F. Bower that Municipal Staff research previous requests for the establishment of commercial operations at McGray Avenue on North East Point prior to Council making any response to CRT Seafoods.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Sterling Belliveau

Motion carried.

SHEROSE ISLAND WALKING TRAIL

It was indicated by a member that a further request has been received to have the Sherose Island Walking Trail cleaned up again.

Municipal Staff will be directed to do this in the immediate future.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by F. Bower that the meeting adjourn at 10:45 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting

On Website October 4, 2005.

