

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

May 15, 2006

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
- Louise Halliday
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Eddie Nickerson (7:35 p.m.)
- Larry Stewart
- Sean Strang

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

Absent was member Fred Bower due to work commitments.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- FCM Conference
- Hiring Committee
- Meet & Greet
- Budget Meetings
- Trails

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 L. Stewart that the minutes of the last previous meeting held May 1, 2006 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

R.C.M.P. QUARTERLY REPORT

Sergeant Kevin Surette appeared before the meeting for the purpose of providing a quarterly report for the first quarter of 2006. Sergeant Surette provided a written report to all members for the months from January to April 2006. He discussed this report with members and answered their questions pertinent to the report.

Sergeant Surette also indicated that Constable O'Halloran is due to be transferred some time this spring but will not actually leave the detachment until the end of the summer. It is anticipated

that a replacement will be provided by that time.

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Having completed his report, Sergeant Surette retired from the meeting at 7:40 p.m. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

CED CENTRE/LIBRARY

Mark MacIsaac appeared before the meeting for the purpose of reviewing the progress on this project to date. He provided a written report of the progress on the project and answered several questions regarding the project. Mr. MacIsaac will provide information to members on various types of fencing that may be used to enclose the pond in front of the Library. This information will be provided to councillors in the near future so that they can evaluate which type of fence will be desired.

Having completed his review of this matter, Mr. MacIsaac retired from the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

OAK PARK BALL FIELD

Members were brought up to date regarding the ball field in Oak Park. This property has been investigated as a result of complaints received. The complaints are in regards to students from Barrington Municipal High School frequenting the property and parking their cars on the property.

After much investigation it has been determined that half of the ball field is owned by the Glenwright Nickerson Memorial Softball Association. The other half of the ball field is leased by that Association from Mr. Curtis Atwood. The half of the ball field that is owned by the Association was sold to them by the Municipality with a clause in the deed indicating that the property is to be returned to the Municipality if it is no longer used for recreation purposes. At the present time there are no ball teams using the ball field and it is anticipated that the field will no longer be used for recreation purposes. The lease with Mr. Atwood for the other half of the ball field expires at the end of another two years. Mr. Atwood is uncertain whether or not he will renew the lease at that time. Municipal Staff will have a rock barrier placed across the driveway to the ball field so that students will not be able to park there and drive their cars onto the ball field. This will be done in the immediate future.

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES

Information was provided to members regarding the use of off-highway vehicles on municipal property. At the present time the Municipality has no by-laws restricting the use of off-highway vehicles on municipal property, with the exception that signs have been placed on the Barrington Bay Trail restricting the use of vehicles on that trail.

PROPERTY SERVICES AND WASTEWATER SERVICES

It is the recommendation of Municipal Staff that the Wastewater Services become a part of the Property Services and that the Sewage Treatment Plant Operator be supervised by the Property Services Supervisor in order to better coordinate the activities of people and vehicles and equipment in those departments, and to better improve the productivity of people in those departments.

Members agreed by consensus that further information should be obtained from the Municipal Solicitor prior to implementing this recommendation.

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PROPERTY SERVICES TRUCK

After some discussion it was agreed by members that the purchase of another vehicle for the Property Services Department would be delayed until consideration of the budget.

DISTRICT HEALTH AUTHORITY REQUEST

Correspondence has been received by email from the District Health Authority requesting that no rent be charged for the use of an office by the Nurse Practitioner at the Community Health Centre. It was the general consensus of members that additional information should be obtained from the District Health Authority indicating:

1. What is the commitment of the Nurse Practitioner to the community? How many days per week will the Nurse Practitioner be practicing in the Municipality?
2. In other areas where Nurse Practitioners are used, is rent paid for the facilities they work from?
3. Who pays the rent for the Nurse Practitioner? Is it the District Health Authority or the Nurse Practitioner herself?

This information will be obtained before a response is provided to the District Health Authority.

BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL HIGH SCHOOL

Correspondence has been received by email from the Island and Barrington Passage Fire Department requesting use of the former B.M.H.S. buildings for fire practices and training. The buildings will not be returned to the Municipality until June 15th. The School Board has yet to indicate the property around the Annex building which they wish to keep. Until this is done no response can be made regarding the demolition of the Annex.

Resolution COW060505

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that the Fire Department be permitted to use the former B.M.H.S. buildings for department training as long as no material damage is done to the buildings as a result of the training, and as long as the Municipality has not determined alternative uses for the property.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

FCM

Warden Belliveau will not be able to attend the FCM Conference. No other members were interested in attending in his place, therefore, the reservations and registration for the FCM Conference in June will be cancelled.

HIRING COMMITTEE

Warden Belliveau along with councillors Stewart and Halliday will attend the Hiring Committee Meeting tomorrow night. Information on the two applications received for the position of Tax Clerk has been circulated to them. The applicants will be interviewed at the meeting tomorrow night and a recommendation made to Council.

MEET AND GREET

Wanda Atkinson is a candidate for the Progressive Conservative Party for the position of Member of the Legislative Assembly in the election to be held on June 13th. She has invited all councillors to a Meet and Greet she is hosting at noon on May 18, 2006 at the Loyalist Inn, in Shelburne.

BUDGET MEETING

Members agreed to attend a budget meeting on Wednesday, May 24th, beginning at 8:00 a.m. The meeting will continue throughout the day until the budget has been completely reviewed by members.

TRAIL

Members were informed that the CNR right of way in the Barrington area has been cut by Municipal Staff and the bush on that right of way is now being chipped up also by Municipal Employees. The application to ACOA for funding for a Wood's Harbour Trail will require that the Municipality go through the Trail Development process required by the Department of Natural Resources. This is a lengthy process that involves community input. The process will be begun in the very near future in order to try to obtain funding for further development of trails along the CNR right of way in Wood's Harbour.

GOVERNANCE STUDY RE: TEAM SHELBURNE

Members were informed of the results of the last meeting of Team Shelburne. The members at this meeting considered the proposed changes to the Governance Study. There were no conclusions reached at the Team Shelburne meeting because all of the proposals for Board Governance that were voted on were defeated. As a result the meeting was adjourned after 2 1/2 hours, with no decisions having been made.

CLOSED SESSION

Members then entered into a Closed Session of Committee in order to discuss a legal matter.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 9:45 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary for the Meeting

On website May 16, 2006.

