

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

August 21, 2006

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

- Louise Halliday, Chairperson
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Eddie Nickerson
- Larry Stewart
- Sean Strang

- Brian Holland, Clerk-Treasurer
- Gary Saunders, Municipal Planner
- Andrew Goreham, Development Officer

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- C.S.I. Sewer.
- Tax Reduction Request.

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 S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the minutes of the last previous meeting held August 9, 2006 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

INTERVIEW RE: SEWER SYSTEMS - MICHAEL HENNIGAR

Mr. Hennigar appeared before the meeting for the purpose of having several questions answered regarding the sewer system in Barrington and Barrington Passage. He provided questions to the councillors prior to the meeting. These questions were also provided to the Municipal Planner and the Development Officer in order for them to offer responses to the questions.

Mr. Hennigar was provided with answers to his questions by Municipal Staff, with comments from councillors, as appropriate.

In regards to several of the questions, there followed considerable discussion for a period of approximately one hour.

At the end of the discussion, Mr. Hennigar requested to be placed on the Council agenda for the following Monday night, which was agreed to by members.

Having completed the discussion of this matter, Mr. Hennigar then retired from the meeting at 8:10 p.m., as well as the Municipal Planner and the Municipal Development Officer.

INTERVIEW RE: BARRINGTON AREA SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Andrea Mood-Nickerson together with other members of the Association appeared before Council for the purpose of discussing the future of the track and field located at the former Barrington Municipal High School property. The track and field is being returned to the Municipality from the Tri-County Regional School Board as of November 1, 2006. The Association is requesting the Municipality to make a commitment to keep and maintain the track and field as a Municipal recreation facility for the future use of the Association and the community.

Members of the committee assured the Association that every effort will be made to keep the track and field if at all possible, however, the Committee members could not guarantee that circumstances would not arise that may make it favourable to the community and the Municipality to dispose of the field at some time. Nevertheless, it is the intention of the committee members to continue to own and maintain the track and field.

Having completed their discussion of this matter the members of the soccer group retired from the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

SEA STAR ICE DOGS REQUEST

Property Services Supervisor, Mr. Brian O'Connor, appeared before the Committee for the purposes of discussing the proposal of Sea Star Ice Dogs to have team sponsors place logos in the ice at the Barrington Municipal Arena. Mr. O'Connor informed members that he had met with Dana McCarthy, the Manager of the Ice Dogs hockey team. He indicated that the Ice Dogs would be required to pay the cost of putting the logos in the ice, and provide labour to help the ice makers do this. He had spoken with Mr. McCarthy today. Mr. McCarthy informed him that he has a few prospects for placing logos in the ice but does not wish to approach these or other sponsors unless he is certain of the cost and time frame involved. Mr. McCarthy indicated that the Ice Dogs required a three (3) year guarantee in order to obtain sponsors.

There followed some discussion regarding water impurities that would affect the clarity of the ice being placed over the logos and how these impurities may cause the logos to appear "milky" or faded in the ice.

Resolution COW060810

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality enter into a trial agreement with the Sea Star Ice Dogs hockey team to allow seven (7) logos to be placed in the ice at the Barrington Municipal Arena, for a one (1) year period, with an option for two (2) more years.

AFFIRMATIVE

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson
Larry Stewart

NEGATIVE

Louise Halliday
Sean Strang

Motion carried.

It was the general consensus of members that the cost of placing these logos on the ice would be recovered from the Sea Star Ice Dogs so that there would be no expense to the Municipality.

Resolution COW060811

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that a letter of understanding be drafted by the Property Services Manager, to be provided to the Sea Star Ice Dogs, outlining the details of the agreement to place logos in the ice at the Barrington Municipal Arena.

AFFIRMATIVE

Donna Messenger
Eddie Nickerson
Larry Stewart

NEGATIVE

Louise Halliday
Sean Strang

Motion carried.

Having completed the discussion of this matter, the Property Services Manager then retired from the meeting.

2006 HALLOWEEN

To date, no plan has been received from the R.C.M.P. regarding the security issues surrounding Halloween. Correspondence has been received from the R.C.M.P. indicating that this matter would best be addressed by the new Detachment Commander when he arrives.

Resolution COW060812

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that the Commanding Officer of the Barrington R.C.M.P. Detachment be requested to attend the Committee of the Whole meeting on September 5, 2006 for the purpose of discussing plans for security issues at Halloween.

Motion carried unanimously.

SOUTH WEST VISITOR'S GUIDE

Members were informed that a decision needs to be made as soon as possible regarding the South West Nova Scotia Official Visitor's Guide as the deadline date for advertising in this publication is August 31, 2006. The cost of a full page ad is \$3,095.00.

Resolution COW060813

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality not renew its advertising space in the South West Nova Scotia Official Visitor's Guide for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

Motion carried unanimously.

MUNICIPAL RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

Correspondence has been received from the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund indicating that applications are now being invited for the second round of the program. Current applications may be amended or revised for future consideration. The deadline for round two applications is September 29, 2006.

It was agreed by consensus of the committee that a C.S.I. Sewer Committee meeting would be held prior to the Committee of the Whole Council meeting scheduled for September 5, 2006.

INDOOR SOCCER PROGRAM

This matter was referred to committee from Council. It is proposed by the Recreation Department that the indoor soccer program currently conducted by Shelly D'eon become part of the Municipal programming and that Shelly d'Eon be the volunteer coordinator of this program on behalf of the Municipality. It is also proposed by the Recreation Department that the proceeds of this program be donated to the Rosalin Nickerson Care Fund.

Resolution COW060814

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the net proceeds of the indoor soccer program be donated to the Rosalin Nickerson Care Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

Due to the resignation of Deputy Warden Bower it is necessary to have other councillors become members of municipal committees.

Resolution COW060815

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the following committee appointments be made, effective immediately:

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| - Hiring Committee | - Warden Halliday |
| - Western Shelburne Counties Regional Library Board | - Warden Halliday |
| - Planning Advisory Committee | - Councillor Stewart |
| - Continuing Care Steering Committee | - Councillor Strang |

Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FROM CAPE SABLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Cape Sable Historical Society is requesting the support of Council in passing a generic motion, and sending a letter to the Minister of Canadian Heritage requesting that more funding be provided to local museums throughout the country, and that a new Canadian Museums Policy be put in place and this funding be included in the policy.

Resolution COW060816

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that a letter of support be sent to the Minister of Canadian Heritage requesting that a new heritage policy be put in place and that the draft motion provided to Council be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

OWAISSA PARK FENCE

Members were informed that the low tender for the Owaissa Park fence project was Wile's Welding, at \$26,000.00. This proposal meets all the specifications of the tender.

It was suggested by the proponent that it would be possible to substitute a grey colored fence in galvanized steel instead of the wrought iron fence which is painted black with two coats of paint.

It is suggested by the proponent that this grey fence would require less maintenance and be much longer wearing than the black wrought iron fence.

Conflicts of Interest

Warden Louise Halliday

Warden Halliday declared conflict of interest due to the fact that her brother-in-law is a principal in Wile's Welding.

Councillor Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Councillor Messenger declared conflict of interest due to the fact that she is employed by one of the proponents who tendered on this project.

Both members refrained from participating in the discussion of this matter.

Deputy Warden Nickerson assumed the chair for the purposes of discussing this matter.

Resolution COW060817

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that Municipal Staff direct the successful bidder to use the wrought iron black fence for this project as requested in the tenders.

Motion carried unanimously.

Having completed their discussion of this matter, Warden Halliday and Councillor Messenger returned to the meeting.

Warden Halliday then resumed the chair for the meeting.

TAX REDUCTION REQUEST

A tax reduction request has been received from Sleiman and Nada Habid. These are the property owners who owned the store in Wood's Harbour which was destroyed by fire on August 2, 2006. Pursuant to Policy #46, they have applied for a reduction in the taxes on their property for the current fiscal year.

Resolution COW060818

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the taxes on property owned by Sleiman and Nada Habid, at #6559 Wood's Harbour, be reduced in proportion to the reduction in the assessment on the property because of the fire that destroyed the store located on the property on August 2, 2006.

Motion carried unanimously.

DOCTOR STEVEN LEE

Resolution COW060819

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that Municipal Staff be directed to prepare a welcome basket for Dr. Steven Lee to be presented to him by the Warden upon his arrival in the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Members then entered into Closed Session to discuss the cost of the proposed sidewalk in Barrington Passage which will be tendered to the public in the near future.

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

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 11:18 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting

On website August 22, 2006.