

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

September 5, 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

Vacancies in Districts 1 and 4.

- Lesa Rossetti, Secretary for the Meeting

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Kevin Holland Request.
- Casual Part-time Janitor.
- Crosswalk.
- Employment Grant.
- Request to attend Meeting.

### 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 L. Stewart that the minutes of the last meeting held August 21, 2006 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### MEETING WITH FIRE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES

The Semi-Annual Meeting with Representatives of the Fire Departments in the Municipality was held at this time.

Members present representing the fire departments were :

- Dwayne Hunt, Fire Chief, Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department
- Eugene Stoddard, President, Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department
- John Nickerson, Fire Chief, Barrington 7E Volunteer Fire Department
- Danny Jack, Shag Harbour/Bear Point Volunteer Fire Department
- Gordie Ross, Fire Chief, Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department
- Jody Goreham, Deputy Chief, Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department
- Blanchard Chetwynd, Fire Chief, Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department
- Wilford Smith, Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department

Department representatives provided reports to date for the 2006 calendar year indicating the number of calls, the number of active members, etc.

Fire department representatives expressed concern regarding the TMR and cellular phone coverage in the Municipality of Barrington. South Side, Stoney Island, Clark's Harbour, Shag Harbour and Upper Clyde are some areas that have very poor coverage. Representatives requested members to continue to pursue improved coverage in the area.

Resolution COW 060901

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Stewart that the Municipality once again revisit the request for improved TMR and cellular phone coverage in the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that an experimental project is currently being carried out in Kentville by Aliant which has improved coverage.

Resolution COW060902

**Moved** by L. Stewart and seconded by D. Messenger that representatives from Aliant be invited to attend a future meeting of the Committee of the Whole to discuss TMR and cellular phone coverage in the area.

Motion carried unanimously.

At this time much discussion took place regarding the need for fire departments to replace and upgrade equipment and training required for their volunteers.

It was suggested that a five year financial plan would be beneficial to the departments in meeting their requirements.

Resolution COW060903

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that representatives from each of the fire departments be invited to meet with the Committee of the Whole on November 6, 2006 to discuss long term financial planning for fire departments.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed that each fire department be officially notified of this meeting and requested to bring to the meeting five year projections for the following:

- training requirements,
- capital expenditures,
- vision for next 5 years,
- required equipment,
- etc.

Members were also asked to provide a list of existing equipment.

Members were then thanked for appearing and making their presentations, and were advised that the next item on the agenda deals with Halloween. Members were invited to stay if they so wished.

All fire department representatives stayed during the R.C.M.P. presentation.

Sgt. Bill Mooney and Cst. Mario Ross appeared before the meeting. Sgt. Mooney has replaced Sgt. Kevin Surette.

The purpose of the meeting tonight was to discuss with R.C.M.P. officers the 2006 Halloween.

Much discussion took place regarding the 2005 Halloween and suggestions were put forth to address some concerns relating to the upcoming Halloween.

Sgt. Bill Mooney requested to meet with Council or the Committee of the Whole monthly.

Sgt. Mooney and Cst. Ross were thanked for appearing before the meeting to discuss issues relating to Halloween.

Fire Department representatives were also thanked for staying for this portion of the meeting.

#### CCTV RECORDING SYSTEM

The letter received from the Department of Justice regarding the installation of a CCTV recording system to be installed in the Barrington Municipal Lock-up was referred to the Committee from Council. Previously, Council requested the Department to provide the equipment free of charge. The letter from the Department of Justice has indicated that the Department is not responsible for the cost of this equipment.

It was the consensus of members that the purchase of a CCTV recording system be further discussed during budget preparations.

Resolution C060904

**Moved** by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that information be obtained regarding the type of CCTV recording system required and the cost.

Motion carried unanimously.

C.S.I. CAUSEWAY

The letter received from Ian MacCallum, Environmental Analyst, Department of Transportation and Public Works, was referred from Council to the Committee for further discussion.

Resolution COW060905

**Moved** by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that a letter be forwarded to Mr. Ian MacCallum, and once again request that an environmental study be carried out to address the potential environmental concerns at the C.S.I. Causeway and copies be forwarded to the Premier and the Minister of Transportation, and follow-up letters be sent to other departments who have not yet responded to our request.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

The schedule of fees paid to employees since the last meeting of the committee was circulated.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESS - LIBRARY/CED CENTRE

It was reported that the wheelchair access to the front entry to the CED Centre/Library is inadequate and the door requires an electronic door opener.

Resolution COW060906

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality apply for a Community ACCESS-ability Grant to assist with the cost of making the front entry to the library wheelchair accessible.

Motion carried unanimously.

KEVIN HOLLAND - REQUEST

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from Kevin Holland. Mr. Holland is requesting the whiteboards that remain in the old Barrington Municipal High School. He is teaching at the Lockeport Regional High School and would take the whiteboards to Lockeport where they would be used in the classrooms to replace the old dirty chalkboards that are currently there.

Much discussion took place regarding this request.

It was agreed that Steven Stoddart of the Tri-County District School Board be contacted to determine whether the remaining items in the Barrington Municipal High School have been offered to schools in the Municipality of Barrington and the Town of Clark's Harbour.

#### CASUAL PART-TIME JANITOR

It was reported that the position of Casual Part-time Janitor has been advertised internally and one (1) application has been received. The application received was from Donna Shand. Mrs. Shand has assisted with spring cleaning in the past.

It was agreed that Mrs. Shand be hired as Casual Part-time Janitor.

#### CROSSWALK REQUEST

It was reported that an email has been received from MLA Sterling Belliveau regarding the installation of a crosswalk in Barrington Passage in the area of the Bay Vista Apartments. In the email Mr. Belliveau indicated that many concerned constituents have contacted him regarding this matter.

**Moved** by D. Messenger and that the District Traffic Supervisor of the Department of Transportation be requested to investigate and advise if a crosswalk can be installed at the requested location.

Motion withdrawn.

#### Resolution COW060907

**Moved** by L. Stewart and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that MLA Sterling Belliveau be asked to advise concerned constituents to submit their request for a crosswalk in Barrington Passage to the Municipality for consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### WAGE SUBSIDY GRANT

It was reported that the Department of Community Services is offering us two (2) workers under a Wage Subsidy Program. The program will provide for \$6,506.50 per participant. The Municipality will be responsible for employer costs such as Workers Compensation, EI, etc.

#### Resolution COW060908

**Moved** by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that we enter into an agreement with the Department of Community Services for a Wage Subsidy Grant to provide for two (2) workers in the Property Services Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO ATTEND MEETING

The Warden informed members that she has received an invitation from Joanne Leaman, NDP Party to attend a round table discussion to take place on September 15, 2006 at Enterprise Square in Shelburne.

Resolution COW060909

**Moved** by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the Warden attend the round table discussion on September 15, 2006 and that her expenses be paid.

Motion carried unanimously.

DRAFT PHYSICIAN INCENTIVE PROGRAM

In advance to the meeting a draft Physician Incentive Program was circulated to members.

Much discussion took place regarding the draft.

It was suggested that long term should be defined as 10 years or more.

After much discussion it was agreed that each councillor would review the draft in detail and provide suggested changes at the next meeting of the committee.

C.S.I. SEWER

Correspondence has been received from Canada Nova Scotia Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund which advised that municipalities that had previously applied for funds and have not yet received approval, may wish to apply for other projects which are now deemed to be of higher priority, or to advise costs or other information which has changed from the original application. The deadline for submissions is September 29, 2006.

In advance to the meeting the Clerk provided revised financial information on the C.S.I. Sewer project. Estimated costs were provided for the four different areas as requested by the Committee:

1. Each electoral district.
2. The western side of the Island to the Town.
3. All of the western side of the Island.
4. A proposed first phase that will provide the best economic impact for the Island.

Much discussion took place regarding the revised financial information.

It was agreed that this matter be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

**Moved** by S. Strang that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

---

Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting

**On website September 11, 2006**