

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

November 20, 2006

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson at 7:30 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Louise Halliday, Chairperson
  - George El-Jakl
  - Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
  - Eddie Nickerson
  - Wilford Smith
  - Larry Stewart
  - Sean Strang
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- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- B.M.H.S. Request.
- D.O.T. Request.
- Victoria Hotel.
- Department Restructuring.
- Jim Thurber Email.
- Hall of Fame Request.
- Literacy Nova Scotia.

### 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 G. El-Jakl that the minutes of the last previous meeting held November 6, 2006 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### LOCATION OF CELLULAR TOWERS

Accompanying the agenda was a map showing the location of the lone cellular tower in the Municipality of Barrington. This cellular tower is owned by Aliant and is located at "Mile Hill" just outside Barrington. This is the only tower in the Municipality and it has a TMR radio antennae on it.

Resolution COW061121

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that this information be forwarded to the volunteer fire departments in the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

B.M.H.S. PROPERTY

The former B.M.H.S. property is now being transferred to Anthony Properties Limited for development. Mr. Anthony has indicated that he will be developing the property in order to construct and sell condominium units, and has asked in the letter that was circulated to all members that the Municipality address any requirements in its by-laws for the regulation of condominiums. The members were informed that there is a Condominium Act in place which is provincial legislation which governs the development of condominiums.

It is suggested that this matter be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee for consideration.

Resolution COW061122

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the development of condominiums at the former B.M.H.S. property be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee for their advice regarding any changes necessary to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law to accommodate the development of condominium units.

Motion carried unanimously.

At the same time there was some question regarding the Municipal Solicitor acting on behalf of both the purchaser and the seller in this transaction. Mr. Harding will be contacted to determine the proper form to be approved by Council in regards to this matter.

LIGHTHOUSE COSTS

This matter was referred to the Committee by Council. Information has been received from the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans regarding the estimated costs of maintaining the lighthouse buildings over the previous five years.

Members then discussed the possibility of taking over various lighthouses within the Municipality and the desirability of doing such. It was questioned which lighthouses Council is actually considering taking ownership of.

Resolution COW061123

**Moved** by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that this subject be deferred for further consideration at the next meeting of the committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

### VETERAN'S TREE

It had previously been suggested that a tree be planted at the new library location in honour of the veterans of the Municipality, and that lights be placed on the tree and be lit on November 11<sup>th</sup> and remain lit until the Christmas season.

There then followed much discussion as to what type of tree should be placed and whether or not it would be appropriate to place such a tree in honour of veterans.

### Resolution COW061124

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that a letter be sent to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch in Clark's Harbour asking the legionnaires whether or not it would be appropriate to place a tree at the library in Barrington Passage in honour of the veterans, and if so, what type of tree should be placed. It was suggested that the tree would be 5 or 6 feet in height.

Motion carried unanimously.

### D.O.T. REQUEST

### Resolution COW061125

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality write the local supervisor of the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation asking him to evaluate whether or not the Department could help the flooding problem in the area between the Catholic Church and Mr. Everett Scott's property in Barrington by cleaning out the ditch along the side of Highway #3, and if necessary, replacing the culvert near where the former CNR right of way crosses the highway adjacent to Mr. Scott's property.

Motion carried unanimously.

### VICTORIA HOTEL

A member indicated that he had been in discussion with a resident regarding the Victoria Hotel. The resident inferred to the member that the Victoria Hotel was an eyesore in the middle of the commercial district.

Members were informed that the owner of the hotel, Mr. Mario Cormier, has been regularly contacted by the Municipality whenever repairs to the hotel are needed, and that Mr. Cormier has complied with all requests of the Municipality to correct any building deficiencies whenever asked to do so.

### JIM THURBER EMAIL

The Warden has received an email from Warden Jim Thurber of the Municipality of the District of Digby. In this email Mr. Thurber indicates that there will be a meeting of the municipal units to discuss support for the Digby to Saint John ferry service. This meeting will be held tomorrow morning at 10:30 a.m. in the Digby municipal offices.

Resolution COW061126

**Moved** by L. Stewart and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Warden's expenses be paid to attend the meeting regarding the Digby to Saint John ferry service to be held at the Digby municipal offices tomorrow morning at 10:30 a.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

HALL OF FAME REQUEST

Information has been received by the Warden explaining the purpose of the Capital Campaign for the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame and requesting a financial contribution from all of the municipalities within the province.

Resolution COW061127

**Moved** by L. Stewart and seconded by E. Nickerson that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality make a grant of \$100.00 to the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame Capital Campaign.

Motion carried unanimously.

LITERACY NOVA SCOTIA

Correspondence has been received indicating that the Literacy Nova Scotia Annual General Meeting will be held in Truro in the very near future. An invitation has been extended to the Warden but the Warden is unable to attend.

B.M.H.S. REQUEST

Correspondence has been received by fax, today, from the Barrington Municipal High School. In this correspondence the Prom Committee is requesting use of the Municipality's stage which is kept in storage at the Arena. The purpose of using this stage will be for the High School to conduct a fashion show on November 21<sup>st</sup>, which is tomorrow.

Resolution COW06128

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that the request of the Barrington Municipal High School Prom Committee for use of the stage from the Arena which is owned by the Municipality be approved as requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT RESTRUCTURING

A councillor suggested that the Property Services and Water Services departments and the C & D Landfill be restructured so the supervision of all three of these departments will fall under the Property Services Supervisor.

It was the consensus of members that this matter would be deferred until later in the meeting so that some issues related to personnel could be discussed in closed session.

### REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS

Five different scenarios were circulated to members for their review and consideration. These scenarios included:

1. Maintaining 7 districts with 7 councillors and adjusting the boundaries slightly to obtain the required + or - 10% parody suggested by the Utility Review Board.
2. Alternatives 2 and 3 were for 2 different variations having 6 councillors and 6 districts within the Municipality.
3. Alternatives 4 and 5 included 5 councillors for 2 different variations for 5 districts with 5 councillors for the Municipality.

There was immediately consensus among the members that there was no desire to elect a mayor for the Municipality and that the warden system presently in place should be continued.

After much discussion it was the consensus of members that they did not wish to see any changes in the number of districts nor in the size or boundaries of the polling districts of the Municipality.

As a result the information will be prepared to submit to the Utility Review Board for approval by Council confirming the current number of councillors and the current number and boundaries of polling districts.

### CLOSED SESSION

Members then unanimously agreed to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues related to the reorganization of departments. This discussion ensued for approximately 1 ½ hours.

Having completed their discussion of these matters, members then returned to Open Session.

### CLERK'S EVALUATION

It was agreed by consensus of members that this will be reviewed with the Clerk during the second week of January 2007.

### DEPARTMENT RESTRUCTURING

#### Resolution COW061129

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Clerk prepare proposals for the most efficient reorganization of the Municipality's departments to be presented to the Committee for their consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 11:28 p.m.

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Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting

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