

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

December 18, 2006

The meeting was called to order by the Deputy Warden at 7:05 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

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

Warden Halliday is convalescing after her recent surgery.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Gas Tax Funds.
- Region 6 Solid Waste Management Budget.
- Team Shelburne Meeting - January 9th.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger 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 December 4, 2006 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

DISCOVER SHELburne COUNTY

Mr. Allan Nelson, President of the Discover Shelburne County Association; and Ms. Gloria Buree, Curator of the Shelburne Museum Complex, appeared before the meeting. Mr. Nelson spoke on behalf of the Tourism Association. He is addressing various councils in Shelburne County requesting funding for tourism. Mr. Nelson presented a brief budget and proposed plan for Discover Shelburne County for the coming season. This plan was provided in the form of a draft budget for 2007.

It is proposed that Discover Shelburne County have a staff of between 1 and 3 people in this plan. It is necessary for all of the municipal units in Shelburne County to work with Discover Shelburne County for this plan to take place. Mr. Nelson indicated that Discover Shelburne County would identify the top 3 priorities for each area in Shelburne County which the Tourism Association could work towards.

The Association will be maintaining a presence in the Doers and Dreamers Guide in the coming year.

The Birding Festival will again be held next spring. The events in the Birding Festival on Thursday and Friday will be held at White Point, in Queens County on Saturday morning. Saturday evening and Sunday morning events will be held in Shelburne County.

The Association is applying for JCP grant funds from the Federal Human Services Canada Department for funding of a Tourism Coordinator and is asking the municipalities to fund the Coordinator's salary should the Job Creation Partnership Grant not be approved. It is also proposed that the municipalities fund the Tourism Coordinator at a cost of \$53,000.00 in the second year of the plan.

The budget was left with members for their consideration.

Having completed their presentation, members of the Discover Shelburne County Tourism Association retired from the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Members then discussed the presentation made regarding tourism at some length.

Resolution COW061206

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality respond to the presentation in a letter suggesting the following:

1. The draft budget for Discover Shelburne County for 2007 be forwarded to Team Shelburne for the consideration of that group.
2. That the Tourism Association fund some of the costs of the Coordinator themselves.
3. The proposed funding required from the municipal units in Shelburne County be based on the membership in Discover Shelburne County Association that is derived from each municipal unit, so that the units with the most membership that stand to gain the most will pay proportionally for any funds provided to the Discover Shelburne County Association.

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Eddie Nickerson

Wilford Smith

Larry Stewart

NEGATIVE

Sean Strang

Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMPLAINTS

The local supervisor has indicated that he will not put in writing, as requested, the process for filing complaints with the Department of Transportation. He will, however, attend a meeting with Council or committee of Council to discuss Department of Transportation issues. This will be arranged during the month of January.

ANTHONY PROPERTIES REQUEST

Mr. Anthony has indicated he would like to have permission to use the well that is located on municipal property at the track and field site in Barrington Passage. There is a well already located on the property which Mr. Anthony's company is purchasing from the Municipality. This well will most likely provide an adequate water supply for Mr. Anthony's development, however, he would like to have access to the second well, if it is necessary, to supply water to any development that may occur on his property.

Resolution COW061207

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality not provide use of the well on municipal property for Mr. Anthony's development as the potential liability exposure to the Municipality could be significant in relation to the continued monitoring and use of the water supply.

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl
Eddie Nickerson
Wilford Smith
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Larry Stewart

Motion carried.

JOINT POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

Members were advised that correspondence has been sent to the Town of Clark's Harbour requesting a meeting in January to discuss the formation of a Joint Police Advisory Board. Once a response has been received from the Town the meeting will be set up as required.

GAS TAX FUNDS

Members were informed that the Gas Tax Funds for the current year, in the amount of \$109,775.00, were received by the Municipality on Friday.

REGION 6 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BUDGET

A copy of the Region 6 Waste Management Budget for 2007/2008 was circulated to members. The total budget is \$155,510.00. Of this amount, \$46,376.00 will be coming from Diversion Credits received by Region 6. Once this amount is deducted from the Diversion Credits, the remaining balance of Diversion Credits will be distributed to the municipal units.

Resolution COW061208

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that the Region 6 Solid Waste Management Budget for the fiscal year 2007/2008 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

TEAM SHELBURNE MEETING

There will be a Team Shelburne meeting on January 9, 2007. The Deputy Warden will attend this meeting as it is anticipated the Warden will still be unavailable at that time.

CLOSED SESSION

Members entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing a legal matter and personnel matters.

OPEN SESSION

Members returned to Open Session at 10:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:10 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary for the Meeting

Emailed to Councillors December 19, 2006.