

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

January 29, 2007

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
 - 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:

- Garbage.
- Rural Caucus Meeting.
- Eldridge Property.
- Brian Townsend Request.
- February 20th Meeting.
- Business Occupancy Taxes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that minutes of the last previous meeting held January 15, 2007 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INTERVIEW

Mr. Benny Acker, Area Supervisor for the Department of Transportation and Public Works, appeared before the meeting for the purpose of discussing Department of Transportation issues.

The following matters were brought to the attention of Mr. Acker:

1. Resident complaints to D.O.T.

Mr. Acker indicated that he preferred to have direct communication with residents so that residents call the department directly to log their complaints. Each complaint that is received by the Department is logged in a computer for record keeping purposes, and to ensure that it is dealt with in the manner in which it is recorded.

2. The following items were directed to Mr. Acker for his attention:

- a) Shoulder of road near Crow's Neck Beach needs to be repaired so that it is wider. Mr. Acker will view this and see what work needs to be done.
- b) It was suggested that signs be placed along the highways during the summer months to alert motorists to the fact that there are many bicyclists along the highway.

This request will have to be put in writing to the Department of Transportation and dealt with by Joe Crowell as this falls within his department.

- c) Mr. Acker indicated that he would again look at the flooding near the home of Mr. Everett Scott, in the spring, to determine what can be done to address this situation if it is a matter to be addressed by the Department of Transportation.
- d) He will also look at the road to the fire hole at Fall's Point to ensure that it is adequate.
- e) Mr. Acker indicated to the committee that it is his intention to gravel Pope's Road next summer in order to improve it.
- f) Mr. Acker indicated that individual property owners are responsible for their driveways where they meet the Department of Transportation road. It was not the intention nor the responsibility of the Department of Transportation to repair the road at driveways.
- g) It was indicated that a piece of the pavement was missing on the Old Ferry Wharf Road and another piece of pavement was missing at Commercial Street in Port LaTour. Mr. Acker will view these and repair as required.
- h) It was also indicated that there are many trees that are too close to the road in the Port Clyde area..
- i) On the Villagedale Road the temporary markings where the pavement was recently replaced are gone and need to be repaired again. Mr. Acker indicated that these would be repaired and that this section of road will be painted next summer.

- j) Mr. Acker was informed that a sign was down near Kenney's Farm on the Villagedale Road and the Lighthouse Road is in need of grading. This will be done in the spring when it dries out.
- k) The shoulder of the road at Sherose Island, along the guardrail, is in need of repair as much of it has been washed away.
- l) Mr. Acker indicated that the holes in the road at the end of Kenney Road on Cape Sable Island will be repaired in the spring.
- m) It was indicated that a sign is down at the Centreville/South Side Road.
- n) Shouldering of the road is needed near Civic #6859 in Wood's Harbour.
- o) There was some discussion regarding exits 29 and 30 on the new portion of Highway 103 which bypasses Barrington. Further adjustments will be made to these exits in the spring. At the present time it is unknown when these will be made.
- p) Mr. Acker informed members that he now has the *Lobster Capital of Canada* signs in his warehouse and will be installing them as soon as possible this spring.
- q) Mr. Acker also indicated a guardrail will be installed along the side of the highway near the Evelyn Richardson Memorial Elementary School and the UFO Site in Shag Harbour.

Having completed his discussion of D.O.T. issues with members, Mr. Acker retired from the meeting at approximately 8:05 p.m.

COMMUNITY LITTER CLEAN-UP PROGRAM

Members were asked if it is the intention for the Municipality to institute this program again this year. Residents will soon be requesting permission to clean up sides of the road if this is the intention of Council.

It was suggested that further information be obtained regarding this program to identify which are the worst areas requiring cleanup, and how much of the Municipality should be cleaned each year. This information will be obtained and the matter put on the agenda of the February 26, 2007 Council meeting.

CLEAR BAGS FOR WASTE COLLECTION

It is suggested that clear bags be used for the collection of residual solid waste so that the solid opaque bags would be discontinued. The use of clear bags improves the separation done by residents and makes it easier for collectors to determine if the separation is being done properly.

Members were generally in agreement that more information should be obtained on the use of clear bags and the implementation of their use. The information will be obtained and brought back to committee for further consideration.

GARBAGE

It was indicated by a member that the waste collection personnel did not always replace bins properly after removing organic waste. This matter will be brought to the attention of the collector so that more care is taken when handling “green” carts.

JAMES BRANNEN’S REQUEST RE: RENTAL OF PROPERTY

A request has been referred to committee from council. This request is from James Brannen to rent the former Cora’s Creative Styles building as a residence.

There was much discussion by members regarding the benefits of renting this property as a residence and the obligations also required through this action.

There was also much discussion regarding the future use of this property.

Resolution COW070105

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality not rent the former telephone office next to the Old Court House for residential purposes, and that this property only be rented for commercial or institutional uses.

AFFIRMATIVE

Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Wilford Smith
Larry Stewart

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl
Eddie Nickerson
Sean Strang

Motion carried.

This information will be forwarded to Mr. Brannen.

BARRINGTON PASSAGE SIDEWALK TENDER

This matter had been deferred from a previous meeting of the committee.

Resolution COW070106

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality again tender the construction of the Barrington Passage sidewalk in its entirety.

Motion carried unanimously.

LIGHTHOUSE OPERATING MAINTENANCE COSTS

This matter was also deferred from a previous meeting of the Committee.

There was much discussion regarding the cost associated with taking over lighthouses in the Municipality. There was also much discussion regarding which lighthouses the Municipality would have an interest in.

Resolution COW070107

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that it be recommended to Council that Baccaro light and Cape Sable Light be designated as lighthouses of interest to the Municipality.

AFFIRMATIVE

Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson
Wilford Smith
Larry Stewart

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl
Sean Strang

Motion carried.

Resolution COW070108

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality contact the Department of Fisheries and Oceans regarding the clarification of the terms for transfer of lighthouse properties to the Municipality, more specifically, it is requested to know what will happen to the ownership of the properties after ten years, and will the properties be brought up to acceptable standards, by DFO, prior to disposition of them.

AFFIRMATIVE

Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson
Wilford Smith
Larry Stewart

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl
Sean Strang

Motion carried.

TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR

Information has been received from Trevor Cunningham, Coordinator of Programs, Grades 7 - 12, of the District School Board. In this correspondence Mr. Cunningham is asking the Municipality for any support it may be able to provide, and any participation councillors may be able to provide in the Tri-County Regional Science Fair which is being held on March 22, 2007.

Members wished to obtain further information regarding previous contributions and participation in the Regional Science Fair by the Municipality.

This matter will be further considered by members once the additional information has been obtained.

WASTE REDUCTION COORDINATOR

It is being proposed that the Waste Reduction Coordinator now employed by the Joint Services Board also be employed by the Municipality of Barrington, on an interim basis, for the purpose of promoting waste reduction and the education of waste reduction initiatives in the Municipality. The Joint Services Board has indicated that the Coordinator can be made available to the Municipality of Barrington on a temporary basis, one or two days a week for this purpose

Resolution COW070109

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that the Waste Reduction Coordinator presently employed by the Joint Services Board be used on an interim basis by the Municipality of Barrington, and that reports be brought forward to committee at the end of three months and six months for evaluation of this project.

Motion carried unanimously.

RURAL CAUCUS MEETING

Members have been informed that there will be a Rural Caucus Meeting on February 2, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in the Town of Kentville. An agenda for this meeting was circulated to all members.

At the present time no member indicated they would be attending this meeting

ELDRIDGE PROPERTY

Information was received from Mr. David Eldridge regarding his property and his proposed disposition of it.

Resolution COW070110

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality forward a letter to Mr. Eldridge indicating that there is no interest in his property at the present time.

Motion carried unanimously.

BRIAN TOWNSEND REQUEST

Correspondence has been received from Brian Townsend regarding work on municipal property in the area of Goose Lake. Mr. Townsend is proposing to do some work on a "4-wheeler road" which he and other lease holders in the area use to transport firewood. Mr. Townsend is proposing to do some construction on this road at the expense of the leaseholders.

Resolution COW070111

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that it be recommended to Council that Mr. Brian Townsend be permitted to alter the access road for 4-wheelers by using gravel from the indicated nearby location, providing he meets all environmental concerns and obtains written permission from the Department of Environment & Labour before doing any work.

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl

Louise Halliday

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Eddie Nickerson

Wilford Smith

Larry Stewart

NEGATIVE

Sean Strang

Motion carried.

FEBRUARY 20TH MEETING

Email correspondence has been received from the South West Shore Development Authority indicating that a proposed meeting will be held on February 20th, at the Administration Building, in Barrington. This meeting is being held so that councillors from the area can discuss a Strategic Plan for Economic Development for the Shelburne County Industrial Commission.

It was the sentiment of Council that this Strategic Plan being developed is for all of Shelburne County, and therefore the meeting should include all of the councillors from the entire county, not just the councillors from the western part of the county. Since the councils from the eastern part of the county are meeting on February 19th in Shelburne, it was suggested that Barrington Municipal councillors attend this meeting as well in order to be able to hear the concerns of other councillors from other parts of the County, as well as to present their concerns to the councils of other parts of the county.

It was the consensus of members that the South West Shore Development Authority be informed that Barrington Municipal councillors will be attending the meeting on February 19th in Shelburne, and that the Committee of the Whole meeting presently scheduled for February 19th will be rescheduled for February 20th in order to make this possible.

BUSINESS OCCUPANCY TAXES

There was much discussion among members regarding collection methods employed for the collection of business occupancy taxes.

CLOSED SESSION RE: TEAM SHELBURNE PROPERTIES

Members entered into Closed Session to discuss the disposition of Team Shelburne properties, and any legal implications this may have for the Municipality of Barrington.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:58 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting

On website February 1, 2007.