

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

February 5, 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., on a very snowy, blustery night, with the following members present:

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

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Dress Code.
- Landfill.
- MLA.
- Meeting Cancellations.
- Sale of B.M.H.S.
- February Team Shelburne Meeting.
- Ownership of Hawk Road.

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 G. El-Jakl that the minutes of the last previous meeting held January 29, 2007 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

FUTURE OF TOURISM INDUSTRY IN THE MUNICIPALITY

For the purpose of discussing the future of the tourism industry in the Municipality, Diane Smith, our Visitor Information Centre Manager, was asked to attend the meeting.

Diane informed members that 75% of visitors coming to the Visitor Information Centre were sent to other places in the province. She indicated that the Municipality should stay involved in tourist associations if it is interested in promoting tourism. She indicated there is a need to be a destination if the intention of Council is to develop the tourism industry in the Municipality. The Municipality must make a decision regarding the repositioning of the Visitor Information Centre near Highway 103, or near some other tourist attraction in the community. The Visitor Information Centre needs knowledgeable staff.

Diane also indicated that it may be necessary to have a part-time Tourism Coordinator for the Municipality. The associations that are involved in tourism in this area are Destination South West Nova Scotia, the Lighthouse Coast Committee and Discover Shelburne County. Municipal Council must decide whether or not the costs of belonging to Destination South West Nova Scotia offset the benefits of membership. Diane indicated that there is a rumor that there is \$100,000 available for a Tourism Coordinator for Discover Shelburne County. It was suggested that a V.I.C. Manager in Shelburne County could double as a coordinator as well. In order to continue to be a member of local tourism events, and a spinoff for local businesses, it is necessary to remain a member of the tourism association. The Lighthouse Coast Committee is a watchdog for Destination South West Nova Scotia. This committee also intends to have representation at the Salt Scapes Trade Show being held in Halifax in the spring. It is anticipated the Municipality will be asked to contribute \$100.00 towards the cost of involvement in this trade show, and to have a tourism person attend the trade show on behalf of the County. Diane indicated that it is necessary to have "something" to bring tourists here to the local community.

Municipal Council must decide how involved in tourism the Municipality must be in order to develop this industry. Council must also decide whether or not this industry is one in which it should put forward much effort for economic development, as opposed to putting similar effort into other industry.

Resolution COW070201

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by W. Smith that the Barrington & Area Chamber of Commerce representatives be invited to attend a Council meeting at which Destination South West Nova Scotia will be making their presentation for funding.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was consensus of members that further discussion of the future of tourism would be deferred until after the Destination South West Nova Scotia presentation was made to Council.

Having completed her discussion of this matter, Diane Smith then retired from the meeting.

TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD SCIENCE FAIR

This matter had been referred to Committee by Council. The Tri-County Regional Science Fair will be held on March 22nd. Correspondence has been received from the School Board requesting assistance with this science fair.

Resolution COW070202

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by E. Nickerson that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality contribute \$100.00 to the Tri-County Regional Science Fair.

Motion carried unanimously.

USE OF CLEAR BAGS FOR WASTE COLLECTION

Information was obtained from the Municipality of West Hants regarding the use of clear bags for waste collection.

Much discussion followed regarding the use of clear bags and how the use of clear bags would be implemented in the Municipality. It was also suggested that the use of clear bags be coordinated among the municipal units in Shelburne County so that their use be implemented across the County at one time, in a uniform manner.

Resolution COW070203

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality will also collect residual waste in clear bags.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

INTERNATIONAL LACROSSE FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

Correspondence has been received from the ILF World Indoor Lacrosse Championship Organization. These championships are being held May 14 - 20, 2007, in Halifax.

No action was recommended by the committee in this matter.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

DRESS CODE

There followed much discussion regarding dress code for councillors at Council meetings, especially when presentations were being made by outside agencies, and when the Council meetings were being televised.

No definitive action was taken in this matter.

LANDFILL

It is the policy of the Municipality under Policy #38 "Construction and Demolition Landfill Policy" for:

- a) Residents depositing waste from the Town of Clark's Harbour and the Municipality of Barrington will not be charged; and,
- b) Residents depositing waste from outside the Town and the Municipality will be charged as per the fee schedule below; and,
- c) Non residents will be charged as per the fee schedule below.

This policy was discussed in relation to non residents depositing waste at the Landfill which originates from within the Municipality of Barrington. Question has been raised several times in the past by various individuals and contractors.

Councillors agreed by consensus that they would review this policy independently and further discuss it at a later date.

MLA

It was suggested that the MLA should be invited to Council on a regular basis in order to discuss Municipal matters with him, and to ensure that he is representing the concerns of the Municipality in the Nova Scotia Legislature.

Resolution COW070204

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality invite our MLA to a Council meeting for the purpose of discussing Municipal issues with him.

Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING CANCELLATION

Due to the inclement weather this evening there was some concern regarding the cancellation of tonight's meeting. In the past meetings have generally not been cancelled due to inclement weather.

In future, meetings will be cancelled at the discretion of the Warden should there be inclement weather preventing members from attending.

SALE OF B.M.H.S. PROPERTY

The sale of the former Barrington Municipal High School property has been delayed until February 16th, pending the receipt of information from the Tri-County Regional School Board regarding the removal of oil tanks from the property. This is the second time the closing date for the sale of the property has had to be delayed due to the tardiness of the Tri-County Regional School Board in providing documentation.

TEAM SHELBURNE FEBRUARY MEETING

It was agreed by consensus of members that there is no necessity for a meeting of Team Shelburne to be held in February since the request for proposals will not be received until March 9th, therefore, Team Shelburne will be informed by Municipal Staff that it is not believed necessary to hold the meeting in February.

OWNERSHIP OF ROAD AT HAWK POINT

There was some question as to the ownership of the road at Hawk Point which leads to the dead end near Mr. Eldridge Nickerson's property.

Resolution COW070205

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that Municipal Staff determine what is the ownership of the road at the end of The Hawk near Eldridge Nickerson's property.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Council then entered into Closed Session in order to discuss personnel matters.

Having completed their discussion of personnel matters, Council then returned to Open Session.

Resolution COW070206

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by W. Smith that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality accept the plan for combining of Property Services, Sewer Services, the Construction & Demolition Landfill and the Arena into one department.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:28 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting

On website February 7, 2007.