

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

February 20, 2007

The meeting was called to order by 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
  - George El-Jakl
  - Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
  - Eddie Nickerson (7:08 p.m.)
  - Wilford Smith
  - Larry Stewart
  - Sean Strang
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

### ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Capital Investment Plan.
- Mink Farm.
- Community Grants.
- Lobster.

### 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 W. Smith that the minutes of the last previous meeting held February 5, 2007 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### SHELBURNE COUNTY RADIO

Mr. Ed Cayer appeared before the Committee on behalf of Shelburne County Radio. Mr. Cayer addressed the Committee in order to inform them of the operation of Shelburne County Radio and the many aspects of its operation. Mr. Cayer informed members that he was not seeking funding on behalf of this organization.

Shelburne County Radio is an internet radio station that is sponsored by Our House Youth Wellness Centre. The Wellness Centre focuses on the development of youth ages 11 to 18. As part of its recent activities the Centre has launched an internet radio station called Shelburne County Radio. This internet station has the ability to provide live broadcasts similar to regular radio stations, as well as to do prerecorded broadcasts called pod casts. It has recently developed five different sites within the County and employs people throughout the County on a full-time and a part-time basis to develop prerecorded programs for broadcast.

Mr. Cayer informed members that the radio's "axe to grind" is Shelburne County. Mr. Cayer provided a brief illustration on his laptop computer to which the members listened. This illustration provided various aspects of advertising and information provided by the radio station. Mr. Cayer informed members that this radio station can create radio programming locally for the Shelburne County area.

#### PORT CLYDE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Wade Christie, Fire Chief of the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department, appeared before the meeting for the purpose of informing members that the fire department wishes to put in place an area rate for the purchase of a new 2500 gallon tanker for the fire department. Mr. Christie informed members that there are currently 26 active members in the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department. The department owns a 1995 rescue unit, a 1976 tanker and a 1989 pumper/tanker with a 325 gallon per minute pump. It is proposed that the 1976 tanker be replaced with a new 2500 gallon tanker. The estimated cost of purchasing this new tanker is \$210,000.00.

The fire department will proceed with the steps required under Municipal Policy No. 18 "Fundraising for Fire Departments".

A draft of the letter to be circulated to the community was provided to the committee this evening. Dates will be provided in the letter and it will be circulated as required under the policy. The Municipal Office will be informed of the date of the public meeting so that the necessary poll clerks can be provided.

There then followed some discussion regarding the finances of the department and its ability to finance future purchases of equipment such as "turnout gear" for its members.

Having completed his presentation to Council, Mr. Christie retired from the meeting at approximately 8:08 p.m.

#### PROPERTY SERVICES TECHNICIAN

Members had previously been provided with a job description for a proposed Property Services Technician. This position will be added to the Property Services Department and will be replacing the former Landfill Manager position. The Property Services Technician will be paid on the same wage scale as the other Property Services Technicians that are presently employed by the Municipality.

Resolution COW070207

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality hire an additional Property Services Technician to replace the former Landfill Supervisor to work throughout the Property Services Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

FUTURE OF TOURISM IN THE MUNICIPALITY

Some discussion ensued among members regarding the future of tourism and the development of tourism within the Municipality.

Resolution COW070208

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality pay the membership fee and become members of the Destination Southwest Nova Scotia Tourism Association, and inform the Association that any further contribution will be considered during budget deliberations in the spring.

Motion carried unanimously.

TRAVEL AND VACATION SHOW

Members were informed that there will be a Travel and Vacation Show being held in Halifax, on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. The cost of placing booths in this show is \$350.00, plus H.S.T., per booth.

Members were also informed that correspondence has been received by email from Discover Shelburne County Tourism Association indicating that they are requesting the Municipality to provide funding for the Salt Scapes Trade Show, the Lighthouse Coast Birding and Nature Conference and the Shelburne County FAM Tour, in advance of budget considerations to permit them to do their planning in advance. The total amount of funding they are requesting is \$3,576.40 for these three events.

Resolution COW070209

**Moved** by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality not purchase a booth to participate in the Travel and Vacation Show to be held in Halifax on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW070210

**Moved** by W. Smith and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality not provide financial support for the Lighthouse Coast Birding and Nature Conference and for the Shelburne County FAM Tour but will consider financial support for Discover Shelburne County as previously requested during budget deliberations as already indicated to the Discover Shelburne County Tourism Association.

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that the previous motion be amended to provide for cost sharing in the Salt Scapes Trade Show in April 2007 at an estimated cost of \$388.05.

Amendment carried unanimously.

The division was then taken on the main motion as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### INVITATION TO MLA

There was some discussion regarding what issues should be discussed with the MLA at Council.

It was the general consensus of members that the following items be discussed:

1. Bill 92 dealing with CAP Assessment.
2. An environmental study for the Cape Sable Island Causeway.
3. Out migration of residents from the County.
4. Economic development initiatives within the Municipality.

Our MLA will be invited to come to a Council meeting for the purpose of discussing these matters, and he will be informed in advance that these are the matters to be discussed.

#### ROAD AT THE HAWK

Correspondence was circulated to members informing them of the ownership of the road at The Hawk, and the ownership of property surrounding that road.

#### GOOSE LAKE ROAD

Contact has been made, by telephone, with the Municipal Office on behalf of residents of Goose Lake. Residents believe that the portion of the Goose Lake Road that is owned by the Municipality should be upgraded by the Municipality to a higher standard.

There then followed much discussion regarding the use of the Goose Lake Road and possible upgrading of it.

Members agreed by consensus to defer further consideration of this matter to the next meeting of the committee in order to give them time to view the road and consider alternatives.

#### VON REQUEST

Correspondence has been received from the Victorian Order of Nurses requesting the Municipality to consider a grant to the VON Tri-County Branch of \$3,000.00 to support their community and charitable program delivery in the Municipality of the District of Barrington.

Resolution COW070211

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the request of the VON Tri County Branch be referred to the budget process for further consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

FCM RESERVATIONS

Members were polled to determine who would be attending the FCM Conference in Calgary at the end of May. This information will be provided to the Municipal Office no later than Friday, February 23, 2007 so that reservations may be confirmed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING

Setting a date for the semi-annual meeting with fire departments has been deferred until after consideration of the Capital Investment Plan.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN

It was agreed by consensus of members that a meeting would be held on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> to consider the proposed Capital Investment Plan for the years 2007, to and including 2011. The subsequent meeting will be set on February 28<sup>th</sup> for further consideration of the plan.

TELE-HEALTH

Correspondence has been received from Shirley Watson-Poole at the District Health Authority. She has drafted a letter to the Nova Scotia Department of Health requesting that they set up a Tele-Health location at the Community Health Centre in Barrington Passage. She is requesting the Municipality to forward a letter to the Nova Scotia Department of Health in support of this request.

Resolution COW070212

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality forward a letter to the Nova Scotia Department of Health supporting the establishment of the Tele-Health location at the Community Health Centre in Barrington Passage.

Motion carried unanimously.

SPRING 2007 DEBENTURE FUNDING

Correspondence has been received from the Province regarding the Spring 2007 Debenture Funding to be issued by the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation. At the present time it is not anticipated that the Municipality will participate in this debenture issue.

REQUEST FROM TRI-COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

An email request has been received from Steven Stoddart, Director of Operations Services at the Tri-County Regional School Board. Mr. Stoddart is requesting use of the Municipality's portable bleachers for a basketball tournament being held at Shelburne High.

Resolution COW070213

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality rent its portable bleachers to the Tri-County Regional School Board at a cost to be determined by Municipal Staff.

Motion carried unanimously.

SIDEWALKS

The Municipality has again tendered for sidewalks to be constructed in Barrington Passage. It is necessary for the Municipality to have a Construction Engineer to evaluate the tenders and to monitor the construction of the sidewalk in Barrington Passage. The company that has previously completed the design drawings and the tender documents for the sidewalk is Horner Associates Ltd. Since Horner Associates Limited have already done the design of this sidewalk and the required survey work, and are familiar with the project, it would be prudent to continue with their services as Construction Engineers on the project.

Resolution COW070214

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that Horner Associates act as Construction Engineers on the Barrington Passage Sidewalk project.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Sean Strang

Motion carried.

POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

Councillors previously met to discuss this matter with the Council from the Town of Clark's Harbour.

Resolution COW070215

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality form a Joint Policy Advisory Board with the Town of Clark's Harbour consisting of nine (9) members. The Board will be composed of two councillors from the Municipality of Barrington, two councillors from the Town of Clark's Harbour, two public members from the Municipality of Barrington, two public members from the Town of Clark's Harbour, and one member appointed by the Nova Scotia Minister of Justice.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW070216

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the two public members appointed by the Municipality of Barrington be requested to be two members from the Citizens on Patrol group.

AFFIRMATIVE

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Sean Strang

Louise Halliday

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Eddie Nickerson

Wilford Smith

Larry Stewart

Motion carried.

Resolution COW070217

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that Councillors El-Jakl and Strang serve on the Joint Police Advisory Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

A Schedule of Fees was circulated to members for their information.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES RE: WALKING TRAIL

Members were informed that further information is required from the Department of Natural Resources to complete the grant application for the Multi Use Trail to be constructed in Wood's Harbour. This information will be gathered and provided as requested prior to the end of February.

MINK FARMS

A member requested an update on the Mink Farm Project. No additional information has recently been made available regarding this project.

### COMMUNITY GRANTS

Correspondence has been received from the Old Farm Cemetery Society in Shag Harbour requesting a Community Grant to obtain a wrought iron gate for the cemetery. They will also be doing work on land that has been donated to them in order to sell additional grave sites in this cemetery, and are requesting funding from the Municipality for these purposes.

#### Resolution COW070218

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that a Community Grant of \$500.00 be provided from the District 2 Community Grant Funds to the Old Farm Cemetery Society.

Motion carried unanimously.

### SHAG HARBOUR INCIDENT SOCIETY

Correspondence has been received from the Shag Harbour Incident Society indicating that they have formed a formal group who wish to be considered for funding from the Municipality during the budget process. The correspondence received from the Incident Society will be held in the budget file until the time of budget deliberations.

### LOBSTER

There then followed some discussion regarding the attraction of tourists from the Highway 103 extension which is now bypassing Barrington. In order to draw tourists to the area it is the sentiment of some councillors that some outstanding feature must be present on the highway that will attract tourists to come into the area. It was suggested that the construction of a giant lobster at a location near the highway would be an appropriate manner of drawing tourists into the area.

### CLOSED SESSION

Council then entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the purchase of property.

Having completed their discussion of this matter, Council then returned to Open Session.

### CLEAR BAGS

Members then discussed the use of clear bags in the Municipality. It had previously been suggested to the Committee that residents be permitted to deposit their residual waste in clear bags for collection by the Municipal Waste Collection.

After some discussion it was the consensus of the committee that this matter would be deferred until further education can be done by the Waste Reduction Coordinator. This education program will consist of presentations and visitations to local businesses and residences in order to increase the amount of waste separation being done.

LANDFILL POLICY

There followed much discussion regarding the present policy in place for the charging of fees to non residents depositing waste at the Municipal C & D Landfill Site. Various scenarios for users and residents were discussed by members.

It was the general consensus of members that this matter be deferred to a subsequent meeting of the committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed the business of the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

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Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting

**On website February 22, 2007.**