

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

February 28, 2007

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
- George El-Jakl
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Eddie Nickerson
- Wilford Smith
- Larry Stewart (7:40 p.m. due to funeral)
- Sean Strang

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of this meeting was to review a proposed Capital Investment Plan for the years 2007, to, and including, 2011. This Capital Investment Plan is being compiled in order to provide a clear path for the Municipality's future capital investments, and also to meet the requirements of the Federal Gas Tax Agreement under which the Municipality receives gas tax monies from the Federal Government through Service Nova Scotia. The proposed plan was previously circulated to members for their information and perusal.

There was much discussion regarding the evaluation criteria for projects. The main discussions centered around the project feasibility criteria. It was agreed by consensus of members that they would use the capital project evaluation criteria to evaluate a number of projects in order to determine how projects would be prioritized.

There then followed much discussion regarding the use of the fire department information that was provided by the fire departments, and how fire department funding would evolve over the next period of years. It was suggested that one area rate in each district covering all fire department costs should be established. For this purpose some preliminary information will be prepared regarding this matter.

It was also suggested during the discussion of proposed projects that an expression of interest should be advertised for the old telephone office to determine whether or not there was community interest in the use of that building. Further information will be prepared for members regarding this matter.

After much discussion members agreed that a list of proposed projects for evaluation would be circulated to all members by Municipal Staff. Once this is done the members will complete their evaluation of the proposed projects using the capital project evaluation criteria. This information will then be forwarded to the Municipal Clerk not later than Monday, March 12, 2007. The capital project evaluation forms will then be tabulated and summarized and circulated to members so that they may further consider project priorities at the Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday, March 19th, and make a recommendation to Council to adopt a finalized plan on Monday, March 26th. The projects for capital improvement on already existing properties will be further reviewed and prioritized by Municipal Staff.

MARCH 7TH MEETING RE: CAPPED ASSESSMENT

Members were informed that the Warden has received an invitation to attend a meeting on Thursday, March 8th, in Halifax, regarding a capped assessment project in rural areas.

Resolution COW070219

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by D. Messenger that the Warden attend the meeting concerning capped assessment in rural areas, on Thursday, March 8, 2007, and her expenses be paid accordingly.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:37 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting

On website March 1, 2007.