

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

May 22, 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:

- Fax Re: S.W.S.D.A.
- Fire Departments.
- Crusher Dust at Oak Park.
- Volunteer Services Program.
- Unsightly Premises.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that the minutes of the last previous meeting held May 7, 2007 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

VICTORIA HOTEL

Members were informed that the By-Law Enforcement Officer had again attempted to contact Mr. Mario Cormier, the current owner of the Victoria Hotel. The By-Law Enforcement Officer had no success in trying to contact Mr. Cormier today and was told that he could not be reached. Mr. Cormier is supposed to be in the office tomorrow and the By-Law Enforcement Officer will again attempt to contact him.

BLACKWATCH PAINTBALL

Dana and Carrie Dawn Weeks appeared before the meeting in order to discuss their lease in the name of Blackwatch Paintball. This business rents a tract of land from the Municipality which is located on the Goose Lake Road. The owners wish to alter the property so that a "speedball field" can be constructed on the property. This field will be approximately 200' X 180'. They have also indicated that there is some garbage buried on the property. They have removed 12 half ton truck loads of garbage in the past and would like to have the remainder removed by the Municipality. This will be done by the Municipality at the same time that an excavator is hired by Blackwatch Paintball to make the speedball field. In this way by having both activities completed at the same time, the overall bill will be less.

INSURANCE REVIEW

Mr. Darryl Wilson was then asked to join the meeting at this time to discuss various insurance issues. Mr. Wilson is the representative of Bell & Grant Limited, our insurance agents.

Mr. Wilson then reviewed the various coverages currently in place under the Municipality's insurance policies. He explained the concept of joint and several liability to councillors at some lengths. Under this liability concept any responsible parties are fully liable in the case of a claim to the insurance company.

During the discussion Mr. Wilson indicated that "hold harmless" clauses contained in agreements are of questionable value depending upon the resources of the organization or individual providing the clause and of the insurance of that party.

There then followed much discussion regarding insuring of private groups for activities on municipal property. These included not only Blackwatch Paintball but also the Forest Ridge Academy events and the Veteran's event. There was some question raised as to why the operation of a paintball field should be considered a high risk activity.

It was agreed by consensus of members that the recommendations from the insurance company regarding changes to the Municipality's insurance policy would be further discussed at a subsequent meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

Having completed his presentation regarding the Municipality's insurance coverage, Mr. Wilson retired from the meeting at approximately 9:00 p.m.

BLACKWATCH PAINTBALL CONT'D

Dana and Carrie Dawn Weeks then continued to discuss their operation of Blackwatch Paintball.

Some discussion followed regarding the purchasing of the property and checking of the paintball operation on a periodic basis.

Resolution COW070505

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality renew its lease for another year with Blackwatch Paintball under the same terms and conditions of the current lease.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Wilford Smith
Sean Strang

Motion carried.

Resolution COW070506

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that the owners of Blackwatch Paintball be permitted to alter the property at their own expense in order to construct a “speedball field” on the property leased from the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

At the same time the Municipality will remove any waste buried on the property. The cost of removing the waste will be born by the Municipality while the cost of constructing the speedball field will be born by Blackwatch Paintball.

The Weeks’ then retired from the meeting.

BARRINGTON REGIONAL CURLING CLUB

Mr. Bob Cushing, Past President; Mr. Robert Hopkins, President; and Mr. Philip Smith, Director, appeared before the meeting on behalf of the Barrington Regional Curling Club. A written presentation was read by Mr. Cushing. A copy of this presentation is attached to the minutes.

In their presentation the Curling Club members are requesting that the Municipality provide a \$10,000.00 loan, or combination of grant and loan in the amount of \$10,000.00, to be used as working capital by the Curling Club in order to pay its outstanding bills. It is proposed that this loan will be repaid by the end of November 2007, along with their payment of \$15,000.00 towards the debenture on the Curling Club.

Resolution COW070507

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality provide a \$10,000.00 loan for working capital to the Barrington Regional Curling Club, which will be repaid by the end of November 2007. This loan will be provided out of the Special Reserve Fund Operating similar to other recreational organization loans.

Motion carried unanimously.

Having completed their business, the members of the Barrington Regional Curling Club then retired from the meeting.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE CENTRE EXPANSION

A motion to expand the Community Health Centre was referred to this committee by Council. There was much discussion regarding the expansion of the Community Health Centre and the timing of this expansion.

It was agreed by consensus of members that further information is required before a decision can be made. The information required is that the committee would first like to know how many health practitioners are actually using the facility now, and the hours and frequency with which they are using the facility. Once this is determined the committee will be better able to determine whether or not expansion is necessary at this time. This information will be obtained by Municipal Staff and returned to the committee.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

PORT CLYDE FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDING REQUEST

This matter was referred to committee by Council. A motion had been made at Council to grant the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department a \$5,000.00 grant so that they may raise funds for the improvements to their fire hall.

After some discussion it was agreed by consensus of members that this matter would be returned to Council and again considered at the next Council meeting.

DRAINAGE AT NEW SIDEWALK

Some concern was expressed regarding the catch basin at the western end of the sidewalk now being constructed in Barrington Passage.

There was some question as to whether or not the catch basin is actually low enough to provide satisfactory drainage of water at that end of the library driveway.

This matter will be further investigated.

FAX RE: S.W.S.D.A.

The Warden informed members that she has received a fax from the South West Shore Development Authority regarding a request by Joyce Case Harlow for a meeting of Team Shelburne at which Frank Anderson will not be present. The Warden is asking the committee to give her direction in her response to this fax. The Warden also received a telephone call from Joyce Case Harlow regarding this matter and regarding a meeting of Team Shelburne. She also received a fax regarding the meeting of South West Shore Development Authority scheduled to be held tomorrow morning in Shelburne.

Members discussed this matter at length but came to no definitive conclusion. It was the general consensus of members that the Municipality's representative to the South West Shore Development Authority would indicate that if a meeting of Team Shelburne is convened the Municipality of Barrington will send its representative to such a meeting.

CRUSHER DUST AT RIDGE ROAD

There was some question regarding Mr. Kenneth Quinlan selling crusher dust which was located along the Ridge Road. When the construction company removed the paving plant from Municipal property on the Ridge Road there was some gravel and crusher dust left behind in the area. The Municipality was not informed that this crusher dust had been left. By the time Municipal Staff became aware of it, most of the crusher dust had been removed from the property. Ken Quinlan informed the Municipal Clerk that a representative of Dexter's Construction had previously told him that he could have the crusher dust and other gravels, and given this material to him. There was no written agreement indicating this. Municipal Staff viewed the location where the crusher dust had been located and determined that the majority of it had already been removed and there was no longer any left for use of the Municipality.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Correspondence has been received from the South West Shore Development Authority requesting the Municipality's contribution to fund the South West Shore Volunteer Services Coordinator Program. This program was funded by the Municipality in the previous year to the extent of \$4,712.00. This is also the amount required for the current year.

It was agreed by consensus of members that this request be included in budget considerations.

UNSIGHTLY PREMISES

A member was informed that a complaint had been received regarding the former Lloyd Cummings property which is located next to, and is owned by, Atlantic Superstore.

Members were informed that this property is currently being addressed by our By-Law Enforcement Officer under the Dangerous & Unsightly Premises Provisions of the Municipal Government Act. The By-Law Enforcement Officer has been in touch with the Manager of the Superstore who is attempting to have his superiors take action in addressing this property.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that the meeting adjourn at 11:20 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting

On website May 24, 2007.

