

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

June 4, 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
- Eddie Nickerson
- Wilford Smith
- Larry Stewart

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

Absent were members Donna LeBlanc-Messenger, George El-Jakl and Sean Strang who were attending the FCM meeting.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Fire Departments.
- Library.
- Sidewalks.
- RRFB Request.
- Trail Tenders.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by W. Smith that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Stewart that the minutes of the last previous meeting held May 22, 2007 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

VICTORIA HOTEL UPDATE

The By-Law Enforcement Officer has provided an update on the dangerous and unsightly premises investigation of the Victoria Hotel property in Barrington Passage. A CD with pictures of the hotel was provided. This was viewed prior to the meeting by members of the committee. The By-Law Enforcement Officer's recommendation is that Council issue an order to have the hotel portion of the buildings on the property demolished. A more complete report will be provided for the June 11, 2007 Council meeting, at which this recommendation will be made.

REQUEST TO INSTALL FENCE

A request has been received, by email, from Mr. Ken Anthony to install a pressure treated fence, at his cost, along the Municipality's property line at the entrance to the parking lot at the track and field in Barrington Passage. This fence will be installed by Mr. Anthony at his own expense along the western boundary of the driveway entering the Municipality's parking lot.

Resolution COW070601

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that it be recommended to Council that Mr. Anthony be given permission to install a fence along the western boundary of the Municipality's parking lot at the track and field in Barrington Passage.

Motion carried unanimously.

BURSARY SELECTION

Each year the Municipality awards a bursary of \$1,000.00 to a local student who is pursuing secondary education. Applications have been received from Aimee Acker, Gabrielle Hatfield, Susan Symonds and John A. Brannen.

Members then voted by secret ballot to select the winner of the bursary.

Resolution COW070602

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that having received the highest number of ballots for bursary selection that John A. Brannen be awarded the Municipality's bursary for 2007/2008.

Motion carried unanimously.

INSURANCE RECOMMENDATION

Ten recommendations made by the insurance company were reviewed by members. These recommendations included:

1. Marine Liability Insurance.
2. Environmental Liability.
3. Accident Insurance.
4. Legal Expense Insurance.
5. Owned Automobile Insurance Coverage.
6. Changes to Liability Limits.
7. Changes to Property Deductibles.
8. Earthquake and Flood Extension to Building Property Insurance.
9. Gross Earnings Insurance.
10. Changes to Boiler and Machinery Deductibles.

Having reviewed the recommendations it was agreed by consensus of members that a number of changes be implemented.

Resolution COW070603

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that the following changes to the Municipal Insurance coverage be implemented:

1. Accident Insurance to insure Council members while they are acting within the scope of their duties, including all travel, be put in place at a cost of \$48.00 per Council member.
2. Legal Expense Insurance for defence costs be put in place at an annual premium of \$625.00, and that the optional coverage that is available under the Legal Expense Insurance Policy to provide for reimbursement of defence costs, even when the outcome of the statutory charge is guilty, also be put in place at an additional premium of another \$625.00.
3. The deductible in respect to the Owned Automobile All Perils Insurance be increased from \$1,000.00 to \$2,500.00, decreasing the premium by \$375.00.
4. The Municipality's legal liability limits be increased from \$6,000,000.00 to \$10,000,000.00 at an additional premium cost of \$598.00.
5. That the Municipality's property insurance deductible be increased from \$2,500.00 to \$5,000.00, decreasing the annual premium by \$628.00.
6. The Boiler and Machinery Deductible Insurance deductible also be increased from \$1,000.00 to \$2,500.00, decreasing the annual premium on this insurance by \$545.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

These changes will result in a net increase of \$636.00 in policy premiums.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE EXPANSION

Information was provided to members regarding the schedules of the health professionals at the Municipality's Community Health Centre.

After reviewing these schedules, and after much discussion, it was agreed that the tenants in the building be approached in order to discuss scheduling of hours in the facility.

Resolution COW070604

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Stewart that Deputy Warden Nickerson discuss scheduling of hours at the Community Health Centre with the health care professionals in the facility.

Motion carried unanimously.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY PROCEDURES

Amendments to the Occupational Health & Safety Program were previously circulated to members for their information. These amendments are being made in order to put in place improved and amended safe work practices at the C & D Landfill Site, and more particularly at the Household Hazardous Waste Depot at that location.

Resolution COW070605

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by E. Nickerson that it be recommended to Council that the proposed safe work practices, re spills at the Household Hazardous Waste Depot and contingency plans for emergency events at the Construction & Demolition Debris Disposal Site, be added to the safety procedures for the C & D Landfill Site.

Motion carried unanimously.

DIGBY FERRY SERVICE

Correspondence has been received from the Municipality of Digby regarding the Digby ferry service. A meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2007 at the municipal offices in Digby to further discuss this matter. The information previously provided to this group will again be researched from our records and provided to the Warden for this discussion.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

FIRE DEPARTMENTS

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the alternative means of funding fire departments within the Municipality. Much discussion centered around the continued need for increased funding for fire departments, and providing an equitable means of funding the fire departments.

LIBRARY

It was the general consensus of members that the lawn at the Library needs to be seeded and fertilized. This will be pursued by Municipal Staff.

SIDEWALKS

Members were brought up to date on the construction progress of the sidewalk in Barrington Passage. It is anticipated that the large ledge of rock in front of Sobeys will be blasted sometime early this week.

RRFB

A memo has been received from the Resource Recovery Fund Board requesting Expressions of Interest for collection and drop off sites for the Electronic Stewardship Program. This is a service that will be provided at 26 different sites throughout the province through the RRFB. Effective February 1, 2008 a province wide collection and drop off network will be in place for consumers and businesses, allowing them to drop off electronic products at designated location sites, without charge, and with the assurance that these items will be responsibly recycled. The items to be included will be televisions, desktop, laptop and notebook computers, computer monitors and printers.

At the present time the members did not believe the Municipality is interested in hosting such a site. This matter may be reconsidered by committee at a later date.

TRAIL TENDERS

As a result of advertising for the clearing of the former CNR right of way along the proposed multi-purpose trail in Wood's Harbour, five tenders were received. These tenders were opened by the Chairperson. The following tenders were submitted:

- Robert Chetwynd - R.C. Stables	\$4,700.00
- Spinney Excavating	\$19,800.00
- Welchtown Forestry Limited	\$9,967.80
- Chris Hubley, Barrs Corner	\$3,850.00
- Atlanticon - Annapolis	\$72,800.00

All tenders submitted were exclusive of H.S.T.

Resolution COW070506

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that the tenders received be forwarded to our engineers, Horner Associates Limited, for evaluation, and a recommendation be made by them to the next subsequent Council meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:09 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting

On website June 5, 2007.

