

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

June 20, 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, Chairperson
- George El-Jakl
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Eddie Nickerson
- Wilford Smith
- Larry Stewart
- Sean Strang

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
- Rosanne D'Eon, District Health Authority
- Melanie Mooney, District Health Authority
- Duana Wheatley, Nurse Practitioner
- Dr. Hunter Blair
- Adele Roberts
- Trina Peterson

INTRODUCTIONS

The Warden asked all of the individuals present to introduce themselves for the information of members.

DISCUSSION RE: COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

Two concerns of those working at the Community Health Centre were expressed by Dr. Blair.

First, the numbers of people being asked to work at the Community Health Centre will not fit into the building as it presently is. There is not room to accommodate all of the services in addition to having Dr. O'Connor and his wife come to work out of the Centre in September.

Second, it is difficult to mix two modes of operation for family medical practices. The two modes of operation are the salaried physician working in collaboration with the Nurse Practitioner and the fee for service physician working with the registered nurse. These two systems cannot share resources. Dr. Blair is concerned that the Municipality has an agreement with Dr. O'Connor to place him in the Community Health Centre when he comes to practice in Barrington.

Dr. Blair indicated that the conclusion arrived at as a result of these two concerns is that some of the services must "get out" of the Community Health Centre. Dr. Blair indicated that he will not go back to being a "fee for service" physician. He does not wish to practice in this way. Dr. Blair wishes to continue practicing as a salaried physician in a "collaborative practice".

There then followed a lengthy discussion regarding the use of the current space available, the time requirement, the shortening time available to solve this problem, and the potential for expansion of the Community Health Centre. The sentiment was expressed that if an expansion is built, services will come to the area to fill the space available.

After a very lengthy discussion, the individuals involved from the District Health Authority and the Community Health Centre retired from the meeting at approximately 10:00 p.m.

There then followed much discussion regarding the matter among members of the committee, although no definitive action was taken or recommended.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:49 p.m.

_____Chairperson

_____Secretary for the Meeting

On website June 22, 2007.