

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

July 3, 2007

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson at 9:00 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

### COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

Members retired to the Community Health Centre in Barrington Passage for the purpose of viewing the facility and familiarizing themselves with the amount of space available there.

Having done so, members then returned to the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre.

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Computers.
- C.S.I. Sewer.
- Audit and Budget Items.
- Lobster.
- CKBW Invitation.
- Community Health Centre.

### 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 S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the minutes of the last previous meeting held June 18, 2007 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD TELEPHONE OFFICE

An estimate was received today from Mike Hennigar's General Construction Limited for estimated repairs to the Old Telephone Office. The assessment was prepared at the request of committee in order to determine what the costs would be in order to put the building in satisfactory condition for use. The total estimated cost of repairs is \$21,240.00, plus H.S.T.

There then followed some discussion regarding future use of the Old Telephone Office building.

**Moved** by W. Smith and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality tender to sell the Old Telephone Office building and have it removed from the site at the expense of the purchaser within sixty (60) days of the date of the awarded tender.

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl  
Wilford Smith  
Larry Stewart

NEGATIVE

Louise Halliday  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Eddie Nickerson  
Sean Strang

Motion defeated.

No further action was recommended in this matter.

DIVERSION CREDITS

Members were informed that the RRFB has issued a Press Release indicating Diversion Credits will be paid to 55 municipalities in the very near future in the amount of \$8.93 Million Dollars.

Members were also informed that correspondence has been received from Valda Walsh, Waste Coordinator for Region 6, indicating that an estimated \$51,000.00 will be distributed in the very near future to the Municipality of Barrington and Town of Clark's Harbour for Diversion Credits.

BEULAH BURMAN SOCIETY

Correspondence has been received by email from the Beulah Burman Memorial Animal Shelter Society requesting the Municipality send a representative to a meeting of the Society together with all of the other municipal units in the County. It is proposed the meeting be held on either July 10<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup> or July 17<sup>th</sup>.

Deputy Warden Nickerson agreed to attend a meeting of the Society with council representatives on either July 10<sup>th</sup> or July 17<sup>th</sup>. This information will be communicated to the Society to determine when a meeting will be held.

TAX SALE PROPERTIES INSURANCE

Members were informed that correspondence has been received by email from our insurers. We are informed that Tax Sale properties will no longer be insured by the Cowan Group, and therefore the Municipality has no insurance on properties purchased at Tax Sale.

BAY SIDE HOME LAND CONVEYANCE

Copies of survey maps of the Municipal properties which are located next to Bay Side Home were provided to members for their information.

It was the consensus of members that at the present time it is unknown how much property will be required by Bay Side Home.

Resolution COW070701

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality send correspondence to the Administrator of Bay Side Home Corporation asking how much land is required for their expansion purposes.

Motion carried unanimously.

UNPAID BREAKS

The Labour Standards Code has been amended recently to include a 30 minute unpaid break if employees are scheduled to work consecutively 5 hours or more. Employees can go above the code but they cannot go below the code. Employees cannot contract outside the legislation by waiving their rights.

This matter was discussed at length. It affects primarily the Property Services Department although it also affects the Recreation and Landfill departments.

The motion in place currently only affects the Property Services Department.

Resolution COW070702

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by G. El-Jakl that this matter be added to the next Council agenda as “unpaid breaks”.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Larry Stewart  
Sean Strang

Motion carried.

TMR AND CELLULAR COVERAGE

Members wish to have better coverage for TMR and cellular service in Cape Sable Island area, and particularly the southern area of the island near and around Clark’s Harbour, and also in the Shag Harbour area rural coverage is very weak.

Members had already been informed at a previous meeting that 40% of all emergency 911 calls are now received through cell phones which makes it much more important for cellular coverage to be more complete.

A draft resolution for approval by Council will be drafted by Municipal Staff to be submitted to the UNSM.

#### COMPUTERS

More flexibility is requested in the use of computers supplied by the Municipality to councillors.

#### C.S.I. SEWER

It was requested that further information be brought forward for consideration of the Committee of the Whole at their next meeting on the C.S.I. Sewer project.

#### AUDIT AND BUDGET ITEMS

A copy of the Auditor's letter to the Municipal Clerk will be provided to councillors for their information. This letter addresses suggested improvements to operational items. The printout of miscellaneous accounts was previously circulated to members.

#### LOBSTER

There was some concern expressed again regarding the unavailability of lobster within the Municipality. There is no restaurant at present that serves whole cooked lobster for tourist orders. There is also a lack of sufficient signage for promotion of lobster.

#### CKBW INVITATION

CKBW Radio is celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary on July 19<sup>th</sup> at the Desbriary Museum in Bridgewater. The Warden has received an invitation from CKBW.

At the present time no members expressed any interest in attending the celebration.

#### COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

A long discussion ensued regarding the Community Health Centre.

The Deputy Warden assumed the Chair so that the Warden could address members on this matter.

Having completed her address of the matter, the Warden then resumed the Chair.

A review of the terms of the agreement with Dr. O'Connor ensued. There then followed much discussion of expansion of the Community Health Centre. A suggested expansion plan was proposed starting January 2008 and finishing in September of 2008. It may be possible to locate a doctor in an alternate site in the Municipality in the interim.

Resolution COW070703

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Rosanne D'Eon and Melanie Mooney of the District Health Authority again be asked to discuss this matter further with Council as soon as possible.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl that the meeting adjourn at 11:25 p.m.

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Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting

**On website July 6, 2007.**