

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

July 16, 2007

The meeting was called to order 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 AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Billboards.
- O'Connor House.
- Police Board Membership.
- George Newell Property.
- Market Spot.
- Loyalist Landing.
- Lobster.
- Community Health Centre.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Strang that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that the minutes of the last previous meetings held June 19th and 20th and July 3, 2007 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

WOOD'S HARBOUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT INTERVIEW

Troy Stoddard, Shannon Newell, Gordie Ross, Brian Crowell and Jody Goreham appeared before the meeting for the purpose of discussing information related to the Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department.

Representatives of the fire department had met with Mr. Leslie Chetwynd regarding the purchase of his building. Mr. Chetwynd has had his building appraised at \$352,000.00 and wishes to obtain as close to that amount as possible in the sale of it. The fire department feels they have done all they can do and now do not know who to turn to for assistance. The fire department representatives met with the Premier today who indicated he would talk to Minister Hurlburt regarding the matter.

Much discussion then took place between members of the fire department and the committee regarding various alternatives.

Resolution COW070704

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that the matter be placed on the next committee agenda.

AFFIRMATIVE

Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson
Wilford Smith
Larry Stewart
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

The fire department members then retired from the meeting at approximately 7:35 p.m.

FITNESS PROGRAM REQUEST

Members had previously been provided with a letter from Ms. Linda Wakerell requesting use of the Community Recreation Centre for the purpose of putting on a fitness program.

It was indicated by a member that Section 7(13) of the Recreation Operating Policy indicates that the Municipal Recreation Department will seek to put on programs only when the expertise for these programs is not already provided elsewhere in the community by private organizations. At the present time there are three (3) private fitness businesses in the community providing similar fitness activities to this program. There are also two (2) similar recreation programs being conducted at the Community Recreation Centre at the present time.

Resolution COW070705

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the request from Ms. Wakerell be denied in any municipal building as the expertise in this area of recreation already exists within the community, and that the policy be quoted in the letter of response to Ms. Wakerell, and suggest she may rent private facilities for the purpose of conducting her programs.

Motion carried unanimously.

ANTHONY SWIM RENT

Members were informed that Mr. Swim is behind in his rent at the Old Court House by approximately \$1,400.00. Municipal Staff will continue to pursue Mr. Swim to bring the rent up to date. It is not suggested, as yet, that the rental agreement be terminated.

COMMUNITY GRANT REQUESTS

Members reviewed the Community Grant applications that have been received.

Resolution COW070706

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that it be recommended to Council that the following Community Grants be approved:

- District 1

- Wood's Harbour Days, \$500.00
- Samuel Wood Museum, \$500.00
- Greenwood Cemetery, \$500.00

- District 2

- Chapel Hill Museum for siding, \$1,100.00
- Fog Devils Softball Team for ballfield maintenance and repair, \$1,000.00
- Shag Harbour Incident Society for signs, \$620.00

- District 3

- Riverdale Cemetery for maintenance, \$700.00
- Light the Field Committee for maintenance, \$700.00

- District 4

- West Baccaro Cemetery for maintenance, \$500.00
- Greenhill Senior Citizens Club for maintenance, \$500.00
- Society for the Preservation of Greenhill Community Church for maintenance, \$500.00

- District 5

- No applications

- District 6

- Archelaus Smith Museum for maintenance, \$800.00
- Newellton Community Hall for maintenance, \$1,000.00
- North East Point Community Hall for maintenance, \$300.00

- District 7

- White Lily Cemetery for maintenance, \$700.00
- Evergreen Cemetery for maintenance, \$700.00

Motion carried unanimously.

Additional Community Grant applications were discussed and as a result the following motions were proposed:

Resolution COW070707

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that a \$500.00 grant to the Barrington Regional Curling Club for the purposes of construction of a storage shed be approved from District 3 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW070708

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by E. Nickerson that it be recommended to Council that a \$500.00 grant be approved to the Barrington Municipal Exhibition from the District 3 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

DESTINATION SOUTHWEST NOVA SCOTIA

Correspondence has been received from Destination Southwest Nova Scotia requesting that our Visitor Information Centre Manager, Diane Smith, be permitted to sit on a Communications Committee for Destination Southwest Nova Scotia.

Resolution COW070709

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that Mrs. Smith be asked if she wishes to sit on this committee and any other information that is available will be obtained and provided to the Committee of the Whole at a subsequent meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE FEES

Members were informed that correspondence has been received from Dr. Blair's office returning a cheque paid to him for committee fees.

It was the consensus of members that this matter should be referred to the Community Health Care Advisory Committee.

DRAFT RESOLUTION RE: TMR AND CELLULAR PHONE COVERAGE

A draft resolution was circulated to members for their information and review.

Resolution COW070710

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the draft resolution, Re: TMR and cellular phone coverage, be forwarded to the Union of Nova Scotian Municipalities for consideration at their annual conference.

Motion carried unanimously.

The draft resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS 40% of all emergency calls placed in Nova Scotia are placed from cellular telephones;

AND WHEREAS trunk mobile radio service is the emergency radio service now being used in Nova Scotia;

AND WHEREAS there is distinct lack of coverage for cellular services and TMR services in certain rural areas of Nova Scotia;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of Nova Scotia be urged to provide improved cellular and TMR coverage in rural areas of Nova Scotia, in particular to improve the safety of all citizens and the emergency response capabilities of the Emergency Measures Organization within the Province.

C.S.I. SEWER PROJECT

Information was circulated to members prior to the meeting regarding the cost of various alternative phases for the C.S.I. Sewer Project.

It was suggested that two (2) alternative proposals be prepared in advance so that they could be presented to Minister Muir when he is in the area.

At the present time it has been indicated by Service Nova Scotia personnel that there are no funds available for such a project. It is anticipated that there will be future programs, but as yet these have not been developed.

Municipal Staff will prepare two (2) alternatives which include development of Phase I on the Stoney Island/Clam Point portion of the Island, and a second alternative which includes development of Phase I on the Newellton/Centreville side of the Island. These will be developed to the point where annual charges to households will be estimated. Once this is done these alternatives can be further considered by the committee.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY

A draft amendment to the Occupational Health & Safety Policy was provided to members. This amendment puts in place an Emergency Contingency Plan at the Barrington Municipal Pool. This is a safe work practice that is required under Occupational Health & Safety Policy which will provide for safe operation of the pool.

Resolution COW070711

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by W. Smith that it be recommended to Council that notice be given of the proposed amendment of the Occupational Health & Safety Policy which will add the Emergency Contingency Plan at the Barrington Municipal Pool to the policy.

Motion carried unanimously.

Th'YARC

Representatives from Th'YARC had appeared at a Council meeting requesting that the Municipality of Barrington provide a member for their Board of Directors.

There followed much discussion regarding the necessity for providing this board member.

Resolution COW070712

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that Th'YARC be informed that the Municipality does not have anyone who wishes to sit on their board at this time, however it is suggested that Th'YARC keep residents of the Municipality informed of activities in the arts in this area so that circumstances may change in this membership in future.

Motion carried unanimously.

BACCARO LIGHT

Members were informed that correspondence has been received from the Federal Government indicating that they are in the process of cleaning up the site and beginning the process for disposition of it. The process requires that it be offered to the Province of Nova Scotia prior to it being offered to the Municipality.

Resolution COW070713

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Province of Nova Scotia indicating that the Municipality is interested in purchasing the Baccaro Light Station.

Councillor Strang was briefly absent from the meeting at this time.

Motion carried unanimously.

WALK FOR A CAUSE

A request has been received from Shelly D'Eon to conduct an event entitled "Walk for a Cause" on municipal property at the Barrington Municipal Arena parking lot.

Much discussion followed regarding the insurance for this event and the information provided by the insurance company in regards to events hosted by the Municipality.

Resolution COW070714

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality permit the event “Walk for a Cause” to be held on Municipal property as requested.

AFFIRMATIVE

Louise Halliday
Eddie Nickerson
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Wilford Smith
Larry Stewart

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl
Sean Strang

Motion carried.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

EXCAVATOR TENDERS

The Municipality previously requested tenders for the provision of an excavator at the Construction & Demolition Landfill Site. These tenders were circulated to five (5) reputable suppliers. Four sealed tender documents were received in return. The Warden opened these tenders in front of committee members at this time. The following information was received with the tenders:

SUPPLIER	PURCHASE PRICE	MONTHLY RENTAL	RESIDUAL VALUE
Wilson Equipment Ltd.	\$128,000.00	\$2,096.00	\$32,000.00
Wajax Equipment	\$140,900.00	\$2,100.80	\$69,090.00
Wallace Equipment Ltd.	\$128,400.00	\$1,967.34	\$44,940.00
Atlantic Tractors	\$108,850.00	\$1,603.06	\$39,331.20

Resolution COW070715

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by W. Smith that it be recommended to Council that staff review the tenders received for provision of an excavator at the Construction & Demolition Landfill Site and report to Council with a recommendation.

Motion carried unanimously.

BILLBOARDS

Concern was expressed regarding the number of billboards or posters placed on utility poles, especially in the area of the Cape Sable Island Causeway.

It was suggested that a Poster Board may be placed at some area on or near the causeway facilitating a more orderly fashion of posting signs.

Members will consider this matter further and return it to a subsequent meeting.

O'CONNOR HOUSE

Members were informed that an insurance inspector will be appraising the house tomorrow morning for the O'Connors in order to provide for insurance coverage.

Members were also informed that there had been a propane leak on a line outside of the house on the property, and as a result Irving Oil was called to send a technician to shut off the line.

POLICE BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The Nova Scotia Association of Police Boards sent their annual request for membership.

No action is recommended in this matter.

GEORGE NEWELL PROPERTY

Members were provided with a map of property owned by Misters George and Terry Newell. This property is located in Atwood's Brook. Mr. Newell has indicated that he wishes to donate this property to the Municipality. Before a response is made to Mr. Newell it will be determined how much is the cost of migrating this property, and whether or not it is necessary that it be migrated; what is the size of the property, and some pictures will be taken of the property for viewing by the committee.

This matter will again be considered at the next committee meeting.

MARKET SPOT

It was suggested by a member that there are many venders at various locations in the Barrington Passage area. At times these venders cause traffic disruption as customers go to and from these vending locations.

It was suggested that there may be one market spot required at which venders would be required to locate. It was also suggested that Council might consider some change in the Land Use By-Law regarding venders on private property.

No further action was taken by the committee on this matter.

LOYALIST LANDING

A member indicated that the Loyalist Landing 2008 Society has been able to access money for advertising and marketing, however is not able to access funds for the purchase of promotional materials for their events which will be taking place in 2008.

It was the general consensus of members that the Municipality should support these events as there will be many tourists brought to the Barrington area as well as the Shelburne area.

Resolution COW070716

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that \$2,000.00 be donated to the Loyalist Landing 2008 Society for the purpose of purchasing promotional materials for their events during 2008, and that these funds be taken from the tourism funds provided in the budget for the purchase of advertising in the Doers and Dreamers Guide.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Sean Strang

Motion carried.

LOBSTER

It was suggested that information be obtained on the cost of building or providing a 6 foot, three dimensional lobster at some location within the Municipality where tourists could take pictures.

This information will be obtained by Municipal Staff.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

Various alternatives for expansion of the Community Health Centre were provided to members for their review.

Having reviewed possible proposed expansions for the Community Health Centre, members also wished to have several questions answered by the District Health Authority personnel with whom they are meeting tomorrow evening. The following questions will be posed to the District Health Authority representatives:

1. What authority do the representatives have concerning the Nurse Practitioner and other services provided at the Community Health Centre by the District Health Authority? What is their chain of command?
2. What is District Health Authority's vision for services being provided at the Community Health Centre?

3. What guarantee is there from the District Health Authority that the Nurse Practitioner will continue to be provided in our area?
4. If the Community Health Centre is expanded, will the District Health Authority pay rent for the use of space in it, or make a capital contribution towards the cost of this expansion?

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by G. El-Jakl that the meeting adjourn at 11:40 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting

On website July 18, 2007.