

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

September 17, 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 AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Volunteers.
- By-Law Enforcement Officer.
- Award Request.

### 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 W. Smith and seconded by S. Strang that the minutes of the last previous meeting held September 4, 2007 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### R.C.M.P. MONTHLY REPORT

Sgt. Bill Mooney appeared before the committee for the purpose of delivering the R.C.M.P.'s monthly report for the month of August 2007, copies of which were given to all councillors. Sgt. Mooney indicated that the Detachment now has two new members; Jonathan Saxby who is originally from Lunenburg, and Mr. Aaron Swim who is from New Brunswick. Mr. Swim was a paramedic for 11 years and has spent 9 years as an auxiliary police constable.

There then followed a brief discussion regarding the R.C.M.P. services.

Some discussion ensued regarding Halloween and preparations for upcoming Halloween.

Having completed his discussion of these matters, Sgt. Mooney retired from the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

RECESS FOR SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Resolution COW070914

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Strang that the committee recess for a brief period in order to conduct a Special Meeting of Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

After completing a Special Meeting of Council, the committee reconvened.

RECREATION DIRECTOR APPLICATIONS

Members agreed to schedule a Hiring Committee meeting for September 25, 2007 to consider the applications received for the position of Recreation Director. These applications will be circulated to members of the Hiring Committee as soon as possible so that they can be reviewed prior to the meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup>. A list of questions to be asked of the applicants will be provided to the members for consideration at the September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FUND POLICY

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A proposed Activities Fund Policy was previously circulated to members for their consideration and review. This policy was discussed at length by members.

The Warden requested the Deputy Warden to assume the Chair while she addressed this matter.

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

Resolution COW070915

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality put a fund in place to promote advertising of the Municipality through sports groups going outside of the province for competitions.

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that the previous motion be amended to insert the words “non profit” in front of sports groups.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Louise Halliday  
Larry Stewart  
Sean Strang

Motion carried.

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that the previous motion also be amended to include a maximum of \$200.00 per non profit sports group per year.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

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

**NEGATIVE**

Louise Halliday  
Larry Stewart  
Sean Strang

Motion carried.

Municipal Staff will redraft the Activities Fund Policy in order to accommodate the motion.

The final motion is:

“...that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality put a fund in place to promote advertising of the Municipality through non profit sports groups going outside of the province, to a maximum of \$200.00.”

The original motion as amended was put to a vote and carried.

**C & D LANDFILL POLICY**

Members were informed of the recent situation that arose at the C & D Landfill. In this situation an individual who owns a house in the Municipality is renovating a house and has taken waste from his renovations to the Landfill. This individual has taken the waste to the Landfill himself in his own vehicle, however he is not a resident of the Municipality. The individual was not charged to deposit waste at the Landfill as he is taking waste from the property that he owns in the Municipality, himself, to the Landfill.

There followed much discussion regarding the present policy.

No definitive changes could be agreed to by members, and therefore no changes have been suggested to the policy.

**INDUSTRIAL PARK STUDY**

Members were informed that Service Nova Scotia has indicated that the Industrial Park Study does not meet the requirements of Gas Tax Funding. It is therefore suggested that other funds be used for the Industrial Park Study, and that the Municipality provide these funds.

Resolution COW070916

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality provide their 50% share of the Industrial Park Study funding from Municipal Reserves, up to \$12,500.00.

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl  
Louise Halliday  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Wilford Smith  
Larry Stewart  
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

It was also agreed by members that the CEO of the South West Shore Development Authority be asked to come to a meeting of the Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing development in the Municipality. This will be arranged as soon as possible.

HAWK DAYZE MONUMENT

Correspondence has been received from the Hawk Dayze Committee indicating that they wish to construct a monument to be placed on Municipal property at The Hawk. The location of this monument will be at the Tourist Rest Stop owned by the Municipality at the end of Fish Plant Road.

Resolution COW070917

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Deputy Warden and the Municipal Clerk meet with representatives of the Hawk Dayze Committee for the purpose of determining the location of the monument to be placed on municipal property.

Motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEERING SERVICES TENDER

This matter had been referred to the committee from Council. There was some question regarding the design and installation of the catch basin at the western exit of the Sobey's parking lot.

This matter will be referred to the engineers on the project for their comment.

Resolution COW070918

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality reject all of the tenders for municipal engineering services which have been received for the provision of municipal engineering services over the next three years, and instead hire engineers on a project by project basis as necessary.

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Eddie Nickerson  
Larry Stewart  
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Louise Halliday  
Wilford Smith

Motion carried.

HEALTH CARE SERVICES INVENTORY

Correspondence has been received from the District Health Authority listing the health care services that are provided in the Barrington area. This list indicates which services are provided from the Community Health Centre and also which are provided at the South West Health Satelite Services location. This correspondence was provided to members for their information.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Correspondence has been received requesting that the Municipal Employee Assistance Program agreement be renewed together with amendments which are included in the program.

Resolution COW070919

**Moved** by L. Stewart and seconded by D. Messenger that Municipal Staff investigate the Yarmouth Employee Assistance Program to determine if there are satisfactory alternatives to the current program.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

VOLUNTEERS

A member expressed concern regarding the conduct of volunteer fire fighters in some municipal fire departments at fire scenes. Concern was expressed regarding the ability of some fire fighters to adhere to proper standards.

Some discussion followed regarding this matter with no definite course of action suggested.

BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

The Municipality is currently in need of an additional By-Law Enforcement Officer as two By-Law Enforcement Officers previously appointed are not available adequate hours in order to provide this service.

Resolution COW070920

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality again advertise for the employment of By-Law Enforcement Officers for various by-laws.

Motion carried unanimously.

AWARD REQUEST

Members were informed that there is a local member of the community who they believe should be recognized for his volunteer service in coaching hockey and baseball and providing a volunteer service to the community.

It was agreed by consensus of members that a certificate be prepared for this individual and presented to him. The name of the individual will be disclosed at that time.

CLOSED SESSION

Members then entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing a legal matter.

Having completed their discussion of this matter, members then agreed to return to Open Session.

ADJOURNMENT

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl that the meeting adjourn at 10:33 p.m.

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Chairman

Secretary for the Meeting

**On website September 18, 2007.**