

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

October 29, 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
- Sean Strang

Absent was Councillor Larry Stewart due to illness in his family.

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following item was added to the agenda:

- Barrington Area Old Timers League.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that minutes of the last previous meeting held October 15, 2007 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

R.C.M.P. MONTHLY REPORT

Cpl Doug Brannen appeared before the Committee in order to provide the R.C.M.P. Detachment's report for the month of September. A written report which is attached to the minutes was provided to all members. The report indicated that the number of calls at the Detachment has decreased significantly again this month. The total number of calls for the Municipality of Barrington is 187 for September of this year compared to 229 for September of last year. The decrease in the number of calls has been experienced consistently over the last 4 to 5 months.

Cpl Brannen indicated that the Detachment has been preparing for Halloween and will be having additional officers in the area during the evening of Halloween. He also indicated that Cst Ross is waiting to hear from a promotional opportunity which he has applied for.

Cpl Brannen was called away and retired from the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

PROPERTY AT SHEROSE ISLAND

A report regarding spillage of furnace oil at Sherose Island had previously been brought to the attention of the committee. An engineer who had previously been engaged to do a report on this spillage of residential furnace oil had failed to provide an adequate report, and therefore it is necessary to have this matter again addressed by the Municipality. There are three locations where it is believed furnace oil had been spilled in the past in varying degrees. Municipal Staff is requesting that an engineer be hired to address the matter and provide the appropriate report.

Resolution COW071016

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality issue a tender to hire an engineer to have an evaluation done of the Sherose Island property in order to provide an estimated cost of determining any specific remedial action that may be required.

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl
Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Eddie Nickerson
Wilford Smith

Motion carried.

BARRINGTON BAY TRAIL

Members had previously been informed that a complaint had been received from Mrs. Joan Atkinson regarding vandalism along the Barrington Bay Trail which takes place late at night, after dark.

It was suggested that a policy be put in place regarding the use of the trail after dark, and that use of the trail after dark, or at least after a given hour, could be curtailed in order to reduce the opportunity for vandalism.

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that Municipal Staff draft a policy regarding use of the Barrington Bay Trail and other municipal recreation properties after dark.

The Deputy Warden then assumed the Chair at the request of the Warden in order to give the Warden an opportunity to address the matter.

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

Resolution COW071017

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that Municipal Staff defer drafting the policy until further consultation is made with the local R.C.M.P. Detachment.

AFFIRMATIVE

Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Wilford Smith
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl
Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

BARRINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Members of the Barrington Volunteer Fire Department appeared before the committee in order to discuss the purchase of equipment by the Fire Department. The members of the Fire Department who appeared were:

- John Nickerson, Chief
- Richard Nickerson, Secretary/Treasurer
- Bob Kenney
- Rachael Nickerson

It is the intention of the Fire Department to purchase approximately \$45,000.00 worth of equipment under the program which was recently announced by the Provincial Government. Under this program the Fire Department would provide 40% of the funds to purchase the equipment and the Province would provide 60% of the funds. An application is being prepared and will be submitted to the province tomorrow for the purchase of the equipment under this program. The Fire Department is asking the Municipality to provide up to \$20,000.00 in funding for the purchase of this equipment by the Fire Department.

There then followed some discussion regarding the Municipality's alternatives in providing these funds. One alternative for the Municipality is to loan the monies to the Fire Department out of reserves, and have it repaid from their annual operating grant at some point during each of the next four or five fiscal years. The monthly payment could be reduced each month over the course of the year, or the funds could be repaid from one or two payments during the year.

After much discussion it was agreed by consensus of members that the matter would be referred to the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole at which the Fire Department members could appear again if they so wished.

Having completed their discussion of the matter, the Fire Department members retired from the meeting at approximately 8:05 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION RE: DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH S.W.S.DA.'S CEO

Mr. Frank Anderson, CEO of the South West Shore Development Authority, appeared before the meeting at this time and members entered into Closed Session.

At approximately 10:00 p.m. Mr. Anderson retired from the meeting and members then resumed their Open Session of the Committee.

SEAL ISLAND CHURCH SOCIETY

This matter has been referred to the Committee by Council. The Seal Island Church Society is requesting funding for repairs to the church on Seal Island. The church had been previously struck by lightning.

Resolution COW071018

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the Seal Island Church Society be informed that funding may be available for their organization under the Grants to Organizations Policy of the Municipality, and that an application must be completed prior to March 31st of next year, for funding from the Municipality under this policy. Funds are usually not distributed through the Grants to Organizations Policy until the budget is approved in late June of each year. This is the policy under which the request from the Seal Island Church Society qualifies and they are advised to apply under this policy.

Motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY 103 COMMITTEE

This matter was also referred to Committee by Council. The Highway 103 Committee is asking that the Municipality have a councillor attend a committee meeting during mid November, and has indicated a variety of dates on which a meeting may be held. The correspondence had been directed to Councillor Bower who had previously been a member of this committee when he was a councillor.

Resolution COW071019

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that it be recommended to Council that the Highway 103 Committee be informed that Fred Bower is no longer a councillor of the Municipality, and that Council will consider appointing a new member to their committee at a future date.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION RE: PURCHASE AND SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES

Members then entered into Closed Session in order to discuss the possible purchase of property adjacent to Exit 30 at Highway #103, and the possible sale of municipal property as requested by a resident.

Having completed their discussion of these matters, Council then resumed Open Session.

BARRINGTON AREA OLD TIMERS HOCKEY LEAGUE

The President of the Barrington Area Old Timers Hockey League has indicated through communication with the Property Services Supervisor that he is not willing to sign the Municipality's Ice Rental Agreement.

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that the Barrington Area Old Timers Hockey League be informed that someone must sign the Ice Rental Agreement on behalf of their league, or they will not be allowed to play.

After some discussion of this matter the motion was withdrawn.

It was the consensus of members that the Property Services Supervisor should deal with this matter.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 11:08 p.m.

_____ Chairperson

_____ Secretary for the Meeting

On website October 30, 2007.