

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

December 17, 2007

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson at 7:05 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 (7:32 p.m.)

Councillor Stewart was absent due to family illness.

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Fire Departments.
- Correspondence.
- Former B.M.H.S. Property.
- Municipality of Shelburne Request.
- Department of Environment & Labour.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by W. Smith that the minutes of the last previous meeting held December 3, 2007 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

R.C.M.P. MONTHLY REPORT

Sgt. Mooney appeared before the meeting for the purpose of presenting the monthly report for the local R.C.M.P. Detachment. A written report containing the monthly statistics for the month of November 2007 was circulated to members. A downward trend in the number of calls continues.

Sgt. Mooney briefly discussed the reporting issues for the previous month and answered various questions of members.

Having completed his presentation, Sgt. Mooney retired from the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

MIKE HENNIGAR EASEMENT

This matter was referred to committee by Council. A copy of the Grant of Easement has been received from Don Harding. Mr. Harding is requesting Council's approval to register this easement. The easement is being granted by Butler Estates Ltd. to allow the Municipality to enter upon lands owned by Butler Estates Ltd., at 61 Butler's Road, in order to repair and maintain sewer lines. Mr. Hennigar was requested to discuss the matter with the committee members so that they could be informed as to the purpose of this easement and what his intentions are. Mr. Hennigar informed members that this easement is part of the preliminary work required before requesting the Municipality to take ownership of the sewer line which he intends to construct in the proposed subdivision on Butler's Estates properties. He intends to have the Municipality take over the sewer in this subdivision. Mr. Hennigar will build the road and the sewer and wishes to have the sewer only taken over by the Municipality.

Resolution COW071207

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by W. Smith that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality notify Mr. Harding that it approves the recording of the easement being granted by Butler Estates to the Municipality for the purpose of maintaining the main sewer and connectors within the right of way on Butler Estates property, and that accepting registration of this easement does not imply that the Municipality will accept ownership of the sewer line in the future and that the approval of registration is subject to the approval of the Municipal Solicitor.

Motion carried unanimously.

Having completed the discussion of the matter, Mr. Hennigar retired from the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

S.W.S.D.A. MEETING

There will be a meeting of the South West Shore Development Authority voting board members on January 16, 2008.

There was some discussion regarding the accountability and transparency of the South West Shore Development Authority's transactions. As yet no agenda has been forwarded for this meeting. The Municipality's representative will request an agenda in advance of the meeting.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

Discussion ensued regarding the expansion of the Community Health Centre. Information has been received from the District Health Authority indicating that they rent 3,400 square feet of space in the Parsons Mall in Barrington Passage.

It was the consensus of members that a letter should be sent to Dr. O'Connor and Dr. Blair, from the Municipality, requesting them to confirm their opinions regarding the expansion of the Community Health Centre.

Resolution COW071208

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that a letter be sent to Dr. O'Connor and Dr. Blair requesting their opinion regarding the future expansion of the Community Health Centre. A copy of this letter will be sent to councillors for their information.

Motion carried unanimously.

ARENA DISCIPLINE POLICY

A draft proposed Arena Discipline Policy was circulated to members for their review. This policy is stricter and provides for larger fines for the possession of alcohol in the facility. The fine is increased for a first offence from a \$100.00 fine, to a fine between \$100.00 and \$500.00. A similar increase is put in place for the second offence, and the third offense will result in a fine of \$500.00, plus a one year suspension.

Resolution COW071209

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that notice be given at the next subsequent Council meeting of amendments to the Arena Discipline Policy which will incorporate the proposed new structure for fines for individuals breaking the Alcohol and Smoking Policy in the Arena.

Motion carried unanimously.

FLAG POLICY

A draft flag policy was circulated to members for their review. This draft policy was circulated prior to the meeting for the review of members.

After some discussion it was generally agreed that the only flags that will be flown on municipal flag poles will be the Canadian flag, the Provincial flag and the Municipal flag.

Resolution COW071210

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that notice of adoption of a flag policy be given at the next subsequent Council meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

WOOD'S HARBOUR TRAIL

Correspondence has been received from the Department of Natural Resources regarding the Wood's Harbour Trail. This correspondence is a Letter of Authority permitting the Municipality to construct a multi-purpose trail on the former CNR right of way in Wood's Harbour. The Municipality will have to enter into this Letter of Agreement in order to be able to construct a multi-purpose trail between Post Office Road and Cemetery Road in Wood's Harbour.

Also, now that the appropriate approvals have been received from the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund and from the Department of Health Promotion and Protection, it is now necessary to have the Wood's Harbour Project redesigned and retendered so that it can be constructed in the spring.

Further information will be obtained on these matters and it will be further discussed at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on January 7, 2008. Municipal Staff will contact the Trails Group in Shelburne County regarding the possibility of collaboration with them in constructing the multi-purpose trail.

MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES

Correspondence has been received from the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board. This correspondence contains a decision by order of the Board numbered NSUARB-NB-06-26. The Utility Review Board has ordered that the number of polling districts and the number of councillors for the Municipality of the District of Barrington are confirmed at 7, and the boundaries of the polling districts are confirmed. As a result the municipal polling districts will remain unchanged for the next municipal election in October of 2008.

BARRINGTON PASSAGE POST OFFICE

Members were informed that Municipal Staff has obtained an estimate in the range of \$10,000.00 for the removal of the grassed area in front of the Barrington Passage Post Office and the replacement of the curb next to the sidewalk. This could provide approximately 2 feet more for parking in front of the post office.

BUILDING INSPECTOR JOB DESCRIPTION

In preparing to advertise for the Building Inspector's vacant position it was revealed that it has been some time since the Building Inspector's job description has been updated. As a result the Building Inspector's job description has been updated incorporating all changes that have taken place since it was last reviewed.

Resolution COW071211

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Building Inspector's job description be revised as proposed.

Motion carried unanimously.

HIRING COMMITTEE

Only one application has been received for the vacant position of Property Services Technician. This is an internal application. It will now be necessary to have a Hiring Committee meeting in order to consider this application and to consider any further advertising of the position, if required.

The Municipal Solicitor will be contacted regarding the various options available before any further advertising has been done. This matter will be brought up at the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole on January 7, 2008.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

FIRE DEPARTMENTS

This afternoon the Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department, the Barrington Volunteer Fire Department and the Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department received approval for grants from the provincial government. The Municipality of Barrington is contributing 40% towards the cost of the projects by the Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department and the Barrington Volunteer Fire Department. Unfortunately, the full amount of the cost of these projects was not approved. As a result of the grants that were approved the fire departments will have to reduce their purchase of equipment to some degree.

Correspondence has been received from the Island & Barrington Passage Fire Department. In this correspondence the Department is informing the Municipality that they received \$51,000.00 from the Emergencies Services Provider Fund. They are asking that the \$59,079.82 which constitutes 40% of the total application still be left in place by the Municipality so that the fire department can purchase the majority of the equipment on their list. They are requesting Council to agree to let the fire department use the amount previously approved even though the total project amount has not been provided by the province.

Resolution COW071212

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality pay the Island & Barrington Passage Fire Department \$59,079.82 and the Barrington Volunteer Fire Department \$18,000.00 as previously indicated in their applications to the Emergency Services Provider Fund of the Province of Nova Scotia.

AFFIRMATIVE

Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson
Wilford Smith

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl
Sean Strang

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Warden informed members that various cards had been received extending compliments of the season to Council.

FORMER B.M.H.S. PROPERTY

An email has been received from Steve Stoddart, Director of Operational Services for the Tri-County Regional School Board. In his email he is suggesting that the School Board and the Municipality agree to have the pile of contaminated soil removed from the site at the former B.M.H.S. property by an authorized company and divide the cost equally.

Resolution COW071213

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality respond to the Tri-County Regional School Board indicating that it is not willing to share in the cost of removing contaminated soil from the former B.M.H.S. Site in Barrington Passage.

Motion carried unanimously.

MUNICIPALITY OF SHELBURNE REQUEST

Information has been obtained from the residents on West River Road. A survey was done of the residents in order to determine whether they wish to have the road renamed to Jimmy Crowell Road. As a result of the survey it was indicated that none of the residents wished to have the road renamed.

The second request from the Municipality was to place a stylized sign at the western end of Clyde River along Highway 103. Members wished to have further information from the Municipal Councillor in the Municipality of Shelburne to determine whether or not the placing of signs has been approved by their Council, and whether this request is coming from their Council. This information will be obtained and brought to the next Committee of the Whole.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LABOUR

Members were informed that a warning ticket has been received from the Department of Environment & Labour as a result of an inspection done on November 8, 2007. The ticket was issued by the Inspector Specialist, Mr. Anthony Shand, and sent to the Municipality on December 13, 2007. The ticket indicates the Municipality is violating the terms and conditions of its approval for the C & D Disposal Site. The Inspector indicated that an inspection at the Disposal Site on November 7th revealed that municipal solid waste is being accepted at this facility. Subsequent to receiving this letter, the Inspector was contacted and has been requested to provide photographs of the Municipal solid waste that he is concerned with, and also to indicate what level of municipal solid waste is unacceptable as there is always some solid waste including furniture and plastics received in unseparated loads of waste. Once this information is received, it will be further discussed with the Department of Environment & Labour.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:59 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting

On website December 18, 2007.