

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

March 17, 2008

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson at 7:42 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Louise Halliday
 - George El-Jakl
 - Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
 - Eddie Nickerson
 - Wilford Smith
 - Larry Stewart
 - Sean Strang
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Road Clean-up.
- Group Insurance.
- Switchboard.
- Robertson Building.
- UNSM Spring Workshop.
- Proclamations.
- Debbie Atkinson.
- District 7 Community Funds.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by W. Smith 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 meeting held March 3, 2008 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

HIRING COMMITTEE MEETING

Twelve (12) applications have been received for the position of Property Services term employee. It will now be necessary to short list these applications and to conduct interviews.

It was agreed by the members of the Hiring Committee that short listing will be completed by members by March 26, 2008 and returned to the Municipal Office, and that interviews will be arranged and conducted for five applicants on April 2, 2008.

BARRINGTON REGIONAL CURLING CLUB

A proposal for the administration and operation of the Barrington Regional Curling Club was again discussed by committee members. Some concern was expressed regarding the operational control of the facility. It was suggested that under Item 6 it be stated that no expenditures would be made by the Board of Directors of the Curling outside of the budget presented to Council. It was also suggested that Item 8 would be omitted from any agreement, and it was also suggested that any fundraising to be done by the Curling Club members would be included in the operating budget of the Club.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality and the Barrington Regional Curling Club enter into a one (1) year agreement as discussed at a meeting with Mr. Bob Cushing and Mr. Robert Hopkins, Councillor Nickerson, Councillor El-Jakl and the Municipal Clerk, and that this agreement would include that all fundraising done by the Club will be included in its annual operating budget, that paragraph 8 of the proposed agreement be omitted, that the agreement become effective June 1, 2008, which is the beginning of the next fiscal year of the Curling Club, and that both the Municipal Clerk and a councillor would be placed on the Board of Directors of the Barrington Regional Curling Club.

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

After completing her address of the matter, the Warden then resumed the Chair.

Resolution COW080317

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by G. El-Jakl that consideration of the previous motion be deferred until Councillor Stewart and the Clerk-Treasurer can prepare a proposed budget for the coming fiscal year of the Barrington Regional Curling Club together with the representatives of the Board of Directors.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Wilford Smith
Sean Strang

Motion carried.

Resolution COW080318

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that Larry Stewart and the Clerk-Treasurer attend a meeting with the Board of Directors for the purpose of preparing a budget for the coming year.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Sean Strang

Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS 6 AND 7

Items 6 and 7 on the agenda were deferred until a subsequent meeting of the committee.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE RENTAL AGREEMENT

Members were reminded that the rental agreement with Dr. Blair at the Community Health Centre is still in place. According to this rental agreement, Dr. Blair was entitled to occupy the apartment during the 6th year of the agreement, rent free. During the 7th year Dr. Blair was to pay rent, however during the 7th year Dr. Blair did not occupy the apartment as the Nurse Practitioner, Duana MacDonald, occupied it. As a consequence, there was no rent collected during that year. Dr. Blair now has the option of occupying the apartment for the last two years of the agreement, until November 19, 2009, rent free. He has already agreed to have a student doctor resident in the apartment for the three months of April, May and June, and has been asked to consider having another student doctor there for a six week period during July and August.

Members were reminded that the agreement with Dr. Blair expires on November 19, 2009.

DIVERSION CREDITS

Members were reminded that the Municipality has received an overpayment in Diversion Credits which will be credited against the Diversion Credits to be received in the next subsequent fiscal year.

There will be a meeting of the Region 6 Solid Waste Management Steering Committee to be held on April 6, 2008 which will be attended by Councillor Strang

BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL EXHIBITION GRANT REQUEST

An application has been received for a Community Grant. This request is being made by the Barrington Municipal Exhibition for the purpose of putting a new steel door on the front of their steel building at the Exhibition grounds. The cost of the door is \$1,847.00 and the Association is requesting a grant of \$1,000.00 from the Municipality.

The Deputy Warden was again asked to assume the Chair while the Warden addressed this matter.

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

Resolution COW080319

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that Community Grants in the amount of \$500.00 from District 3 and \$500.00 from District 7 be provided to the Barrington Municipal Exhibition.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that the remaining funds in the District 7 Community Grants Fund be allocated for the placement of community signs in District 7.

AFFIRMATIVE

Eddie Nickerson
Wilford Smith
Larry Stewart

NEGATIVE

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

Motion defeated.

GIFT FOR THE TOWN OF CLARK'S HARBOUR

This matter was discussed at length but no definitive action was recommended.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

AGENDA ITEMS 11 AND 12

Agenda items 11 and 12 were deferred to a later date as sufficient information had yet to be obtained.

ROAD CLEAN-UP

There was some question as to the conduct of the Community Clean-up Program in the Smithsville area. This matter will be further investigated by the Clerk-Treasurer.

GROUP INSURANCE

Members were informed that the Municipality's group insurance program is up for renewal April 1, 2008. There will be increases in the long term disability, and supplementary health and dental plan premiums. For the long term disability, the increase is being put in place in order to increase the benefit payable on a monthly basis. For the supplementary health and dental plans, the increases are required due to the significant number of claims that have been experienced over the past year and which are expected to increase over the coming year.

Resolution COW080320

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality review the employee group insurance program for the coming year through Morneau Sobeco and Blue Cross.

Motion carried unanimously.

SWITCHBOARD

Members were informed that Mr. Vernon Schnare had phoned the Municipal Clerk in regards to the possible storage of an antique switchboard. Mr. Schnare indicated that he did not wish to have the switchboard simply placed in storage for the next three years with no certainty as to what would happen to it after that.

Resolution COW080321

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality obtain the antique switchboard from Telephone Pioneers organization and display it at the Visitor Information Centre.

Motion carried unanimously.

ROBERTSON BUILDING

Correspondence has been received from the Cape Sable Historical Society requesting that the former Royal Bank building, which had subsequently been used as the Barrington Municipal Library for many years, and which is a registered municipal heritage property, be renamed the *Robertson Building* in recognition of its connections with the Robertson family of Barrington.

Resolution COW080322

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Municipal Staff obtain more information regarding the Robertson family of Barrington and their relationship to this building, as well as the price of a plaque which may be placed on the building.

Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATIONS OF COUNCIL

The Warden informed members that several proclamations have been received and these would subsequently be brought forward to Council.

CAMPAIGN SCHOOL FOR WOMEN

Posters have been received regarding the Campaign School for Women which is being conducted by the Service Nova Scotia in various areas of the province. These posters will be circulated in the community for public information.

DEBBI ATKINSON

A member informed the committee that Mrs. Atkinson had received her letter and was not in agreement with the conclusions of it.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by W. Smith that the meeting adjourn at 10:10 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting

On website March 18, 2008.