

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

June 16, 2008

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 (7:05 p.m.)
  - Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
  - Eddie Nickerson
  - Wilford Smith
  - Larry Stewart
  - Sean Strang
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following item was added to the agenda:

- Property Access.

### 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 L. Stewart and seconded by W. Smith that the minutes of the last previous meeting held June 2, 2008 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### SHELBURNE COUNTY RECREATION SOCIETY

Mrs. Barbara Maclean, Mr. Clark Acker, Mr. Leonard Pace and Mrs. Gayle Kenney appeared before the meeting for the purpose of making a presentation on behalf of the Shelburne County Recreation Society.

A written proposal was read to the committee and circulated to members. It is the intention of this group to work towards building a recreation facility, including an indoor swimming pool, that would meet the needs of Shelburne County's current population, and would be a piece of infrastructure that would help to hold our young families in the area. It is suggested that the first step in establishing such a facility would be to have a "needs assessment" completed. The committee is presently asking that Council indicate its support for the concept and allow the group to continue to do the leg work required before a project like this is even put down on paper.

There then followed much discussion regarding the proposed project and the requested letter of support. The proponents indicated that the Town of Clark's Harbour and the Town of Shelburne had provided support for the concept. It was indicated that a needs assessment would cost in the range of \$50,000.00, and that half the funds to finance this needs assessment would be provided from the Province and \$5,000.00 is going to be requested from each of the municipal units to provide the balance of the funding.

It was suggested that the group approach the South West Shore Development Authority for alternate source of funds.

It was also indicated that at the present time there is a pool that is 60 ft. X 28 ft. in measurement located at the former CFS Shelburne. The present owner of the property is trying to get this pool operational. The provision of an indoor swimming pool is the main focus of the group.

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

The Warden resumed the Chair.

The proponents indicated that they had conducted a survey recently in Lockeport and would be conducting a survey at the Sobey's Store in Barrington Passage in the very near future. The information from these surveys will be forwarded to the Municipality for their consideration.

#### Resolution COW080609

**Moved** by W. Smith and seconded by S. Strang that the committee's request be considered at the next Committee of the Whole meeting when the survey information is available.

Motion carried unanimously.

Having completed their presentation, the group then retired from the meeting.

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

Sgt. Bill Mooney appeared before the meeting for the purpose of providing the R.C.M.P. Report for the month of May. A written report was provided to all members, a copy of which is attached to the minutes.

The statistics for the month were reviewed and discussed with members. An email had previously been circulated to municipal councillors requesting priorities for the R.C.M.P. for the coming year. A sub priority that will be set by the R.C.M.P. will be policing in the Barrington Municipal High School area on the Oak Park Road.

Other items that were discussed for priorities were patrolling the crosswalk area near the Learning Centre in Barrington Passage, preparing for Halloween again this year, speeding on Cape Sable Island, and loitering in the parking lots in the Barrington Passage area.

Having completed his discussion of these matters, Sgt. Mooney retired from the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

JAMES NICKERSON RE: C.S.I. SEWER

Mr. Jim Nickerson appeared before the Committee for the purpose of discussing future development on Cape Sable Island in relation to the construction of the Cape Sable Island sewer system. Mr. Nickerson indicated that he owns a considerable amount of property in the middle of Cape Sable Island which could be further developed if access to the sewer system is provided to the property. Mr. Nickerson's property is located at the top of the Sidney Heights and Daley Roads and could be accessed by the sewer line if it is constructed up either of these roads. Mr. Nickerson is requesting consideration of the Municipality taking over one of these roads, preferably Sidney Heights, and making it a public road if the sewer line is extended in this direction.

Having completed his presentation, Mr. Nickerson then retired from the meeting.

JOELLE NICKERSON RE: RECREATION SUMMER STAFF

Joelle Nickerson appeared before the meeting, together with her mother Christine Nickerson, and Wanda Mood. Ms. Nickerson provided a letter by way of email for councillors regarding the hiring of summer staff. The policy for hiring of summer staff and a portion of the Personnel Policy which addresses the hiring of summer staff were reviewed. Also reviewed was a presentation made to Council in August of 2002 regarding the hiring of summer staff. As well the practice of hiring summer staff for the Municipal Day Camp and the individuals hired over the last 8 years was reviewed for Council.

There then followed much discussion regarding the hiring of Day Camp councillors and the timing of this hiring. It was suggested that the policies should be further clarified and amended in regards to the number of years that students are hired as Day Camp councillors.

Resolution COW080610

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Recreation and Personnel Policies be amended to clarify the hiring of summer employees for the Day Camp councillor positions, and that advertising for these positions be done with a deadline no later than the first week of May.

Motion carried unanimously.

Having completed their discussion of this matter, Ms. Nickerson then retired from the meeting.

TAX OFFICE HOURS

A proposal from staff requesting change of Tax Office hours to provide consistency to the public was again addressed by members.

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

It was the consensus of members that staff hours remain as they currently are for the coming year.

DISCOVER SHELBURNE COUNTY TOURISM COORDINATOR

Members were informed that there has now been three meetings at which the Shelburne County municipal units have been requested to provide their commitment for the funding of a Shelburne County Tourism Coordinator. The Municipality of Barrington is the only municipal unit that actually made any commitment for this project. There has been no commitment made by other municipal units and very little progress in this matter.

Resolution COW080611

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to Discover Shelburne County Tourism Association indicating that the Municipality of Barrington has made its commitment and provided its proposal to the Association. The Municipality will further consider any proposal provided by Discover Shelburne County once the other municipal units have made their commitment to it.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

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

**NEGATIVE**

Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

S.W.S.DA. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SUCCESSION PLAN

The proposed Succession Plan for the Executive Director of the South West Shore Development Authority was discussed by members. Question was raised concerning how long an individual would be hired for training purposes.

It was the general consensus that this plan should be put in place once it is determined how long the successor would be considered to be in training.

2009 FCM ACCOMMODATIONS

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities will be meeting in British Columbia in 2009 and registration should be made as soon as possible for seven councillors.

### POLITICAL BOAT RACES

Correspondence has been received from the Loyalist Landing 2008 Society indicating that there will be “political” boat races on Saturday, July 12, 2008. The Municipality is being requested to enter a team in these boat races. Deputy Warden Nickerson has indicated that he would organize a team for this event.

### C & D LANDFILL

Members were informed that Mr. Anthony Shand, an Inspector for the Department of Environment, has issued a ticket to the Municipality indicating that the Municipality is contravening the terms of conditions of its approval. Mr. Shand appeared at the C & D Landfill Site on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May and subsequently issued a ticket. The ticket that was issued by Anthony Shand was delivered to the Municipal Office by Mr. Stephen Doucette, another inspector from the Department of Environment, on June 12, 2008, at 2:45 p.m. The ticket is very general in its terms, indicating that the Municipality is contravening the terms for conditions of its approval, namely condition 11(p) of Approval #2004-040/08, contrary to Section 158(f) of the Environment Act.

This matter has been discussed with Mr. Shand without satisfactory explanation.

**Moved** by W. Smith and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality have the Municipal Solicitor contest the ticket issued by the Department of Environment which was issued on June 12, 2008 and delivered by Mr. Stephen Doucette.

### Resolution COW080612

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that further consideration of this motion be deferred until a Closed Session at the end of the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

### OWNERS UNKNOWN PROPERTY

Members were informed that in order to obtain ownership of the Owners Unknown property, PID #80158439, at Exit 30 off Highway #103, it would be necessary to have the property surveyed. The estimated cost of the survey plans and descriptions is \$7,000.00, plus H.S.T.

### Resolution COW080613

**Moved** by L. Stewart and seconded by W. Smith that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality obtain the owners unknown property at Exit 30, off Highway #103 and proceed with the required survey at the estimated cost of \$7,000.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

### ROAD NAME

Correspondence has been received from our Development Officer, Mr. Glen Muise, indicating that Douglas and Becky Atwood are requesting that the road on which they propose to build a house be named Hilltop Drive.

After having checked this matter out with the staff of the District Planning Commission, Mr. Muise recommends that this name be approved.

### Resolution COW080614

**Moved** by W. Smith and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the name of Hilltop Drive be approved for a new road in Newellton to the property of Douglas and Becky Atwood.

Motion carried unanimously.

### SCALLOP FISHERY MEETING

Members are being advised by way of telephone from Mr. Wayne Smith that there is going to be a meeting regarding the scallop fishery to be held at the Sobey's Community Room, at 1:00 p.m., on June 18<sup>th</sup>, in Barrington Passage.

### PROPERTY ACCESS

Two calls have recently been received at the Municipal Office regarding access to properties located on the eastern side of multi-purpose trail which is being constructed in Wood's Harbour. Mr. Art Swaine, the Area Supervisor for the Department of Natural Resources, has been consulted in this matter. He has informed the Municipality that property owners may cross the Department of Natural Resources right of way by obtaining a permit from the local DNR Office in Gunning Cove. There is no charge for this permit. Those wishing to cross the DNR right of way must construct a crossing at their own expense and to the requirements and specifications of the Department of Natural Resources. These individuals should contact Mr. Bill Deschamp at the Department of Natural Resources Office.

### SHEROSE ISLAND PROPERTY

### Resolution COW080615

**Moved** by W. Smith and seconded by D. Messenger that consideration of this matter be deferred to another meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION RE: DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT TICKET

Discussion then pursued regarding the direction to be taken regarding the Department of Environment ticket.

“...that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality have the Municipal Solicitor contest the ticket issued by the Department of Environment which was issued on June 12, 2008 and delivered by Mr. Stephen Doucette.”

The division was required on the previous motion to have the Municipal Solicitor contest this ticket.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:50 p.m.

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Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting

**On website June 18, 2008.**