

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

June 19, 2006

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson at 6:55 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Louise Halliday, Chairperson
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Eddie Nickerson (9:50 p.m.)
- Larry Stewart
- Sean Strang

Absent were members Warden Sterling Belliveau and Deputy Warden Fred Bower due to leaves of absence.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Discover Shelburne County
- Leave of Absence Request
- CED Centre Sign and Fence
- Black Loyalist Heritage Group

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the minutes of the last previous meeting held June 6, 2006 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

R.C.M.P. VISIT

District Policing Officer Barry Harvey will be visiting the Municipality on Thursday, June 22, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. Barry Harvey is the new Superintendent for the South West Nova District. He will be visiting the Municipality to introduce himself and hear concerns of Council regarding policing issues in the Municipality. Councillor Halliday will attend the meeting and discuss this matter with Superintendent Harvey, along with any other councillors who are able to attend. The meeting will take place in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre.

ALTERNATE ROUTE THROUGH BARRINGTON PASSAGE

Two individuals in the community have suggested that alternate traffic routes be developed in Barrington Passage to ease traffic in the area. A note was received from Debbie Atkinson suggesting that an alternate route be provided along the former CNR right of way, or by constructing a road from the Wireless Road through to the High School property.

A second proposal was received from Thelma and Brad Nickerson of Stoney Island Road suggesting that the CNR Right-of-Way also be used as a road bed for an alternate route in the Barrington Passage area. A proposed traffic map was provided for consideration of Council. It was suggested that a portion of the roadway in Barrington Passage and along the CNR Right-of-Way be made one way traffic in order to facilitate traffic movement in the area.

Resolution COW060617

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that the individuals providing suggestions for alternate traffic routes in the Barrington Passage area be thanked for their suggestions and consideration of this matter. At the present time it is the consideration of Council that the installation of traffic lights at the Causeway in Barrington Passage will help ease traffic congestion in the area and facilitate the flow of traffic. It is also anticipated that with the move of the High School to the Oak Park area that traffic in the Barrington Passage area will be eased. As a result no further development of alternative traffic routes in the area is anticipated at the present time.

Motion carried unanimously.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM GREENWOOD

Correspondence has been received from Myrna Greenwood-Stewart requesting that a plaque in memory of Captain William Greenwood be installed at the expense of the Greenwood families at the UFO Park in Shag Harbour. Although Captain Greenwood has been buried somewhere in the area, the actual grave site is unknown. Because there are many descendants of Captain Greenwood in the area, it is suggested by the family that a memorial be placed at the location of the UFO Park in Shag Harbour. The park property was purchased by the Municipality in 1903 from James Greenwood, a grandson of William Greenwood.

Resolution COW060618

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Greenwood family be permitted to construct a memorial to Captain William Greenwood consisting of a 2 ft. by 3 ft. plaque on a stone base which would be placed near the Municipal signs at the UFO Park in Shag Harbour.

Motion carried unanimously.

NURSE PRACTITIONER RENT

The District Health Authority had been requested to answer several questions regarding the rent paid by the Nurse Practitioners in the area. As a result the following information was provided by Shirley Watson-Poole:

1. The actual days of work by the Nurse Practitioner in Barrington Passage has as yet not been determined. It is estimated that the Nurse Practitioner will work at least three (3) days per week in the Community Health Centre in Barrington Passage.
2. There is only one (1) other Nurse Practitioner in the District at the present time. She is located at the Islands Health Centre on Long Island. There has been a Nurse Practitioner at the Health Centre there for four years. Up until October 2005 the Emergency Health Services was paying the rent for the Nurse Practitioner. The Nurse Practitioner currently located in Barrington Passage will also be working in Lockeport at the Lockeport Community Health Centre, and at Our House in Shelburne and office space will be provided there rent free.
3. The District Health Authority, not the Nurse Practitioner, pays the rent. The Nurse Practitioner is an employee of the District.

There then followed much discussion regarding whether or not the rent should be required for the space used by the Nurse Practitioner in the Community Health Centre in Barrington.

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that the District Health Authority pay rent for the use of space at the Community Health Centre by the Nurse Practitioner.

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that the space in the Community Health Centre be provided to the Nurse Practitioner free of charge for the first month.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Resolution COW060619

The amended motion now reads:

“...that the District Health Authority be required to pay rent for the Nurse Practitioner in the Community Health Centre except for the first month for which space will be provided to the Nurse Practitioner rent free.

Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence will be forwarded to the District Health Authority informing them of this decision, and that rent must be charged to the DHA for space used by the Nurse Practitioner in fairness to other tenants who are also in the building who are all paying rent at the present time, and also because there are other medical professionals wishing to locate in the Community Health Centre who also will be paying rent.

BLACK LOYALIST HERITAGE GROUP

A member indicated that there will be a meeting to form a committee for the Black Loyalist Heritage Group in Birchtown. This meeting is to be held on June 22, 2006. No formal request has been received as yet, and therefore no action is anticipated in this matter.

FENCE AT OWAISSA PARK

Members were provided with pictures of proposed ornamental fencing to go around the pond at Owaissa Park. The prices have been obtained from the two major suppliers of fencing in the area; Eastern Fence and Maritime Fence. It has also been determined that the local machine shop, A & B Marine, is also able to construct and install this type of fencing. They are currently obtaining a price. The prices will be brought to Council for consideration on June 26th.

SIGN AT OWAISSA PARK

A draft proposal for a sign which was completed by John Smith was circulated to members for their consideration. The proposed sign is acceptable to all members. Members agreed that they would like to see the leaves at the top of the sign replaced with the bluebird, since owaissa means bluebird, and would like to see the design in color prior to approving it. John Smith will be asked to provide the design again in color so that it can be approved by Council.

PROPOSED LEAVE OF ABSENCE POLICY

A draft Leave of Absence Policy was circulated to members prior to the meeting for their consideration. Many concerns were expressed regarding this Leave of Absence Policy including situations where illness of councillors may arise. It was also agreed, generally, by members, that the increments paid to the Warden and Deputy Warden would be paid to those people taking the place of the Warden and Deputy Warden in their absence.

After much discussion the proposed Leave of Absence Policy was revised by members.

Resolution COW060620

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that notice be given at the next subsequent Council meeting that the proposed Leave of Absence Policy is to be considered by Council. The proposed Leave of Absence Policy is:

A member of Council may be granted leave of absence with or without pay and benefits when he or she requests such leave for good and sufficient cause.

If the leave of absence is granted to the Warden or Deputy Warden then Council shall elect another councillor to fill the vacancy during the leave.

Compensation shall be paid to the newly elected Warden or Deputy Warden at the prescribed rate and the individual taking the leave of absence, if compensated, will be paid at the rate that is normally paid to a councillor.

Motion carried unanimously.

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ATLANTIC CEMETERY CLUB

A request for a Community Grant has been received from the Atlantic Cemetery Club. It was the consensus of members that this request would be considered after the budget has been approved at the June 26th Annual Council Meeting. This request will be considered at the same time as all other requests for Community Grants.

COUNCIL VACANCY

Members were provided with information prior to the meeting regarding Municipal Government Act requirements and Municipal Elections Act requirements for electing a new councillor to replace the councillor for District 1 once his resignation is submitted. This matter will be further addressed at subsequent meetings of Council.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

DISCOVER SHELBURNE COUNTY

Correspondence has been received from Discover Shelburne County indicating that there will be a meeting of the Discover Shelburne County Tourism Association at the Seaside Centre in Clark's Harbour, on Tuesday, June 20, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. Since the Municipality's Audit Committee meeting is taking place at the same time, no members are available to attend the Discover Shelburne County meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Members entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the disposition of municipal property, two legal agreements proposed for the Municipality, and another potential legal matter of litigation.

Having completed their discussion of these matters, members then returned to Open Session.

Resolution COW060621

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality enter into rental agreements with Dr. Wouna Chaloner and Mr. Terry Redmond for the provision of space in the Community Health Centre for the purposes of providing physiotherapy services and medical services to residents of the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the meeting adjourn at 10:33 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting

On website June 21, 2006.

