

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

July 17, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by the Chairperson in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S. with the following members present:

- Louise Halliday
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Eddie Nickerson
- Larry Stewart
- Sean Strang

Absent was member Fred Bower due to leave of absence. Vacancy in District 1.

- Brian Holland, Clerk/Treasurer
- Diane Smith - Visitor Information Centre Manager

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Sewer
- Phil Scott Wood Burning
- Fort Creek Sign
- Youth Services Windows
- Recreation Director Applications
- Cuff's Guide for Municipal Leaders

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

TOURISM INFORMATION

Information had previously been supplied to Councillors regarding Destination South West Nova Scotia and the Discover Shelburne County Tourism Association. Diane Smith also provided a brief break down of these two organizations and what is being done by each.

Diane also provided a summary of the families who have visited the Barrington Visitor Information Centre between June 1st and July 15th of this year. There was much discussion regarding the involvement of the Municipality in local tourism initiatives and the involvement of the local tourism industry.

Resolution COW060721

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Visitor Information Centre Manager attend all tourism meetings on behalf of the Municipality together with a Councillor whenever Councillors are available and report on tourism activities to the Committee of the Whole.

Motion carried unanimously.

Having completed the discussion of tourism matters Diane Smith retired from the meeting at approximately 8:10 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by E. Nickerson that minutes of the last two meetings held July 4th and July 10, 2006 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

OWAISSA PARK FENCE

Information previously provided to Councillors regarding the construction of a fence around the pond at Owaissa Park was reviewed and discussed.

Resolution COW060722

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality tender the construction of a fence around the pond at Owaissa Park.

Motion carried unanimously.

GRANT REQUESTS

Several community grant requests were reviewed by the Committee at this time.

Sea Cadet Requests

Resolution COW060723

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that \$200.00 from the Community Grant Funds of Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 be provided to the Unicorn Sea Cadet Squadron for a total of \$1,200.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

West Baccaro Cemetery Association and Green Hill Senior Citizens Club

Resolution COW060724

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that \$1,000.00 be granted to the West Baccaro Cemetery Association and \$750.00 to the Green Hill Senior Citizens Club from the District 4 Community Grant Funds.

Motion carried unanimously.

Seaside Cemetery Club

Resolution COW060725

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by E. Nickerson that it be recommended to Council that \$250.00 be granted to the Seaside Cemetery Club from the District 6 Community Grant Funds.

Motion carried unanimously.

Barrington Municipal Exhibition

Resolution COW060726

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by E. Nickerson that it be recommended to Council that \$200.00 be granted from each of the Community Grant Funds for Districts 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 for a total of \$1,000.00 to the Barrington Municipal Exhibition.

Motion carried unanimously.

STUDIES

It was suggested by a member that whenever studies are received for the consideration of Council, a synopsis be prepared by Municipal Staff together with a recommendation. In future this will be done whenever time permits.

SPRUCE DRIVE

Information was previously circulated to members indicating the estimated cost of road improvements to be made at Spruce Drive in North East Point.

Resolution COW060727

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality pay fifty percent of the cost of upgrading Spruce Drive or \$50,000.00 whichever is less.

Motion carried unanimously.

The current estimate of upgrading Spruce Drive is \$82,250.00. A meeting will be held on

July 27, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. with the residents of Spruce Drive at the Island and Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department in Centerville to discuss the upgrading of the road.

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PHYSICIAN INCENTIVE

Information regarding a proposed physician incentive program was circulated to members for their consideration. This information will be further discussed at the next meeting of the Committee.

ENVIRONMENT CANADA RE: WOOD BURNING BY-LAW

After some discussion it was the consensus of members that no further action will be taken in this matter.

EMO CO-ORDINATOR

Members were advised that as a result of the EMO Co-ordinator resigning the alternate has been asked to serve. The alternate has indicated that she is unable to serve.

Resolution COW060728

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality again advertise for a joint EMO Co-ordinator.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

The schedule of fees for the previous two weeks were circulated to members for their information and perusal.

SEWER

There was some discussion regarding the connection of subdivisions to the Municipal Sewer System. The Municipal Land Use By-Law and Subdivision By-Law clearly state that any connections to the Municipal Sewer must be done directly to the Municipal Sewer System and not through any other private sewer systems.

PHIL SCOTT WOOD BURNING

It is apparent that the Phil Scott Wood Burning which was previously donated to the Municipality is fading and may need to be re-etched.

Resolution COW060729

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by E. Nickerson that Mr. Carl Doane be requested to re-

etch the Phil Scott Wood Burning which is in the Municipal Administration Building at minimal cost.

Motion carried unanimously.

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FORT CREEK SIGN

Members were provided with a picture of the Fort Creek Tourist Rest Stop. Posts have been dug for a sign to be located in the corner of the picnic area. The son of a summertime resident who lives across the road from the rest stop has requested that the sign be moved. The approximate costs of moving the sign is \$450.00. Correspondence has been received from Mr. J. A. Bower who is the son of Archie Bower, the owner of the property across the street from the tourist rest stop. Mr. Bower has stated in his letter:

“If the sign could be relocated closer to the parking area on the opposite side of the picnic pad, it would be less obstructive thus less of a distraction to the view as it would be blocked by present tree growth along the property edge.

As discussed, I will be willing to fund the costs for relocation of the signage to a more beneficial location if necessary”.

Resolution COW060730

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality place the sign at the Fort Creek Tourist Rest Stop and forward a letter to Mr. Bower indicating that if he still finds the sign to be intrusive to his view of Fort Creek, the sign will be removed to the opposite side of the picnic pad as suggested providing Mr. Bower forwards a cheque in the amount of the estimated cost of moving the sign which is \$450.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

YOUTH SERVICES WINDOWS

Correspondence has been received from the South West Shore Development Authority indicating that, “The South West Shore Development Authority had requested that the windows for all its offices be open-able. The Youth Service Centre is a project of SWSDA and therefore the request included those offices as well.”

Resolution COW060731

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by E. Nickerson that it be recommended to Council that Municipal Staff respond to the South West Shore Development Authority indicating that there was no agreement for operating windows in the offices except for the office of Joan Bower, an employee of the South West Shore Development Authority and that no more operating windows will be installed in the CED Centre as the air conditioner and air handling units will provide fresh air and control the temperature in the building provided they are not continually adjusted by tenants.

Motion carried unanimously.

RECREATION DIRECTOR APPLICATIONS

Three applications have been received for the position of recreation director which was advertised by the Municipality.

Resolution COW060732

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by E. Nickerson that the hiring committee interview all applicants and make a recommendation to council.

Motion carried unanimously.

The hiring committee consists of Councillors Stewart, Strang, Bower and Nickerson. A hiring committee meeting will be convened during the first week of August.

CUFF'S GUIDE

Information provided in Cuff's Guide for Municipal Government was read to members by the Warden. The purpose of reading this information was to ensure that the Warden and other members of Council have consistent information regarding the functions of the Warden.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THE CAUSEWAY

Members were informed again that the Department of Transportation intends to begin installation of traffic lights at the Cape Sable Island Causeway in Barrington Passage sometime during this week.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

There was some discussion regarding more detailed Department Reports being required of Sewer Services Department. No conclusions were reached in this matter at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:56 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting

On website July 24, 2006.