

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

August 9, 2006

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
- Fred Bower
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Eddie Nickerson
- Larry Stewart
- Sean Strang

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
- Brian O'Connor, Property Services Manager

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Resignation of Deputy Warden.
- Low Income Property Tax Exemption.
- Signs on Causeway.
- Sidewalk.
- Stage Coach Inn.
- Street Name.
- Save the Ferry.
- Trail.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the minutes of the last previous meeting held July 31, 2006 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESIGNATION OF DEPUTY WARDEN

Deputy Warden Fred Bower addressed committee members at this time and submitted his written resignation dated August 9, 2006. Deputy Warden Bower informed members that he is resigning effective immediately as councillor for District 4 due to work commitments.

SEA STAR ICE DOGS REQUEST

Property Services Supervisor, Brian O'Connor, was requested to attend the meeting for the purpose of providing information regarding the request of the Sea Star Ice Dogs to place logos in the ice and sell this form of advertising to local businesses.

Discussion regarding this matter entailed how it may affect minor hockey in comparison with Junior A hockey, and what is required in order to recover costs, and what cost might be involved in providing this service.

Resolution COW060801

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that the committee support, in principle, the request of the Sea Star Ice Dogs to sell logos to local businesses to be placed in the ice surface at the Barrington Municipal Arena, and that the Property Services Supervisor determine the details of costs involved, and selling this form of advertising, with the managers of the Sea Star Ice Dogs, and inform the committee of the results of this determination.

Motion carried unanimously.

Having completed his discussion of this matter the Property Services Manager retired from the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

IMPORTANCE OF MUSEUMS

A copy of an email received by Brenda Maxwell was forwarded to members.

Resolution COW060802

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that a letter be sent to Brenda Maxwell requesting an explanation of this email, and what is being requested of Council and from whom.

Motion carried unanimously.

PHIL SCOTT SIGN

A copy of information published in the local newspaper was circulated to members prior to the meeting. This information indicated that Darren Hudson, a former resident of Barrington, has won the World Logrolling Championship again for a second consecutive year.

Resolution COW060803

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that a letter of congratulations be sent to Darren Hudson congratulating him on his accomplishment of becoming world logrolling champion for a second consecutive year.

Motion carried unanimously.

SOCCKER FIELD AT FORMER B.M.H.S.

Correspondence has been received from the Barrington Area Soccer Association requesting a commitment from the Municipality that the soccer field and track at the former Barrington Municipal High School will be retained by the Municipality for the use of the community.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Barrington Area Soccer Association stating that it is the intention of Council to retain the track and field at the former Barrington Municipal High School.

After some discussion it was agreed by both the mover and seconder to withdraw this motion.

Resolution COW060804

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that the president of the Barrington Area Soccer Association be invited to attend a committee meeting in order to discuss the continued use and ownership of the running track and soccer field at the former Barrington Municipal High School.

Motion carried unanimously.

LOW INCOME PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

It was brought to the attention of members that the Low Income Property Tax Exemption does not always address the need of some low income earners in providing an appropriate exemption to them. The provisions of the Municipal Government Act in regards to low income property tax exemptions were reviewed briefly.

In reviewing this matter it was determined that there may be an inconsistency between the Municipal policy and the Municipal Government Act in regards to the date at which applications are to be received.

Resolution COW060805

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipal policy be amended, if required, in order to comply with the requirements of the Municipal Government Act.

Motion carried unanimously.

SIGNS AT THE CAUSEWAY

It was indicated to members that signs have been erected by the Municipal Recreation Department advertising the Beach Bash and the Seniors Garden Party. These two events were held during the previous week. Signs advertising these events were placed on power poles and telephone poles along the C.S.I. Causeway and were still present after the events had been completed.

Recreation staff will be informed that the Municipal Recreation Department signs are not to be placed on utility poles in the Municipality, and signs are to be removed as soon as possible after the completion of events.

STAGE COACH INN

Mr. Allan Stoddard, the owner of the Stage Coach Inn, wishes to make application to the Province to have his property be licenced by the Province as a Community Based Option Home for senior citizens. He is asking Municipal Council to provide a letter of support similar to the letter recently provided to the owners of Island Breeze Inn.

Resolution COW060806

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that a letter be provided to the owner of the Stage Coach Inn in support of his application for licencing as a Community Based Option Home for senior citizens in our area.

Motion carried unanimously.

ROAD NAME

Correspondence has been received from Anthony Mini Home Estates. In this correspondence the owner is requesting that a new street in the Mini Home Park be named Michael Avenue. The Municipal Development Officer has received this request and forwarded it for the consideration of Council. He does not perceive any conflict in the naming of this street.

Resolution COW060807

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that a new street in the Anthony Mini Home Estates mobile home park, which is to connect to the eastern side of Forest View Drive parallel to the Forest Ridge School property, be named Michael Avenue.

Motion carried unanimously.

SAVE THE FERRY RALLY

Correspondence has been received regarding a Save the Ferry Rally which will be conducted on Friday, August 11, 2006, from 11:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Digby Ferry Terminal. This information has been forwarded by the Digby Area Tourism Project Coordinator for the information of members.

TRAIL

Members were informed that a bicycler who has been coming here for some number of years has indicated to a local resident that it would be convenient for tenting spots to be located along the Barrington Bay Trail where bikers who are traveling through the area may wish to pitch a tent during the summer months as they travel.

Members were informed that the Municipality accommodates many bicyclers at the grassed area at Sherose Island during the summer months. This includes a group of youths biking through from New Hampshire each year, as well as bikers from the CANAM bikers organization who stop here regularly each summer.

No further action was determined to be taken in this matter.

SIDEWALK

A draft engineering drawing of the proposed sidewalk in Barrington Passage was circulated to members for their review and comments.

It was suggested that the sidewalk should extend beyond the exit driveway at the CED Centre/Library in order to incorporate the catch basin at the western end of the property. It was also noted by members that the construction of the sidewalk would require the removal of the hedge and two trees in front of the residences adjacent to the CED Centre/Library.

Resolution COW060808

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipal Clerk be directed to replace the hedge and trees that are to be removed, if necessary.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW060809

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that the engineers be directed to include an extension of the sidewalk to and around the next catch basin on the western end of the CED Centre/Library property, and that a separate price be requested for this extra portion.

Motion carried unanimously.

RECORDING OF MEETINGS

A member wished to determine whether or not there is any agreement for the recording of meetings, and for the Municipality to maintain these tape recordings for subsequent use.

This matter was discussed by members.

At the present time there is no consensus regarding the tape recording of meetings.

DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION

Members discussed various scenarios for staff supervision, in particular for supervision of external staff who work outside in the Municipality on various properties.

Moved by E. Nickerson that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality hire a Chief Administrative Officer.

Having asked three times for a seconder and having heard none, the Chairman declared this motion lost.

It was agreed by members that this matter would be put on another agenda of the committee.

CLOSED SESSION

Members then entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing incentive agreements for physicians.

Having completed their discussion of incentive agreements for physicians, members then returned to Open Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by S. Strang that the meeting adjourn at 11:15 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting

On website August 10, 2006.

