

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

August 18, 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
 - 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:

- Community Grants
- Computers
- Barrington Bay Trail

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that the minutes of the last previous meeting held August 5, 2008, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

ROSEWAY HOSPITAL ER

The Roseway Hospital Administrator called earlier this afternoon and indicated that she and Dr. Keeler would not be available to meet this evening.

They wish to reschedule the meeting for September 15, 2008.

A letter of confirmation will be sent to Roseway Hospital.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Acker has been away on vacation and is unable to appear this evening. He will appear at the September 15th meeting.

UNAVAILABILITY OF LOCAL DOCTORS

Members were informed of concerns of Mr. Norman Smith of West Head. Mr. Smith has expressed much concern that doctors are not available in Barrington Passage as much as he felt they should be and this is a concern not only to him, but to all local residents.

This information was provided to members for their awareness of the matter.

WOODS HARBOUR MULTI-PURPOSE TRAIL

Members were informed that correspondence has been received from the Office of Health Promotion and Protection indicating that the Municipality's request to apply the outstanding RFD Grant commitment to assist with completing the sidewalk portion of the trail has been approved. As this whole corridor (sidewalk and trail) will contribute to increased opportunities for physical activity in the area it is eligible as a viable recreation facility.

TOURISM CO-ORDINATOR

Members were informed that correspondence has been received from the Town of Shelburne requesting clarification of the Municipality's commitment to a Tourism Co-ordinator.

A response has been sent to the Town indicating that the Municipality is not seeking at this time to establish a Tourism Co-ordinator only for the Municipality of Barrington, but it is supporting this position for all of Shelburne County.

DESTINATION SOUTHWEST NOVA SCOTIA FUNDING AND PEP GRANT

Members were informed that Destination Southwest Nova Scotia is still seeking funding from municipal units under the Municipal Investment Program. The tourism organization is requesting \$4,960.00 from the Municipality for funding for this year.

Members were also informed that the Provincial Employment Program is providing \$5,682.50 to the Municipality to fund the cost of staffing the Visitor Information Centre for the summer. This funding was obtained through Destination Southwest Nova Scotia.

Resolution COW080809

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to the Council that the Municipality provide a grant of \$2,000.00 to Destination Southwest Nova Scotia Association to fund their operations for the current year.

Motion carried unanimously.

PROVINCIAL SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

Amendments to the Provincial Subdivision Regulations have been received at the Municipal Office. Each member was provided with a copy of the proposed amendments. The regulations are available on the Nova Scotia Government Website for review. The Province is seeking comments on these regulations over the next 30 days.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Schedule of Fees for the previous two weeks were circulated to members for their review.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Hawk Dayze Committee has sent correspondence requesting two grants from the Community Grants Fund. The first request from the Committee is to erect a flag pole near the monument that is located on municipal property at the end of Fish Plant Road. The Hawk Dayze Committee wishes to erect a flag pole there and would place Canadian or Provincial Flags on this pole.

Eventually, if the Hawk Dayze Committee develops a flag for its organization it may also place that flag on the pole.

The Hawk Dayze Committee has estimated the cost of placing this pole at \$700.00 and is requesting a Community Grant of \$500.00, from District 7 for this purpose.

The Hawk Dayze Committee is also requesting a grant to defray the cost of constructing a boat ramp on property owned by Mr. Greg Sears adjacent to municipal property at the end of Fish Plant Road. The boat ramp would be 120 feet long by 16 feet wide. An estimate has been obtained of approximately \$4,700.00.

Resolution COW080810

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality provide a grant of \$3,000.00 toward the construction of a boat ramp by the Hawk Dayze Committee from the District 7 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

The owner of the property has provided a letter to the Hawk Dayze Committee indicating his permission for the Hawk Dayze Committee to construct and use the boat ramp for a period of 10 years.

Resolution COW080811

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that the Hawk Dayze Committee be permitted to erect a flag pole on municipal property at the end of Fish Plant Road, at The Hawk. The flag pole will be erected near the monument the Hawk Dayze Committee has erected on the site.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW080812

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that a grant of \$500.00 be provided to the Hawk Dayze Committee for the purpose of erecting a flag pole on municipal property at the end of Fish Plant Road, at The Hawk, from the District 7 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Woods Harbour Minor Ball Association

Correspondence has been received from the Woods Harbour Minor Ball Association requesting financial assistance from Council to help with field repairs to the ballfield in Woods Harbour. The Association has had the fence repaired and is now faced with a bill for the cost of repairs in the amount of \$1,066.16.

Resolution COW080813

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by W. Smith that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality provide a grant of \$250.00 from the District 1 Community Grants Funds to the Woods Harbour Minor Ball Association for the purpose of ballfield repairs.

Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Since the representative from the Department of Transportation was unable to attend the meeting this evening several matters regarding local roads were brought up and were discussed by Committee.

Resolution COW080814

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Supervisor of the Department of Transportation requesting notification when the requested improvements to the Villagedale, Port LaTour and Baccaro roads will be completed. The requests had been previously sent to the Supervisor asking that shouldering, ditching and cutting back of trees along the road be done in these areas.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW080815

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Supervisor of the Department of Transportation requesting the following:

- 1st - Guardrail be placed at Twinkie's Corner in Shag Harbour
- 2nd - Forbes Point Bridge be repaired as previously requested.
- 3rd - Shouldering of the road be done between the residence of Clive Hopkins and the Convenience Store in Woods Harbour on the eastern side of the road.
- 4th - That pavement be repaired and new asphalt be placed at the end of the Cripple Creek Wharf Road, in Clam Point.
- 5th - That a guardrail be constructed near the "duck pond" at the sharp turn in Newellton.
- 6th - Signs warning of the sharp turn on Highway No. 103 near Clements Pond be installed.
- 7th - That the Clam Point sign near North East Point be replaced.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW080816

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by W. Smith that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to Mr. Greg Newell, Area Supervisor, Department of Transportation, requesting that the Villagedale Road be paved and repaired and that an answer be provided as soon as possible.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMPUTER INFORMATION

Information is currently being collected from suppliers regarding the cost of providing new computers for the new Council that will be elected in October.

COMMUNITY EVENT SIGN

It was suggested by a member that a community event sign be erected in Barrington Passage. Municipal Staff is currently investigating the location of such a sign and once a location is selected an appropriate sign will be erected.

JIM SWIMM RE: C & D LANDFILL

Mr. Jim Swimm appeared before the meeting to address the matter of the increase in licensing fees to Garbage Collectors and also the operation of a transfer station at the C. & D. Landfill.

Mr. Swimm wanted to know why the licensing fees for Garbage Collectors was increased from \$10.00 to \$100.00. The fee he pays in the Town of Yarmouth is \$50.00. Mr. Swimm stated that he does not agree with the fee being increased.

Mr. Swimm also suggested that a review of the Waste Collection By-law be done by the Municipality.

Resolution COW080817

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that the Waste Collection By-law be placed on a future agenda.

Motion carried unanimously

Mr. Swimm also indicated that he wished committee members to consider the operation of a privately run transfer station in the Municipality. Mr. Swimm believes that he can operate a privately run transfer station for his customers and possibly for municipal waste. He would not wish this operation to be open to the public.

Mr. Swimm also indicated that committee members should consider a private operation of the Construction and Demolition Debris Landfill Site. He stated that he can make money by operating the landfill site privately and can cut municipal costs by up to 1/4 of its current cost.

Having completed his presentation Mr. Swimm retired from the meeting at approximately 8:45 p.m.

FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING

Dwayne Hunt appeared before the meeting on behalf of the Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chiefs Committee. Mr. Hunt indicated that there are 4 local firefighters who are interested in receiving hazardous materials training and becoming part of the Yarmouth Fire Department's Hazardous Materials Team. The training for these firefighters is \$638.00 for a total of \$2,552.00. The Fire Chiefs Committee is requesting the Municipality to pay for this training as it is over and above their budget which has already been approved.

Resolution COW080818

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality pay the cost of HazMat Training for 4 local firefighters who would then join the Yarmouth Fire Department's HazMat Team.

Motion carried unanimously.

TRAIL

It was stated by a member that gravel is needed in various places along the Barrington Bay Trail and that it is sometimes wet in the area behind Smith and Watt.

It was also suggested at this time that a wheelchair ramp be placed at the North East Point Beach so that handicapped individuals could have access to the sand dunes. There then followed some discussion regarding the requirements for a wheelchair ramp in this location.

Resolution COW080819

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by W. Smith that representatives of the Department of Natural Resources be invited to attend a Committee of the Whole Meeting in order to discuss the provision of a wheelchair ramp at North East Point.

Motion carried unanimously.

PLAYGROUND FUNDING POLICY

An amended Playground Funding Policy was provided to councillors prior to the meeting for their review. It was agreed by consensus of members that in paragraph 1 the word "registered" be inserted before the word "organizations". It was also agreed by consensus of members that this policy would also provide funding for playgrounds to Home and School Associations for the local schools in the Municipality.

Resolution COW080820

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that the proposed Playground Funding Policy receive 1st reading at the next subsequent meeting of Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 9:38 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting