

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

September 2, 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
- Eddie Nickerson
- Wilford Smith
- Larry Stewart
- Sean Strang

- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

Councillor Donna LeBlanc-Messenger was absent due to family illness.

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Doctor - Health Centre
- Department of Transportation
- Tourism Co-ordinator
- RDA Membership
- Correspondence Re: Bay Side Home

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that the minutes of the last meeting held August 18, 2008 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Moved** by W. Smith and seconded by L. Stewart that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

#### Recreation Department

It was reported that Anna Kenney, Recreation Director, was away on vacation. A copy of her written report for the month of August was circulated to members in advance to the meeting.

Property Services Department

The Property Services Supervisor, Brian O'Connor, appeared before the meeting and provided each member with a written report detailing activities for the month of August 2008. The report was reviewed in detail.

Having completed his report, Mr. O'Connor was thanked for his information and retired from the meeting at 7:20 p.m..

REQUEST FROM CLARK'S HARBOUR PEEWEE AA FOGGIES

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Clark's Harbour PeeWee AA Foggies baseball team. The letter advised that the team will be attending the PeeWee AA Atlantic Tournament being held September 12 - 14, 2008 and is requesting financial assistance.

Resolution COW080901

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that the Clark's Harbour PeeWee AA Foggies baseball team be provided a grant of \$100.00 from District 5, \$100.00 from District 6, and \$100.00 from District 7 of the Community Grants Fund, totaling \$300.00.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

George El-Jakl  
Eddie Nickerson  
Wilford Smith  
Larry Stewart  
Sean Strang

**NEGATIVE**

Louise Halliday

Motion carried.

Much discussion took place regarding grants being provided to sports teams, etc.

Resolution COW080902

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the Activities Policy be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW080903

**Moved** by W. Smith and seconded by S. Strang that the Clark's Harbour PeeWee AA Foggies baseball team be provided with the Municipal flag and lapel pins if they so wish.

Motion carried unanimously.

At this time the Warden turned the Chair over to the Deputy Warden in order that she could address this matter.

After making her comments she resumed the Chair.

SOUTHWEST NOVA BIOSPHERE RESERVE ASSOCIATION

The letter received from the Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve Association was deferred to the Committee of the Whole from Council.

Resolution COW0080904

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that the Association be provided with a short summary of our past and present sustainability initiatives.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMPUTERS

The Deputy Clerk informed members that we are still waiting for information from Cyber Geek.

It was therefore suggested that this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the committee.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE

The Warden informed members that Councillor LeBlanc-Messenger has requested a leave of absence, on an as needed basis, from Council and Committee meetings due to a family illness.

Resolution COW080905

**Moved** by W. Smith and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that Councillor Donna LeBlanc-Messenger be granted a leave of absence, as needed, for a family illness.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Schedule of Fees was circulated to members for their review.

DOCTOR AT COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

Councillor El-Jakl informed members that a doctor at the Community Health Centre has expressed concern regarding office staff and assistance since Adele Roberts has left. The doctor has been told that the existing office staff is unable to schedule his appointments and deal with his patients.

The Warden informed members that the Municipality is not involved with office staff at the Community Health Centre. Staff is put in place by the doctors.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Councillor Smith informed members that the sides of the roads in P.E.I. are cut back and questioned whether this was being done by the Province or by the property owner.

Resolution COW080906

**Moved** by W. Smith and seconded by S. Strang that staff check to determine PEI requirements for keeping the sides of the highway cut back.

Motion carried unanimously.

TOURISM COORDINATOR

The Warden informed members that Discover Shelburne County Tourism Association will be having a meeting on September 9, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. at the Municipal Building, in Barrington, to discuss the budget and other financing for the Tourism Coordinator. She informed members that she would be attending this meeting and encouraged other members to attend if they were available.

RDA MEMBERSHIP

The Warden informed members that at the last meeting of the RDA, discussion took place regarding alternates being appointed from the public rather than being appointed from Council. It was suggested that if the regular member of the RDA is unable to attend the meeting, then the alternate may be unavailable as well, if he or she is a member of Council.

It was agreed by members that the alternate should be a member of Council.

BAY SIDE HOME CORRESPONDENCE

The Warden informed members that correspondence has been received from Bay Side Home advising that September 2008 will mark the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual NSAHO-Sponsored Continuing Care Month Campaign. The purpose of the campaign is to increase public awareness and understanding about continuing care organizations, the programs and services they deliver and the important role they play in the lives of the people they serve. The letter invited Council to participate in the campaign by recognizing Continuing Care Month and by attending the kickoff at Bay Side Home at 2:00 p.m., on September 9, 2008.

It was noted by members that the Municipal Council declared September 2008 as Continuing Care Month in the Municipality of Barrington at their July 28, 2008 Council meeting.

SURVEY RE: GEORGE'S BANK

Discussion took place regarding George's Bank drilling concerns.

It was suggested that possibly a survey should be carried out and public meetings held to determine the wishes of residents.

Resolution COW080907

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by G. El-Jakl that George's Bank Drilling be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

At this time a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with a legal agreement.

The Regular Committee Meeting was called back to order.

ADJOURNMENT

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting

**On website September 8, 2008.**