

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

August 4, 2009

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:15 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Louise Halliday, Chair
  - Murray Atkinson
  - George El-Jakl
  - Shaun Hatfield
  - Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
  - Cecil O'Donnell
  - Cathy Stoddard
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Vision Statement.
- Policy No. 52.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that minutes of the last previous meeting held July 20, 2009 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

#### Barrington Municipal Arena

Shelly Atwood, Manager of the Arena, appeared before the meeting for the purpose of providing a written report for the month of July. The report was reviewed by the Manager and related questions were answered.

It was indicated that the first ice rental date for the coming season will be on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### Building Inspection

The Municipal Building Inspector, Mr. Glen Muise, appeared before the meeting for the purpose of presenting his written report for the month of July and answering related questions.

#### Recreation Department

The Recreation Director, Anna Kenney, appeared before the meeting for the purpose of providing her written report for the month of July. Mrs. Kenney also discussed various items with committee members.

Property Services

The Property Services Supervisor, Cameron Whiteway, is ill and has had to attend at a doctor this afternoon and therefore is not available for the meeting this evening.

Visitor Information Centre

A written report has been provided by the Visitor Information Centre Manager indicating that visitations are down for the month of July from the previous year and that American visitors are approximately 32% less than July of the previous year.

Having completed the presentation of their reports, managers then retired from the meeting at approximately 7:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Members then entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the purchase of property with Mr. Carroll Knowles, and also the possible purchase of property for a sewage treatment plant on Cape Sable Island, as well as a legal matter which is currently under consideration by Council.

OPEN SESSION

Having completed the discussion of these matters, Committee returned to Open Session at approximately 9:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY GRANT REQUESTS

Three Community Grant requests have been received for funding from the District 6 Community Grant Funds.

The new councillor wishes to have some time to review these grants and obtain further information on them.

Resolution COW090801

**Moved** by M. Atkinson and seconded by D. Messenger that consideration of the three Community Grant requests from District 6 be deferred for consideration to the next Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD FARM CEMETERY GRANT REQUEST

Correspondence has been received from the Old Farm Cemetery requesting a Community Grant to assist with the cost of preparing additional land to enlarge the cemetery. It is estimated the total cost of this project would be in the range of \$12,500.00, plus tax.

Resolution COW090802

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that a grant in the amount of \$500.00 be provided to the Old Farm Cemetery from the District 2 Community Grant Funds.

Motion carried unanimously.

SATELLITE HEALTH CLINIC

Information has been obtained from the South Shore District Health Authority regarding blood collection services provided at satellite health clinics in their area. This information has been circulated to members. It is also requested that further information be obtained including:

- Has the public fee for blood collection services been stopped in the Caledonia Clinic as a result of public resistance to it?
- Are frequent users of the blood collection services charged a different fee by the South West District Health Authority?

Information answering these questions will be obtained and circulated to members for their consideration at a subsequent committee meeting.

SHELBURNE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

Mr. Cecil Swimm, the publicly appointed member from the Municipality of Barrington, has requested some direction regarding a request received from the Shelburne County Industrial Commission. Mr. Swimm has forwarded a letter by email that he has received from the Industrial Commission.

Resolution COW090803

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that Mr. Swimm be informed that since the resignation of Councillor Sean Strang no new member has been appointed to the Commission by Council, and that Council is currently reviewing its involvement in this organization.

Motion carried unanimously.

### BRASS HILL PLAYGROUND

Members were informed that the final 20% of the grant for the Brass Hill Playground has now been received from the Nova Scotia Office of Health Promotion and Protection completing payment of their share of this project.

### DEBENTURE FUNDING

Members were informed that correspondence has been received from the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation requesting confirmation of any debenture funding required for the fall issue. The Finance Corporation will be informed that there is no anticipated requirement for this fall.

### SOUTH WEST SHORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Members were informed that a letter has been sent to all members of the Board of Directors of the South West Shore Development Authority indicating that as a result of a preliminary inquiry and analysis, the Ombudsman's Office has identified some areas that will require further examination. This further examination is currently being done by officials of the Ombudsman Office.

### BARRINGTON PASSAGE POST OFFICE

This matter was referred to Committee by Council. Correspondence has been received by email from Mr. Jim Gagne of Canada Post. In this correspondence Mr. Gagne requests the following additional information, in detail:

- site plan, indicating the current state of the Post Office in Barrington Passage,
- detailed site plan outlining the proposed changes,
- details showing the current concerns with the existing parking; and
- cost shared details and estimates.

This response was then discussed at length by members.

### Resolution COW090804

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to Canada Post indicating that Municipal Council has reconsidered the parking situation at the Post Office in Barrington Passage and wishes to advise Canada Post that this is a dangerous situation that will become worse once the new Petro Canada garage has been completed on the adjacent property, and that Council further suggests that Canada Post improve the parking in front of the building by "indenting" the curb so that more space is available for parking, and that Council is also disappointed in the response received from Canada Post which seems to indicate a lack of consideration for the care and safety of their customers at that location, and that this response also be copied to the local Supervisor for the Department of Transportation.

Motion carried unanimously.

VISION STATEMENT

Members were informed that a citizen had indicated to a councillor that the words “built heritage” were incorrect English as contained in the Vision Statement approved by Council.

Resolution COW090805

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O’Donnell that it be recommended to Council that the Vision Statement be forwarded to the Planning Advisory Committee again for reconsideration of the word “built” in the statement.

Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY NO. 52

Concern was expressed that Section 8(16) provided for waiving of rules of procedure by unanimous consent but did not provide for waiving of the rules by majority vote of Council.

Resolution COW090806

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that Policy No. 52 be amended in Section 8(16) by adding the words “or by majority vote of Council” at the end. Notice of this amendment will be given at the next subsequent meeting of Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTINUATION OF MEETING

Members consented unanimously to continue the meeting past the hour of 10:00 p.m.

SPRUCE DRIVE SEWER EXTENSION

It was pointed out that this matter was to be considered at the August 17<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole meeting, therefore this matter will be deferred to that meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:22 p.m.

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Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

**On website August 5, 2009.**