

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

September 8, 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
- Shelly Blinkhorn, Arena Manager
- Anna Kenney, Recreation Director

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Wood's Harbour Baseball Team.
- Hiring Committee Meeting.
- Ice Dogs Request.
- Closed Session Re: Personnel Matter.
- Purchase of Property.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the minutes of the last previous meeting held August 31, 2009 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Barrington Municipal Arena

The Arena Manager, Shelly Blinkhorn, provided and reviewed a written report for the month of August 2009.

There will be a user group meeting on September 10th at which security issues will be discussed, and Sgt. Forbes from the local R.C.M.P. Detachment will be attending.

There was much discussion regarding security at the Arena, and the requirement for teams to vacate dressing rooms within 45 minutes after the end of a rental time.

Resolution COW090901

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that signs be placed on the dressing room doors at the Arena stating that dressing rooms must be vacated by participants within 45 minutes of the end of their rental time, and that these signs be dated.

Motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Department

The Recreation Director, Anna Kenney, provided and reviewed a written report for the month of August.

Upon questioning, she indicated that pickup of daycampers had gone fairly well at the end of each day with only a few exceptions. These exceptions were addressed directly to parents with satisfactory results.

Other Department Reports

Written department reports were provided by the Building Inspection Department, Visitor Information Centre and the Property Services Department. These were all briefly reviewed for committee members by the Clerk-Treasurer.

MEMORIAL PARK BENCH

Placement of a memorial park bench, In Memory of Hattie Perry, has been requested at the Barrington Municipal High School. Letters have been sent to the School Advisory Committee Chair and to the Principal of the school requesting permission to place a bench. Hattie Perry's daughter, Rachel Nickerson, has also been called to inform her that this will be done. The approximate cost of this bench is now estimated to be in the range of \$1,800.00, plus tax.

Resolution COW090902

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. LeBlanc-Messenger that it be recommended to Council that \$300.00 be designated from each Community Grant Fund for the purpose of placing a memorial bench at Barrington Municipal High School In Memory of Hattie Perry.

Motion carried unanimously.

SOUTH WEST SHORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Correspondence has been received from the Development Authority inviting Council to nominate a Member at Large for their Board of Directors.

Some discussion followed regarding this matter.

It was the consensus of members that any action on this request would be deferred to a later date, after further consideration has been made regarding the South West Shore Development Authority's incorporation under the Regional Development Act.

SEWER TREATMENT PLANT SITE FOR CAPE SABLE ISLAND

The Municipality had previously advertised, on the instruction of Council, for proposals for a sewage treatment plant site on Cape Sable Island. To date, no responses have been received to this advertisement.

It was indicated by more than one member that Mr. David Quinlan had contacted them, either personally or by telephone, regarding the use of property owned by his mother for this purpose.

Councillor O'Donnell volunteered to contact Mr. Quinlan and his mother Jessie Quinlan, and Tony Cunningham an adjacent property owner, in regards to the potential use of their property for a sewage treatment plant site. This will be done by Friday, September 11th and the information will be brought back to members for their consideration.

EMPLOYEE SURVEY

An Employee Survey that was completed through the Municipality's Employee Assistance Program was previously circulated to members by email.

Members further discussed and reviewed this survey.

CONTINUATION PAST 10:00 P.M.

It was agreed by consensus of members that the meeting would continue past the hour of 10:00 p.m. in order to complete the business of the meeting.

MUNICIPAL WEBCAST AND PROACTIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IDEAS

It was agreed by consensus of members that these two matters be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

MIKE HENNIGAR LETTER RE: PUBLIC SORTING STATION

A proposed draft of a response to Mr. Hennigar, as prepared by the Deputy Clerk, was reviewed with members by the Clerk.

A proposed response was provided by the Deputy Clerk to each of the questions asked by Mr. Hennigar.

Resolution COW090903

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the draft letter of responses to Mr. Mike Hennigar be forwarded to them.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Louise Halliday
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

The letter of response will be copied to all councillors for their information.

AMENDMENTS TO POLICY NO. 12 "RE: SALE OF PROPERTY"

A lengthy discussion then ensued concerning proposed amendments to Policy No. 12 "Re: Sale of Municipal Property".

Proposed amendments to paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 were circulated to members for their consideration and discussion.

There followed much discussion regarding these proposed amendments and their various implications.

Resolution COW090904

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Municipal Staff research the policies of other municipal units for the sale of municipal property and provide the information to members for their consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed by consensus of members that this matter would be deferred for further consideration at their next committee meeting in order to allow time to gather the related information.

SALLY NICKERSON REQUEST RE: DOG BY-LAW

It was agreed by consensus of members that this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the committee for further consideration.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO POLICY NO. 52 “ RE: MEETINGS OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES”

It was suggested that Policy No. 52 be amended by inserting the words “or committees of Council” in paragraph 6(2), on line 1. This would require that individuals and delegations addressing Council or Committees of Council shall be required to provide a written presentation and indicate the names of the parties who will be making the presentation.

There then followed much discussion regarding this amendment.

It was the consensus of members that they did not wish to inhibit the public from making presentations to Council by making written presentations onerous. The proposed amendment will therefore be redrafted to provide that a brief summary of individuals or delegations’ presentations will be made that will include for both Council and Committees of Council that will include who is making the presentation, the points to be made in the presentation, the purpose of the presentation, and any requests that may be forthcoming from the presentation.

The proposed amendments will be redrafted and circulated to members for their further consideration.

WOOD’S HARBOUR BASEBALL TEAM

Resolution COW090905

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that a letter of congratulations be sent to the Wood’s Harbour Navigators Baseball Team which won the Bantom “R” Provincials hosted in Shelburne the previous weekend.

Motion carried unanimously.

BARRINGTON ICE DOGS REQUEST

The Barrington Ice Dogs Junior “C” Hockey Team is requesting that the agreement with the Municipality for the placement of logos in the ice at the Arena be continued.

Resolution COW090906

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality renew the agreement with the Barrington Ice Dogs for a further three (3) years for the placement of logos in the ice at the Arena.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Members then entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the purchase of property by the Municipality and also for the purpose of discussing a request from an employee regarding a personnel matter.

Having completed their discussion of these matters, members then returned to Open Session.

HIRING COMMITTEE

It was agreed by members of the Hiring Committee that they would meet on Thursday afternoon at 3:30 for the purpose of reviewing applications for the position of Tax Clerk.

PERSONNEL REQUEST

Resolution COW090907

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the request of Mr. Rodney Shand for a further leave of absence of six months to March 21, 2010 be approved as requested providing the proper medical documentation is provided from Mr. Shand's doctor.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 11:18 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website September 9, 2009.