

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

November 30, 2009

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:00 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 AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- December 21st Committee Meeting.
- Unsightly Premises.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by C. Stoddard that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by M. Atkinson that the minutes of the last previous meeting held November 16, 2009 be approved as circulated.

It was noted that a motion to Council, Resolution C091129, from that meeting had been amended at the subsequent Council meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN SHELBURNE COUNTY

Members then entered into a discussion concerning the future of economic development in Shelburne County. Correspondence from the Department of Economic Development to the South West Shore Development Authority answering several questions regarding Regional Development Authorities was reviewed for members.

Correspondence from the Department of Economic Development to the Town of Shelburne answering questions related to Regional Development Authorities was also reviewed for members.

There then followed much discussion regarding the South West Shore Development Authority, and economic development in general in Shelburne County. Some concern was expressed regarding public input from local businesses into the economic development process.

The members completed their discussion of economic development at approximately 8:00 p.m.

SPRUCE COVE SUBDIVISION ROAD

Several residents of Spruce Cove subdivision entered the meeting for the purpose of hearing the discussion regarding a request by Mr. John Brophy for repairs to the ditch in front of his property. Mr. Brophy had provided a letter, together with pictures of the driveway to be repaired and a petition of local residents, in support of his request. It was suggested in the letter that ditching of the road had caused the drainage problem at his driveway. The constructor of the road had been consulted by Municipal Staff and indicated that there had been no damage caused to any driveway culverts when the ditching was done.

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that the ditch drainage problem in front of property #77 at Spruce Cove subdivision be repaired at municipal expense, including reparation or replacement of the culvert at this residence which was allegedly damaged through past ditching efforts by the Municipality.

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that the motion be amended by adding that the Municipality also clean the ditches to ensure that drainage along the sides of the roadway is satisfactory and that this be done at the Municipality's expense.

The division was then requested on the amendment.

Amendment carried unanimously.

The division was then requested on the amended motion.

The amended motion now reads:

Resolution COW091121

“...that it be recommended to Council that the ditch drainage problem in front of property #77 at Spruce Cove subdivision be repaired at municipal expense, including reparation or replacement of the culvert at this residence which was allegedly damaged through past ditching efforts by the Municipality, and that the Municipality also clean the ditches to ensure that drainage along the sides of the roadway is satisfactory, and that this be done at municipal expense.

Motion carried unanimously.

Having completed this matter, the residents of Spruce Cove subdivision then retired from the meeting.

CAUSEWAY DRAINAGE

Correspondence has been received from Mr. David Langille requesting the Municipality to pay 60% of the cost of repaving the upper level of the Causeway Shopping Centre. In his correspondence Mr. Langille indicates that there is a lack of catch basins there and this has caused a drainage problem. Mr. Langille also indicated that the presence of the sidewalk constructed along the front of the Causeway Plaza is also contributing to the drainage problem.

Resolution COW091122

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality pay 30% of the \$2,500.00 cost of repaving the entry to the Causeway Shopping Centre as a one time payment since the municipal sidewalk construction likely worsened the drainage and the asphalt problem, and further that Municipal Staff get information to address the drainage problem in the future on a permanent basis, and to propose a cost sharing formula for payment to resolve this matter.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Louise Halliday
George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

CHRISTMAS HOURS

Resolution COW091123

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that the Municipal Office close at Noon, December 24th for the Christmas holidays and reopen on Monday, January 4, 2010, at 8:30 a.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Resolution COW091124

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation Supervisor in Shelburne County be contacted, and request that the following repairs be done:

- speed limit in Wood's Harbour be reviewed and a response be sent to Council from the Department,
- that a "Deaf Child" sign be installed in Wood's Harbour as previously requested,
- that the Wood's Harbour sign normally located just before Post Office Road be repaired and reinstalled,
- that the South Side sign near the Vernon d'Eon Lobster Plugs' building be repaired and reinstalled, and
- that the "Deaf Child" sign located in South Side be removed as it is no longer necessary.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW091125

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that McGray Avenue Road be graded by the Department of Transportation as soon as possible.

Motion carried unanimously.

WARDEN'S REPORT

A Warden's Report will be issued in the newspaper in the very near future. It was suggested that the report have some other title that was more inclusive of all of the councillors.

There then followed some discussion regarding the use of the Warden's Report and its intention.

Members felt that the Warden was speaking on behalf of the entire Council in this report.

Information about municipal issues that is being addressed by councillors is being submitted by all councillors.

It was agreed that the current format of the Warden's Report will be continued with the Warden approving all reports being issued prior to them being published.

TREE LIGHTING AT MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

Correspondence has been received from David Cleaver requesting that the Veteran's Tree at the Barrington Municipal Library be lit for the Christmas Season.

Resolution COW091126

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the tree placed at the Municipal Library in honor of the veterans be lit up with lights for November 11th of each year, and the lights be kept on the tree until the end of the Christmas Season when all other Christmas lights are also removed.

Motion carried unanimously.

HOURS OF MEETINGS

Resolution COW091127

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that meetings of the Committee of the Whole be convened at 7:00 p.m. and adjourn at 10:00 p.m., or sooner.

Motion carried unanimously.

EMERGENCY SERVICES PROVIDER FUND

Members were informed that there was a new Emergency Services Provider Fund for the coming year. Information on this fund has been circulated to all of the volunteer fire departments so that they may take advantage of this funding.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

The Schedule of Fees for the previous two weeks was circulated for the information and review of members.

DECEMBER 21ST MEETING

It was suggested that due to the proximity to Christmas of the December 21st meeting, the meeting would be cancelled unless absolutely necessary.

Resolution COW091128

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the December 21st meeting of the Committee of the Whole be cancelled.

Motion carried unanimously.

UNSIGHTLY PREMISES

Members were provided with information regarding the By-Law Enforcement Officer's Report on the property of Mr. Doug Townsend and Patsy Cameron in Wood's Harbour.

It is the considered opinion of the By-Law Enforcement Officer that the matter has been adequately dealt with. As a result, the file will now be closed on this matter.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Nominating Committee was held in order to determine membership on all committees of Council for the next year.

Resolution COLW091129

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by M. Atkinson that Councillor Hatfield be nominated to serve on the South West Shore Development Authority.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Hatfield's name will be submitted to the Board of Directors of the South West Shore Development Authority for their approval.

Councillor Messenger agreed to continue as the alternate board member, if needed.

The following changes were made to the committees:

- **Hiring Committee** - Councillor Stoddard retired, Councillor O'Donnell added
- **Fire Services Committee** - Councillor El-Jakl retired, Councillor O'Donnell added
- All other committee members remain the same.

It was agreed by consensus of members that each month one Committee of the Whole meeting would be chaired by a councillor. A different councillor will chair one meeting each month to give all councillors this experience.

Resolution COW091130

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that the new list of committees for the coming year be recommended to Council for approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:05 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website December 2, 2009.