

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

May 19, 2009

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
  - Shaun Hatfield
  - Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
  - Cecil O'Donnell
  - Cathy Stoddard
- One member was absent due to a vacancy in District 6.
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Community Adjustment Fund.
- CHAMBA Request.
- Environmental Advisory Committee.
- Sea Cadets Invitation.
- Flyer Distribution.
- Colby Brannen Property/Clam Point.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

### APPROVAL OF MINTUES

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the minutes of the last previous meeting held May 4, 2009 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

ANGUS ATKINSON MATTERS

The following matters which were raised at a previous Committee of the Whole meeting were discussed by members:

1. **Wastewater Management District for the C.S.I. Sewer.**

Information had previously been provided at the March 21<sup>st</sup> public hearing regarding the potential expansion of the sewer system. CBCL, the consultants on this project, had investigated expanding the wastewater management district to 90 meters from the centre of the road instead of 35 meters. The expansion of the district to this size would include an additional 73 residences. This would mean that 283 residences would then be required to hook up instead of 210 residences. This would also add an additional \$850,000.00 to the construction cost, making the total construction project \$7.15 Million instead of \$6.3 Million. It would, however, reduce the per unit cost from \$750.00 per unit to \$645.00 per unit.

It was the consensus of members that an additional \$850,000 in funding is not available and the additional number of residences would not warrant expansion of the wastewater management district.

2. **Aerial truck for the fire departments.**

A report is being prepared on this matter by the Municipality's Fire Inspector. It is expected this report will be completed by the end of May, after which the committee will have an opportunity to review it.

3. **Wages and Salaries**

\_\_\_\_\_ No action necessary.

4. **Arena Fundraising Committee**

The Arena Fundraising Committee has been a committee of Council since the construction of the Arena in 1995. It has raised considerable funds to assist in the maintenance and operation of the Arena.

A list of the improvements to the Arena that have been funded by the Fundraising Committee will be provided to Mr. Atkinson for his information. This list has already been circulated to members.

5. **Littering on Stoney Island Beach**

This matter is being addressed with the property owners. The Department of Natural Resources has already been contacted and the litter located on their property has been cleaned up. The adjacent private property owners on which illegal dump sites have been located have been contacted by letter and are being requested to address the matter on their property. D.O.T. has been contacted regarding "No Littering" signs and will be contacted again regarding "No Littering" signs being placed on the Daniel's Head Road and Kenney Road to prevent additional illegal dumping.

Resolution COW090513

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that a letter of response be sent to Mr. Atkinson thanking him for bringing these concerns to Council and indicating to him how they are being dealt with.

Motion carried unanimously.

SHELBURNE COUNTY RECREATION SOCIETY

This matter has been referred for additional consideration by Committee as a result of the presentation made by Jennifer Spencer on behalf of the Society.

The Society is requesting that the Municipality consider supporting the cost of the Needs assessment for an indoor pool.

Resolution COW090514

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that consideration of the construction of an indoor pool be included in the annual Capital Investment Plan review for the Municipality and that this matter be brought up for further consideration during budget discussions, and also that a letter of response be sent to the Society indicating that the Municipality will be considering this matter further.

Motion carried unanimously.

LIGHTHOUSE ROAD

Members were informed that information has been received by telephone from the local supervisor of the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal regarding a request for construction of a rock wall on the Lighthouse Road at Baccaro Point.

The local Supervisor has indicated that not many rocks have washed up from the ocean in this area recently, but construction of a rock wall along this road is not a priority for the Department as there is no extra money in the budget for such a purpose. D.O.T. staff will continue to monitor the road and keep it graded as required.

Resolution COW090515

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal requesting that a rock wall be constructed along the edge of Lighthouse Road at Baccaro Point in order to prevent further damage caused from the ocean.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### DISTRICT PLANNING COMMISSION

Information was provided to members indicating that the Municipality of Clare has given notice that it will be withdrawing from the District Planning Committee. The withdrawal of Clare will have significant effects on the budget and operations of the Commission.

This matter will be further discussed during the budget review.

#### THANK YOU LETTER

A thank you letter was received from Cathy Greenwood and Joey Delong. They wish to express their thanks to staff of the Municipal Arena during the evening of the wrestling event that was recently held there.

The letter of thanks was much appreciated by the Council and has been forwarded to the Arena for the information of the Manager and staff.

#### HILL ROAD - CAPE SABLE ISLAND

Members were informed that Stuart Clare from the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal has viewed the road on Cape Sable Island and has indicated that it would cost approximately \$62,500.00 to pave that road.

The residents of the road have already provided a petition to the Municipal Office requesting paving of the road and indicating that they would be willing to share in the cost of that paving. It is now appropriate for Council to consider the Municipality's sharing in the proposed paving of this road.

#### Resolution COW090516

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the provision of paving costs for the Hill Road in South Side be referred for consideration during the budget meetings.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT

Members had previously been provided with information regarding the construction of a new clinic or the upgrading of the clinic next to Roseway Hospital for the purpose of attracting physicians to the area, and, in particular, attracting physicians who would serve in the emergency room at Roseway Hospital.

Members were also provided with information regarding a request of Mr. Tyler Green who is a medical student wishing to practice in rural Nova Scotia. Mr. Green has made an offer to practice in Shelburne in return for funding for his education.

Members were also previously provided with a copy of a letter from the Shelburne County Community Health Board supporting the Physician Recruitment Committee and suggesting that investment in support of the medical students tuition request and supporting the request of the medical student Tyler Green.

There then followed much discussion regarding the funding of doctors or physicians in both the Municipality of Barrington and in Shelburne for the upgrade of the medical clinic there. Various funding possibilities were discussed and explored including showing them the cost of recruiting a physician based on the amount of time that the physician practices in the Municipality of Barrington.

Resolution COW090517

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that the three candidates for MLA in the upcoming Nova Scotia Provincial Election be requested to appear at the Council meeting of Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of discussing physician recruitment for Shelburne County, both in the Municipality of Barrington and in the Municipality of Shelburne.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed by consensus of members that a response will be provided to the Physician Recruitment Committee regarding the Municipality's support for Mr. Green's request following their discussion with candidates for MLA.

CLEVELAND BRANNEN PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

The property of Cleveland and Sandra Brannen was destroyed by fire on January 18, 2009. A new house is now being built on this property by the owners. As a result of the fire the property owners have applied for a tax reduction under municipal policy. The Residential Assessor from Property Valuation Services Corporation has visited the property on May 5<sup>th</sup> and has indicated a reduced assessment value on the property as a result of the fire. The assessment on the property will be increased as a result of the new residence being built on the property. It is proposed that a reduction be provided to the property owners for the period from January 18, 2009, the date of the fire, to May 31, 2009, at which time the new residence is expected to be fully completed and occupied.

Resolution COW090518

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that a reduction in the taxes for the property of Cleveland and Sandra Brannen, at 6938 Central Wood's Harbour, be provided for the period from January 18, 2009 to May 31, 2009 as a result of destruction of the property by fire, and that the proportional reduction be based on the assessment values provided by the Property Valuation Services Corporation.

Motion carried unanimously.

### BUDGET MEETINGS

It was agreed by members that a meeting would be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 beginning at 8:30 a.m., in the Conference Room, for the purpose of reviewing the proposed budget for the coming fiscal year. A draft of the proposed budget will be circulated to members for their preliminary review as soon as possible.

### SCHEDULE OF FEES

A Schedule of Fees for the previous two weeks was circulated to members for their information and review.

### COMMUNITY ADJUSTMENT FUND

The South West Shore Development Authority is attempting to raise funds for the construction of the Business Park in Barrington Passage. Application has been made under several funding programs for financial assistance in this project. It is now recommended that an application also be made to ACOA under the Community Adjustment Fund. In order to do this the Municipality may be required to increase its proportion of the cost of the project to \$315,000.00. This would require an increased funding from the Municipality of \$65,000.00 if the project is approved under this fund.

#### Resolution COW090519

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that the South West Shore Development Authority make application to the Community Adjustment Fund indicating that the municipal share of the funding for this project under the fund would be \$315,000.00, if necessary.

Motion carried unanimously.

### CHAMBA REQUEST

Correspondence has been received from the Clark's Harbour & Area Minor Baseball Association requesting use of the canteen at the Centreville ball field which is owned by the Municipality. CHAMBA teams will be playing on this ball field on July 1, 2009 as there is construction at the ball field in the Town of Clark's Harbour.

#### Resolution COW090520

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the Clark's Harbour & Area Minor Ball Association be allowed use of the canteen facilities at the municipally owned Centreville ball field providing they sign the appropriate usage agreement and provide the required insurance coverage.

Motion carried unanimously.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Municipality has previously advertised for public expressions of interest in an Environmental Advisory Committee. Only one response had been received by telephone regarding this committee.

Resolution COW090521

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that since there has been a lack of response to the advertised request for expressions of interest for an Environmental Advisory Committee that setting up this committee be no longer pursued by the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

SEA CADETS CEREMONIES

An invitation has been received inviting all councillors to attend the Sea Cadets Closing Ceremonies which will be held on Saturday, May 23, 2009 at 10:45 a.m. at the Barrington Municipal Arena. A copy of the invitation will be circulated to all councillors.

FLYER DISTRIBUTION

It is evident that flyers are being distributed in a haphazard manner throughout the Municipality. These flyers are simply being thrown in the driveways and roadways in various locations throughout the Municipality and as a result causing a litter problem.

Resolution COW090522

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that both of the companies who are distributing flyers in the area and contributing to the litter problem in the Municipality be requested to contribute to the Community Litter Clean-up Program administered by the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

COLBY BRANNEN HOUSE/CLAM POINT

Members were informed that this house which had recently been partially destroyed by fire has not been secured and is now becoming a gathering place for local youths in the evenings. This matter will be referred to the Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer and the local RCMP Detachment will be alerted.

CLOSED SESSION

Members then entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the disposition of property at Sherose Island, the legal matter regarding the Private Ways Act request from Mr. George Salisbury, and potential acquisition of property in conjunction with the Cape Sable Island Sewer Project.

Having giving the Municipal Clerk direction in regards to these matters, the Committee then resumed Open Session.

George Salisbury Matter Re: Private Ways Act

Resolution COW090523

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to Mr. George Salisbury indicating that after having sought and received independent legal advice it was now the decision of Council that they do not wish to grant Mr. Salisbury's request under the Private Ways Act, and that no further consideration will be undertaken in this matter.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:36 p.m.

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Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting

**On website May 21, 2009.**