

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

June 1, 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

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
- Glen Muise, Building Inspector
- Anna Kenney, Recreation Director
- Cameron Whiteway, Property Services Supervisor

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Bursary.
- Audit Committee Meeting.
- Waste Collection.
- Nova Scotia Community College Graduation.
- Code of Conduct.
- Department of Transportation.
- Month of the Lobster.

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 S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that minutes of the last previous meeting held May 19, 2009 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

RCMP MONTHLY REPORT

Sgt. Forbes appeared before the meeting for the purpose of providing the RCMP report for the month of May 2009.

Sgt. Forbes also circulated a written report with the 2008 statistics for the local RCMP Detachment for the entire year.

Sgt. Forbes informed members that a new member, Daniel Thompson, is starting at the Detachment today. Jonathon Saxby is now also working at the Detachment as the Acting Corporal. This is a temporary position while Cpl Brannen is on leave. The new member, Daniel Thompson, will also replace Aaron Swim as the liaison with the High School.

Members were informed that the Street Policing Team in the County has been very active and has in fact made a seizure of drugs at a local residence today.

After completing his report and discussing various items with members, Sgt. Forbes retired from the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Property Services

The Property Services Manager, Cameron Whiteway, provided a written report and reviewed it for members.

Recreation Department

The Recreation Director, Anna Kenney, provided a written report and also reviewed it with members. She indicated that summer staff have been hired and are beginning to work at the Recreation Department.

Building Inspection Report

Mr. Glen Muise, our Building Inspector, appeared before the meeting and provided a written report.

All of the staff members retired from the meeting no later than 7:30 p.m.

Barrington Municipal Arena

A written report from the Arena Manager was circulated to members for their information and review.

ARENA WARM ROOM

Information was provided from the Building Inspector that an estimated cost of building a warm room at the Arena would be in the range of \$100,000 to \$150,000 in the location and style indicated by the Fundraising Committee.

Resolution COW090601

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that this information be forwarded to the Arena Fundraising Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

FINES

Information has been obtained regarding increasing of the amount of fines under By-Law No. 8 "Collection, Storage and Disposal of Waste". The intention is to increase the amount of these fines in order to further discourage illegal dumping within the Municipality. Information received from the Municipal Solicitor indicates that it is possible to increase the fines up to a maximum of \$10,000.

Resolution COW090602

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that By-Law No. 8 "Collection, Storage and Disposal of Waste" be amended to increase the fines under this by-law to \$1,000 for the first offence, \$2,000 for a second offence and \$5,000 for a third offence.

Motion carried unanimously.

INSURANCE COVERAGE

A summary of municipal insurance coverage was circulated to members for their review. Various levels of coverage and various deductibles were discussed by members.

The Municipal Insurance Policy has been renewed through our agents, Bell & Grant, and through the Cowan Group which is the insurance company they deal with.

EMPLOYEE SURVEY

A draft proposed Employee Survey was circulated to members for their review. This draft survey was prepared by our Employee Assistance Program providers and will be conducted through them.

There was no consensus that any changes should be made to this survey, therefore it will be forwarded to the EAP providers for completion.

C & D LANDFILL

Correspondence has been received from the Nova Scotia Department of Environment regarding the operation of the Municipality's C & D Landfill at Goose Lake. In this correspondence the Department states that there are three deficiencies at the Landfill:

1. Structural deficiencies i.e. no ditching/settling ponds.
2. Non C & D wastes are being received.
3. Lack of site control.

The Department of Environment also suggests that the Municipality has four options in regards to the C & D Site. These options are:

- a) continue to operate under the current approval as a C & D Site
- b) operate under a new approval as C & D Site and Transfer Station for municipal solid waste and all recyclables
- c) operate without approval as transfer point for C & D debris only with no burial on site
- d) cease operations entirely

It is recommended to Council that Option (b) is the preferred option for the Municipality. Option (b) will allow the Municipality to continue to operate the C & D Site and also to provide recycling of other materials from that site as is now being done. A letter has been drafted to the Department of Environment in order to obtain the proper approvals to continue to operate the C & D Site and a Transfer Station at that location.

Resolution COW090603

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality continue to operate the Construction & Demolition Landfill under Option (b) which would be to include a Transfer Station for municipal solid waste and/or recyclables, and to obtain the required approvals from the Department of Environment subject to the cost of doing so being approved by Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

SEWER OVERFLOW IN WOOD'S HARBOUR

Members were informed that the sewer overflow that had recently occurred in Wood's Harbour has been dealt with and resolved to the satisfaction of the property owner.

EASTLINK TOWERS

Members were informed that Eastlink has now found a location in Smithville for the location of another tower in order to provide adequate broadband coverage to the eastern portion of the Municipality. Eastlink will pursue the public consultation and advertising as required in the very near future.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

The Schedule of Fees was circulated to members for their information and review.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

The Spring Clean-up was conducted during the week of May 25 - 29, 2009. There was more material placed for collection than expected by the collector. As a result the collector has taken more time to complete the cleanup than was previously anticipated. The collector has indicated the clean-up will be completed approximately the middle of the first week of June. The collector has been collecting in the evenings as well as during the day in order to complete this task as quickly as possible.

NOVA SCOTIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRADUATION

The Nova Scotia Community College Graduation at the Shelburne Campus will be held at noon on June 11, 2009. The Warden has been invited to attend.

Resolution COW090604

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that the expenses of the Warden be paid for the Warden's attendance at the NSCC Graduation on June 11th.

Motion carried unanimously.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Warden made a verbal presentation regarding Item #6 "Government Relationships" in the Municipal Code of Conduct.

There then followed some discussion regarding the conduct of municipal councillors.

BURSARY

Conflicts of Interest

Applications have been received for the Municipal Bursary for the coming High School Graduation. Warden Halliday and Councillor Hatfield both declared conflicts of interest as they are related to individuals who have applied for the bursary. As a result of these declarations of conflict of interest, the Deputy Warden assumed the Chair for this portion of the meeting.

Warden Halliday and Councillor Hatfield left the room during this portion of the meeting.

Applications for the Municipal Bursary were received from:

- Brittany Wile
- Dayna Cunningham
- Jessica Ross
- Brooke Greenwood
- Kristen Messenger
- Karissa Hatfield

After some discussion and review of the applications, members then voted.

Resolution COW090605

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that the Municipal Bursary for 2009 be awarded to Dayna Cunningham.

Motion carried unanimously.

Warden Halliday and Councillor Hatfield then returned to the meeting and Warden Halliday then resumed the Chair.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - CEMETERY ROAD

There was some question as to the proper name of the road leading up to the cemetery in Wood's Harbour. The official name of the road is Cemetery Road, although many of the local people often refer to it as Barrington Road.

MONTH OF THE LOBSTER

Members were informed that no response has yet been received from the Province regarding the declaration of the *Month of the Lobster*.

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

It was agreed by members that Councillor Stoddard would also serve on the Audit Committee together with the Warden and Deputy Warden. The Audit Committee will be scheduled to meet on June 17th at 10:00 a.m. in the Clerk's Office.

It is also indicated to members by the Clerk-Treasurer that there will be a surplus as a result of this year's operations.

Resolution COW090606

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that any surplus arising out of this year's operation be transferred to the Special Reserve Fund Operating for future use of the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Members then entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the purchase of property and the possible sale of municipal property.

Having given direction to the Municipal Clerk regarding these issues, the members then returned to Open Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:30 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting

On website June 4, 2009.