

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

June 29, 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, NS, 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

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the minutes of the last previous meetings held June 15th and June 16th, 2009 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Section 22(2)(g) of the Municipal Government Act, the Committee then entered into Closed Session in order to receive advice from the Municipal Solicitor.

Mr. Don Harding, the Municipal Solicitor, appeared before members for the purpose of providing advice regarding the incorporation of the South West Shore Development Authority.

Having completed his consultation with committee members, Mr. Harding then retired from the meeting at approximately 8:10 p.m.

POLLUTION EVENT INSURANCE COVERAGE

Information has been provided from Bell & Grant, our insurance agents, regarding Pollution Event Insurance Coverage at the heliport site on Brass Hill. The Pollution Event Insurance would not address gradual pollution. This insurance requires that a discharge of pollutants be detected and reported to the insurance company within 240 hours of the commencement of the discharge in order for coverage to apply. The Pollution Event Insurance does not address on-site clean-up. It only addresses third party injuries/damages. The premium for Pollution Event Insurance is \$3,500.00 for a \$1 Million Dollar limit, \$4,500.00 for a \$2 Million Dollar limit, \$6,500.00 for a \$5 Million Dollar limit. In order to qualify for Environmental Impairment Liability Insurance, which would address both sudden events and the gradual pollution of the property, as well as on-site clean-up coverage, the Municipality would need to have a Phase II Environmental Report completed on the property prior to having insurance put in place.

Due to minimal usage of the heliport landing site it is deemed that the risk of environmental pollution on the site is very low.

Resolution COW090615

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality decline Pollution Event Insurance Coverage at this time due to minimal risk involved versus the high premium required.

Motion carried unanimously.

NOVA SCOTIA BUILDING OFFICIALS QUALIFICATIONS

Glen Muise, our Building Inspector, has completed the courses required by the Nova Scotia Building Officials Association in order to obtain a Diploma of Qualification for Building Code Level I. This means Glen is now fully qualified to do residential building inspections. He has completed the qualifications although he will not be certified by the Association until he has completed three years of employment in this job.

POLICY 52 AMENDMENTS "COUNCIL MEETINGS AND PROCEEDINGS POLICY"

A draft of the "Council Meeting and Proceedings Policy" was presented to members for their review. Each of the proposed changes in the policy were reviewed in detail by members with the following amendments to be made prior to them coming forward to Council for approval.

Resolution COW090616

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that paragraph 3(a) be amended to delete the phrase "at the discretion of the Chair" and to include in its place the phrase "with adjournment being by majority vote or unanimous agreement of members".

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW090617

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that Section 6(1)(p) be revised and the last paragraph will read: “Additions will be made upon an approval of a majority vote or unanimous consent of members.”.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW090618

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O’Donnell that under Section 6(2) the second paragraph be revised to read as follows: “The general guideline to be followed is that there will be no more than a maximum of two (2) presentations scheduled for any council meeting with a maximum of two speakers for any one presentation unless previously arranged and that presentations be limited to 15 or 30 minute periods.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW090619

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by S. Hatfield that all references to “Chairman” in this policy be changed to the word “Chair”.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW090620

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that in Section 8(6)(c) that the word “once” be deleted and be replaced by the word “twice”.

Motion carried unanimously.

Once these amendments are made to the proposed policy, the policy will be forwarded to Council so that Council may be given notice of the proposed amendments.

SHEROSE ISLAND SITE ASSESSMENT

Members were informed by email that a cost estimate to complete a Phase III Environmental Site Assessment at Sherose Island has been received from CBCL Limited. The letter report was reviewed by members for their information.

It was agreed by members that due to the value of the estimated cost of the Environmental Site Assessment it should be publically advertised for proposals.

Resolution COW090621

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality advertise on the Nova Scotia Government website for Request for Proposals for a Phase III Environmental Site Assessment for Sherose Island which will be paid for with funds from the Special Reserve Fund Operating Account.

Motion carried unanimously.

PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT POLICY

Members were informed of recent communications with Shirley Watson-Poole, the Recruitment Officer for the District Health Authority. There is at the present time a doctor interested in coming to the area who Mrs. Watson-Poole will be talking to. She is requesting confirmation that the Municipality's Incentive Program is still in place and that the Municipality would pay a fee to a recruitment firm in order to obtain the services of this doctor. The fee to the recruitment firm would only be paid if the physician actually starts to work in the area.

Resolution COW090622

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that Municipal Staff indicate to Shirley Watson-Poole, the Physician Resource Manager for South West Health, that the Municipality is interested in bringing an additional doctor to the Municipality and will provide incentives as required, and pay the cost required in order to bring the doctor to the area.

Motion carried unanimously.

TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD

A series of questions had been submitted for the Tri-County Regional School Board by Councillor Hatfield. These questions were reviewed in depth by members with various amendments being made. The questions will be forwarded in advance to the Tri-County Regional School Board and arrangements will be made for councillors Hatfield and Stoddard to appear before the School Board meeting on July 21st, if possible.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

A list of Community Grants was reviewed by members. The Community Grants also include a provision for a \$300.00 contribution to Safe Grad which was previously approved by Council.

Resolution COW090623

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the following list of Community Grants be approved:

District 1

Wood's Harbour Days	\$1,000.00
Samuel Wood Historical Society	\$1,000.00
Do For Others Club	\$1,000.00
Charlesville Green Grove Cemetery	\$ 400.00
Barrington Municipal Exhibition	\$ 300.00
Safe Grad	\$ 50.00
TOTAL:	<hr/> \$3,750.00

District 2

Cape Sable Historical Society	\$1,000.00
Shag Harbour Incident Society	\$ 580.00
Old Farm Cemetery	\$1,000.00
Shag Harbour Clippers Mens' Lobball (field improvements)	\$1,000.00
Barrington Municipal Exhibition	\$ 300.00
Safe Grad	\$ 50.00
TOTAL:	\$3,930.00

District 3

Hillside Cemetery	\$ 800.00
7E Fire Department - Storage Building	\$ 500.00
Riverdale Cemetery	\$ 800.00
Barrington Ball Field Committee	\$ 700.00
Barrington Municipal Exhibition	\$ 300.00
Safe Grad	\$ 50.00
TOTAL:	\$3,150.00

District 4

Ross Heritage Society	\$ 250.00
Port Clyde Cemetery	\$ 750.00
Barrington Municipal Exhibition	\$ 300.00
Safe Grad	\$ 50.00
TOTAL:	\$1,350.00

District 5

Old Kirk Cemetery	\$1,000.00
Stoney Island Community Club	\$2,000.00
Ross Heritage Group	\$ 250.00
Barrington Municipal Exhibition	\$ 300.00
Safe Grad	\$ 50.00
TOTAL:	\$3,850.00

District 6

Barrington Municipal Exhibition	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 300.00

District 7

White Lily Cemetery	\$1,000.00
Evergreen Cemetery	\$1,000.00
Barrington Municipal Exhibition	\$ 300.00
Safe Grad	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$2,350.00

TOTAL COMMUNITY GRANTS APPROVED: \$18,680.00

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:27 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting

On website July 2, 2009.