

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

July 20, 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
- George El-Jakl (7:05 p.m.)
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Cecil O'Donnell
- Cathy Stoddard

Absent was member Shaun Hatfield due to vacation.

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following item was added to the agenda:

- Lighthouse Road, Baccaro.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that the minutes of the last previous meeting held July 6, 2009 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

R.C.M.P. REPORT

Cst. Jonathan Saxby, who has been seconded to the Barrington Detachment as Acting Corporal while Cpl Doug Brannen is off on parental leave, appeared before the meeting for the purpose of providing a written report of R.C.M.P. activities for the month of June 2009. The report indicated that there were 253 recorded calls during the month. Acting Corporal Saxby discussed various violations and other activities that had been reported during the month and how the R.C.M.P. have been dealing with them.

Having completed his discussion of the R.C.M.P. Report for the month of June, Acting Corporal Saxby retired from the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

VEHICLE TENDERS

The Municipality has advertised for the purchase of a truck for the Building Inspection Department. As a result of this advertisement one tender has been received. The tender was opened by the Warden. The tender received is from Smith & Watt Ltd. in the amount of \$24,800.00, plus H.S.T.

Resolution COW090706

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality accept the tender of Smith & Watt for the provision of a 2009 full size 4 X 4 truck for the Building Inspection Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

C & D LANDFILL SITE SORTING STATION TENDER

Tenders had also been advertised for the construction of a public sorting station at the C & D Landfill Site. Two sealed tenders were received. These tenders were opened by the Warden. The first tender was from Mike Hennigar's General Construction Ltd., in the amount of \$92,576.00, plus H.S.T. The second tender was also opened by the Warden and it was in the amount of \$104,053.08, plus H.S.T. The total tender submitted by Gardiner Allen Excavation Ltd. included a base price of \$98,633.78, plus \$6,143.91 for 2" ground contact rigid insulation board, less a reduction that was received prior to the due date of \$724.61.

Both tenders received are well over the amount budgeted for this project and both tenders will have to be reviewed to determine the next step in getting this project completed.

Resolution COW090707

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that Municipal Staff review the tender documents and report back to the Committee concerning the public sorting station project.

Motion carried unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

It was agreed that the Semi-Annual Meeting to be held with Fire Departments will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2009. The sole purpose of this meeting will be to discuss fire department issues.

PARK BENCH IN MEMORY OF HATTIE PERRY

It was suggested that a park bench could be installed at the Memorial Park at Barrington Municipal High School in honour of Hattie Perry who was a prominent citizen of the Municipality who recently passed away.

Resolution COW090708

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that Municipal Staff obtain a price on various alternatives for the installation of a park bench at B.M.H.S. in honour of Hattie Perry which will contain her picture embossed on the bench.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY GRANT REQUEST

A Community Grant request has been received from the Sou'West Nova Metis Association. This group will be hosting their Annual Pow Wow on the Stoney Island Beach this summer. This is a three day event. The Association wishes to rent a portable tent for the event in order to shelter both young and old members from the weather. The cost of renting a tent is approximately \$600.00 and the Association is requesting a grant from the Municipality to pay this cost. Donations have been received for this event which will be used for funding other activities during the 3 day period.

Resolution COW090709

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that \$600.00 be provided to the Sou'West Nova Metis Association to assist in the hosting of their "pow wow" on the Stoney Island Beach and that the funds be taken from the district Community Grant Funds in the amounts of:

- \$50.00 District 1
- \$50.00 District 2
- \$50.00 District 3
- \$100.00 District 4
- \$300.00 District 5
- \$50.00 District 7

Motion carried unanimously.

PORT READINESS COMMITTEE

A memo has been received from the Visitor Information Centre Manager indicating that she feels her participation in the Port Readiness Committee is not necessary at this time. The Committee is focusing on preparing packages for visitors who may arrive on cruise ships in the port of Shelburne. It is not anticipated that these visitors will have the time to travel outside of the Shelburne area while they are in port. It is not deemed necessary for the Municipality of Barrington to have representation on this committee.

Resolution COW0907010

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality no longer have our Visitor Information Centre Manager be part of the Port Readiness Committee.

AFFIRMATIVE

Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

DISTRICT HEALTH AUTHORITY SATELLITE CLINIC

The South West District Health Authority operates a "blood clinic" in Barrington Passage on a regular basis. The clinic is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays to take blood samples so that residents do not have to travel to Yarmouth or Shelburne for this purpose. The District Health Authority has informed a member that this clinic has the longest hours of any of the clinics being operated by the District Health Authority. The clinic is no longer run by volunteers and it must now be staffed by unionized employees. The clinic charges a fee of \$7.00 to patients in order to take blood samples and have them transferred to Yarmouth for processing.

Resolution COW090711

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Municipal Staff contact the South Shore District Health Authority to determine if they have similar charges at their blood clinics.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

DAYCAMP HOURS

A memo was received from the Recreation Director indicating that increasing the Daycamp hours by one half hour per day so that parents can pick up their children until 5:00 p.m. instead of 4:30 p.m. will increase the cost of the Daycamp by \$216.00.

Resolution COW090712

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that the Day Camp hours be extended by one half hour per day from 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in order that parents will have an extra half hour to pick up their children each day.

Motion carried unanimously.

LOW INCOME PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

Information was circulated to members regarding the Low Income Property Tax Exemption.

There then followed some discussion regarding the affect increasing this exemption would have on the Municipality's budget and the Municipal tax rate.

It was suggested that additional information be obtained from Yarmouth and Shelburne to determine what their low income maximums are.

Resolution COW090713

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that this matter be referred for further consideration until information has been obtained from Yarmouth and Shelburne indicating what their maximum low income levels are.

Motion carried unanimously.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Due to the resignation of our Accountant, the opportunity now exists to do some succession planning by hiring a Director of Finance. This will require a significant increase in salary in order to obtain an individual with adequate accounting qualifications. It was the general consensus of members that this step in succession planning not be completed at this time. As a result the Accountant's position will be advertised internally according to policy, and if no satisfactory applications are received internally, the position will be advertised externally.

LIGHTHOUSE ROAD IN BACCARO

To date no action has been taken by the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation to gravel Lighthouse Road.

Resolution COW090714

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to Mr. Ben Acker the local Supervisor for the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation requesting that the Lighthouse Road in Baccaro be completely graveled this year and that the cost of doing this not be spread over the next two years.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 9:14 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting

On website July 21, 2009.