

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

March 15, 2010

The meeting was called to order in the meeting room at the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department Fire Hall, at 7:00 p.m., by Councillor Cecil O'Donnell, with the following members present:

- Cecil O'Donnell, Chair
- Murray Atkinson
- George El-Jakl
- Louise Halliday
- Shaun Hatfield
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Cathy Stoddard

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

Five members of the public were also in attendance.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Community Grant Request.
- Emergency Services Provider Fund.
- Lighthouse Road at Baccaro Point.

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTIONS

Councillors and the Clerk then introduced themselves to public members who were present.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Chair asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

No comments or discussion was forthcoming.

EMERGENCY SERVICES GENERATOR

Members were then given a tour of the Fire Department by Devon Munroe who is a firefighter in the Fire Department. During this tour the generator that was purchased through a Joint Emergency Preparedness Program Grant was viewed and explained to members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that minutes of the last previous meeting held March 1, 2010 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

C & D LANDFILL TIPPING FEES

Conflict of Interest

Warden Halliday and Deputy Warden Messenger both declared conflict of interest during the discussion of this matter as their spouses use the C & D Landfill Site on a regular basis.

Deposits at the Landfill during the month of October 2009 were summarized for the information of members. This information will again be summarized by staff without the names of depositors being included.

Resolution COW100318

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that information from the summary for the month of October 2009 be forwarded to Paul Smith at Wilson's Shopping Centre for his information, omitting the names of the waste depositors.

Motion carried unanimously.

Additional information will be obtained from the Region 6 Waste Coordinator. This information will include charges being made at other sites throughout the province, including minimum charges, exceptions to charges, and any fees that are split between the general tax rate and the tipping fees at the landfill sites.

Having completed their discussion of this matter, the members who had previously declared conflict of interest then returned to the meeting table.

MUNICIPAL AUDITOR GENERAL

Correspondence has been received, by email, from the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities requesting municipalities to submit a list of potential topics for the Municipal Auditor General to consider. It was suggested that this list could be obtained through the Audit Committee or through Council.

It was suggested that the Auditor General review the salaries, wages and expenses of councillors in the Municipality to determine their appropriateness.

Resolution COW100319

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that the Municipal Auditor General be requested to review the salaries, wages, and expenses of municipal councillors to determine their appropriate level, and also that the Auditor General make a recommendation regarding the establishment of a public body which would determine these benefits for councillors in the future.

Motion carried unanimously.

CEO/CAO FORUM

Information has been received from the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities indicating that there will be a CEO/CAO Forum held in Truro in the very near future. This forum has been held for the past three (3) years and this year there will be a similar format to the prior forums.

At the present time there is no interest in attending this event.

MUNICIPAL CHANGES

A memo has been forwarded to councillors indicating the many municipal changes that have taken place over the last 10 to 12 years in the Municipality, in particular, in administration of the municipal government and municipal facilities. This information is being provided for members as part of their consideration of establishing a Chief Administrative Officer for the Municipality.

Members were reminded that Mr. Paul Wills, our Municipal Advisor from Service Nova Scotia, will be meeting with Council on April 13, 2010 to further discuss this matter.

COMMUNITY GRANT REQUEST

White Lily Cemetery Associaton

A Community Grant request has been received from the White Lily Cemetery Association. The Association wishes to install a fence around their cemetery. The estimated cost of this project is \$13,270.00.

Resolution COW100320

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the remaining Community Grant Funds for District 5 and 7 be granted to the White Lily Cemetery Association for the purpose of erecting a fence around the cemetery.

Motion carried unanimously.

Wood's Harbour Fisherman's Memorial

Members were also informed that the Wood's Harbour Fisherman's Memorial Association had previously requested funding for repairs and maintenance to the memorial site in Wood's Harbour.

Resolution COW100321

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that the balance of funds in the District 1 Community Grants Fund, in the amount of \$570.45, be granted to the Wood's Harbour Fisherman's Memorial Association for maintenance and repairs to the memorial site.

Motion carried unanimously.

BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL RECREATION COMPLEX SOCIETY

Members were informed that this Society has been inactive since at least 2003. It is now proposed that the Society be dissolved. Members are informed this evening that there will be a meeting of the Society's Board of Directors slated for the very near future in order to initiate the process to dissolve this society.

EMERGENCY SERVICES PROVIDER FUND

Members were informed that letters have been sent out from the Province regarding funds granted through the Emergency Services Provider Fund for this year. There are 121 grants being provided, for a total funding of \$903,895.00. The only fire departments in Shelburne County receiving funding are the Lockeport Fire Department in the amount of \$1,000.00, and the Upper/Middle Ohio Fire Department in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Members were informed that local fire departments had received much funding under this program in prior years.

LIGHTHOUSE ROAD AT BACCARO POINT

Members were informed that Council had previously requested gravel to be placed on this road by the Department of Transportation. This request had been made some time ago and has as yet not been done.

Resolution COW100322

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the local office of Nova Scotia Department of Transportation requesting that gravel be placed on Lighthouse Road at Baccaro Point.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 8:10 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website March 16, 2010.