

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

May 18, 2010

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 8:30 a.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

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

Absent was member Murray Atkinson due to leave of Council.

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of this meeting was to review the proposed Capital Investment Plan of the Municipality which includes various capital projects, and also to begin review of the proposed budget for 2010/2011.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN REVIEW

Prior to the meeting all members had completed an evaluation of a list of capital projects. There were some 40 or more capital projects listed which were reviewed and scored in priorities. A summary of these evaluations was circulated to members which indicated the total priority scoring for each. These projects were then reviewed project by project, in detail, in order to determine which projects members wished to keep on the Capital Investment Plan project list and which ones would be removed for various reasons.

After completing discussion of the various projects, it was agreed that the list would be revised by the Clerk-Treasurer and again circulated to members for further discussion. This will be done at a subsequent meeting of the committee.

BUDGET REVIEW

Members were provided with proposed budgets for the following services:

- Protective Services
- Transportation Services
- Environmental Health Services
- Public Health & Welfare Services
- Environment Development Services
- Recreation and Cultural Services

and subsequently proposed budgeted revenues including the Sales of Services and Services Provided to Other Governments.

Members reviewed the cost of providing these various services and the sources of revenues identified. There was much discussion regarding the continued cost of all services. Members made appropriate notes which will be further dealt with at future budget discussions. It was suggested that the Arena Manager be requested to revise the Arena Budget in order to reduce the deficit by at least \$30,000.00 from the currently proposed budget. The Manager may wish to do this with any combination of increasing revenues and reducing expenditures at the Arena.

The committee reviewed the expenditures from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. with a one hour break for dinner. The committee further agreed to meet next Wednesday, May 26th, at 8:00 a.m., to review the remainder of the budget and further discuss any appropriate changes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 4:00 p.m.

Secretary for the Meeting

On website May 20, 2010.