

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

June 1, 2010

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, at 6:30 p.m., in the Jury Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, NS, with the following members present:

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

- Member Murray Atkinson was absent on leave of Council.

- Don Harding Municipal Solicitor
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

### CLOSED SESSION FOR LEGAL ADVICE RE: SWSDA & WASTE COLLECTION

The Municipal Solicitor provided legal advice to members regarding their legal obligations to the South West Shore Development Authority and their obligations under contract for the municipal waste collection.

This discussion continued from approximately 6:30 p.m. when the meeting was convened to 7:38 p.m. at which time the Closed Session was adjourned and members proceeded to the Court Room area when the Open Session of the Committee of the Whole was begun.

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Closed Session.
- Public Transit.
- Prosecution Services.
- BALLE Nova Scotia.
- Bursary.
- Conferences Invitation.
- Lighthouse Road.
- Department of Transportation.
- Softball Provincials.
- Hattie Perry Bench.
- Closed Session Re: Building Inspector Agreement.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that minutes of the last previous meeting held May 17, 2010 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

RCMP MONTHLY REPORT

Sgt. Forbes had attended the meeting for the purpose of presenting the RCMP's monthly report. Due to the length of the Closed Session held at the beginning of the meeting, Sgt. Forbes did not attend the meeting in person. Sgt. Forbes did leave written statistical reports for the month of May 2010 along with a comparable report for May 2009. Sgt. Forbes also left an Annual Performance Plan for 2009/2010 for the Barrington RCMP Detachment which he indicated is a private document for the purposes of keeping Council informed of the local Detachment's plans during the year.

There then ensued some discussion regarding the RCMPs' use of local tow truck operators to provide services.

Resolution COW100601

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the local RCMP Detachment be requested to indicate how they procured "tow truck services" from local service providers. It was indicated that in the past the practice had been for various service providers to provide this service to the local RCMP Detachment by taking turns and at the present time this is not done. The present service is provided from one towing service only.

Motion carried unanimously.

PILOT PROJECT RE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATOR

Members were informed that the CAO from the Municipality of Shelburne had met together with Clerk-Treasurers from three of the other four municipal units in Shelburne County. Only the Town of Lockeport did not have a representative present at the meeting. At this meeting Louise Watson who is the local area representative of the Department of Rural and Economic Development indicated that an Economic Development Coordinator for Shelburne County could be co-funded through the provincial department under current programs. An application would need to be made to the department by one of the municipal units in Shelburne County. It was agreed at the meeting that the Town of Lockeport should also be included in this initiative. Also attending the meeting on behalf of the Department of Economic Development was Mr. Irvine Surette. The CAO for the Municipality of Shelburne has agreed to assemble a Terms of Reference and an application for this purpose which will be done sometime in the near future.

POWER POLE AT MCGRAY AVENUE

A local resident has requested that the power pole situated near the boat launch on McGray Avenue be moved because it is in the way of boats and other equipment being used in the area. The Property Services Supervisor has indicated that he has been in discussion with Nova Scotia Power regarding the relocation of the pole. He has indicated that the only alternative location for the pole is next to the gazebo which is not a desired location. He also indicated that the cost of moving the pole would be more than \$2,100.00.

Resolution COW100602

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to Nova Scotia Power Inc. asking if the location of this pole is a safety hazard and have they experienced any safety issues with its location.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW100603

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by L. Halliday that a letter be sent to Marsha Brannen indicating that correspondence has been sent to N.S. Power Inc. regarding the location of the pole at McGray Avenue.

Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO POLICY 52,  
“COUNCIL MEETINGS AND PROCEEDINGS POLICY”

Members were informed that an amendment is proposed to Policy No. 52 and this amendment will be brought forward to Council at the next subsequent meeting.

MERCURY LAMP RECYCLING SERVICES

Members were provided with information regarding the recycling of lighting that contains mercury and also for compact fluorescent light bulbs. This information is provided by the Region 6 Waste Management Coordinator.

Resolution COW100604

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by L. Halliday that it be recommended to Council that the Region 6 Waste Management Coordinator be asked to provide a brief to Council for proposed recycling of these light bulbs.

Motion carried unanimously.

2010/2011 BUDGET FINANCING

Members were provided with a summary of the financing being proposed for the 2010/2011 budget.

This summary was reviewed with members so that they would be aware of sources of financing for the projects being conducted during this fiscal year. Also, members were provided with a list of Grants to Organizations that had previously been discussed at a budget meeting and the proposed list of Community Grants and Playground Grants. Also, a summary of various tax rate alternatives was provided to members for their consideration and reviewed with them.

Resolution COW100605

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Committee consider amending the Municipal Playground Policy in regards to the date required for submission and other aspects of the policy, and that this matter be placed on the next Committee of the Whole meeting for further consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

Members were informed that an allowance of \$3,500.00 per district has been proposed in the budget for Community Grants. It has also been proposed that a total grant allowance for the year of \$75,000.00 be included in the budget.

Members then discussed various aspects of making this provision.

Resolution COW100606

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that \$75,000.00 be included as a total grant allowance in the 2010/2011 budget.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Cecil O'Donnell  
Cathy Stoddard

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl  
Louise Halliday

Motion carried.

BMHS SAFE GRAD

Members were informed that a letter has been received by fax this afternoon requesting a grant for the Safe Grad event being held at Barrington Municipal High School.

Resolution COW100607

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that a grant of \$300.00 be provided to the Safe Grad Committee at BMHS for the current year.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

George El-Jakl  
Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Cecil O'Donnell  
Cathy Stoddard

**NEGATIVE**

Louise Halliday

Motion carried.

Resolution COW100608

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that the Grant Policy be placed on the next Committee of the Whole agenda for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

### TAX RATE ALTERNATIVES

Members were provided with a summary of various alternatives for setting the current years' tax rate. These alternatives illustrated the amount of taxes that would be received at various residential and commercial tax rates.

It was the consensus of members that another meeting will be required to finalize the proposed budget for the coming fiscal year.

Members agreed that a meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m., on Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, in the Municipal Office for this purpose.

### SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

### BUILDING INSPECTOR AGREEMENT

#### Resolution COW100609

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that a Closed Session for discussion of the employment agreement for the Building Inspector be added to the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

### WASTE COLLECTION UPDATE

It was the consensus of members that they should meet with the Municipal Waste Collector sometime in the near future for the purpose of settling discrepancies in the conduct of the municipal waste collection.

It was agreed by members that they would meet to further discuss the Waste Collection Agreement after the budget meeting being held on Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

### CLOSED SESSIONS

Some discussion then followed regarding the duration of closed sessions and the scheduling of closed sessions.

#### South West Shore Development Authority

Legal advice had been received from the Municipal Solicitor regarding the Municipality's legal liability to the South West Shore Development Authority at the Closed Session held earlier this evening.

Resolution COW100610

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality request payment of the recoverable grant previously provided to the South West Shore Development Authority as soon as possible.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW100611

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipal Solicitor send a letter to the South West Shore Development Authority requesting the Authority to provide documented proof of any legal and financial obligations the Municipality has to the South West Shore Development Authority as soon as possible.

Motion carried unanimously.

Continued Discussion Re: Closed Sessions

Discussion continued regarding the timing of closed sessions. It was the consensus of members that closed sessions be scheduled prior to regular meetings and that these be scheduled at approximately 6:30 p.m. If necessary, the start of the regular meetings will be at 7:30 rather than 7:00 p.m, should the closed sessions continue for an hour rather than half an hour.

PUBLIC TRANSIT

Members were informed that no additional information has been received from the Shelburne County group seeking funds for public transit. The group has applied for funding from the provincial government, however, as yet no communication has been received from them indicating any further activity.

PROSECUTION SERVICES

Members were informed that the representatives of the Provincial Prosecution Services had met with representatives from municipal councils in Eastern Shelburne County on the previous Tuesday. At this meeting it was indicated that the Provincial Prosecution Service must reduce their budget and part of their plan for reducing their budget will be to close the Prosecution Office in Shelburne. A second meeting was held on Friday afternoon, at 3:00 p.m. At this meeting the representatives of the councils in Shelburne County impressed upon our MLA that they did not wish to see the Prosecution Office closed in the Town of Shelburne and strongly objected to its closure. It was also requested of our MLA to make this sentiment known to the Minister as well. An email has been received by the local RCMP Detachment indicating that the Public Prosecution Services will not make any announcement regarding the closure of the Shelburne Office at least until some further budget review has been done. In any case there will be no announcement until late summer or early fall of 2010.

Resolution COW100612

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Minister of Justice objecting to any closure of the Prosecution Office in Shelburne County, and that this letter be copied to the other municipal units in Shelburne County and to our MLA.

Motion carried unanimously.

BALLE NOVA SCOTIA

Correspondence has been received by email regarding the establishment of a Buy Local Movement in Shelburne County with the support of BALLE (Business Alliance for Local Living Economies) Nova Scotia.

Resolution COW100613

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the information provided be forwarded to Mr. Gary Thomas, President of the Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce, and that a letter of response be sent to Dayle Eshelby who has provided this information indicating that Mr. Thomas is the president of the local Chamber of Commerce and a contact number for him.

Motion carried unanimously.

BURSARY

Members were informed that eleven (11) applications have been received for the Municipal Bursary for the coming year. The bursary applications will be reviewed by members at the end of this meeting.

CAUCUS INVITATION

Resolution COW100614

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that the Nova Scotia Government Caucus be invited to hold a meeting in the Barrington area for a few days and tour the Barrington area while they are here, and that this be done at Provincial Government expense.

Motion carried unanimously.

LIGHTHOUSE ROAD

As yet the requested graveling of Lighthouse Road has not been done by the local Department of Transportation.

Resolution COW100615

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to Mr. Acker, the local Supervisor for the Department of Transportation, indicating that although it is a busy time now, Council would like to have a reply to their request for graveling of Lighthouse Road, and would like to know when graveling will be done.

Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Resolution COW100616

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the local Department of Transportation Office asking for information regarding what plans there are to do repairs to the shoulder of the road in the South Side area, and generally to check the roads throughout the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW100617

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that the matter of designating active transportation areas in the Municipality for future D.O.T. projects be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee for consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

BMHS GIRLS SOFTBALL PROVINCIALS

Members were informed that the Barrington Municipal High School will be hosting Girls High School Softball Provincials beginning on Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be an opening ceremony at 3:15 p.m. on that day. Councillor Stoddard agreed to attend on behalf of the Municipality.

CONTINUATION OF MEETING

Resolution COW100618

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Hatfield that having reached the hour of 10:00 p.m. the meeting continue until all business has been completed.

Motion carried unanimously.

EASTLINK MEETING

Correspondence was received by email today indicating that representatives of Eastlink wish to meet with municipal representatives on Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m., in the municipal building. The Warden will attend this meeting together with the Deputy Clerk as the Clerk will be attending the Association of Municipal Administrators Spring Workshop at that time.

HATTIE PERRY BENCH

The bench purchased by the Municipality in memory of Hattie Perry will be unveiled at Barrington Municipal High School tomorrow morning at 11:00 a.m. Councillor Hatfield informed members that he will be attending a Grade 7 class concerning addiction counseling as a municipal councillor also tomorrow morning at the High School.

BURSARY

Bursary applications were received from the following individuals:

- Dillon Garland
- Thomas Crowell
- Lindsay Thurber
- Devon Garron
- Shawna Townsend
- Richard Clarke
- Tania Nickerson
- Katie Maxwell
- Dillon Jones
- Heidi Atwood
- Haley Williams

Members then reviewed all of these applications individually and voted to determine who should receive the bursary. The bursary was awarded by consensus of members to Devon Garron who received the most votes. This will be reported at the next subsequent Council meeting.

CLOSED SESSION RE: BUILDING INSPECTOR'S AGREEMENT

Members discussed the proposed Building Inspector's Employment Agreement at this time.

Having completed discussion of this agreement, members then returned to Open Session.

Resolution COW100619

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality enter into an employment agreement with Mr. David Andrews for the next five years for the purpose of employing him as the Municipal Building Inspector/Fire Inspector/Development Officer and By-Law Enforcement Officer.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:56 p.m.

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Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

**On website June 3, 2010.**