

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

June 7, 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, Chair
 - Murray Atkinson (6:40 p.m.)
 - Louise Halliday
 - Shaun Hatfield
 - Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
 - Cecil O'Donnell
 - Cathy Stoddard
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

CLOSED SESSION

A Closed Session was held for the purpose of discussing the Municipality's legal obligations to the South West Shore Development Authority and various aspects of legal issues related to the Authority. The discussion of the Municipality's legal position continued for approximately half and hour.

Having completed their discussion in Closed Session, members then returned to Open Session in the Council Chambers.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Clyde River.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution COW100620

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that minutes of the last previous meeting held June 1, 2010 be approved as amended. The amendment required was to revise Resolution COW100610 to include the amount of \$14,700.00 and to refer to the grant as a repayable grant, not a recoverable grant.

Motion carried unanimously.

SEAL ISLAND LIGHT MUSEUM

A summary of the engineer's assessment of the light portion of the Seal Island Light Museum had previously been circulated to members for their information and review. This report was completed by CBCL Consultants and provides two options for repair of the light.

Resolution COW100621

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that CBCL be requested to provide estimated costs of the proposed options for repairs to the Seal Island Light.

Motion carried unanimously.

In the interim, the Cape Sable Historical Society has cordoned off the upper portion of the light so that visitors cannot enter that section.

Also, municipal employees will try to obtain funding for any repairs that may be required to the light.

WOOD'S HARBOUR BALLFIELD REPAIRS

A report was provided by the Property Services Manager indicating that repairs to the Wood's Harbour Ballfield are estimated to cost in the range of \$2,000.00, plus HST, for materials. Municipal employees will provide the labour to effect the repairs.

Members then considered whether or not the Municipality should take over the ballfield as requested.

Resolution COW100622

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality take over ownership of the Wood's Harbour Ballfield.

Motion carried unanimously.

FIRE SERVICES FUND

Members were informed that information has been received from our Municipal Solicitor and from our Municipal Advisor indicating that it is possible to set up a Fire Services Fund. This fund should specify the purpose of the fund and what the funds are to be used for. Once this is done, these restrictions will be placed on the fund. The establishment of such a fund will be further considered during budget considerations.

SOUTH WEST SHORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Resolution COW100623

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality cease membership in the South West Shore Development Authority, effective immediately, and have the Municipal Solicitor send correspondence to the Authority indicating Council's decision.

Motion carried unanimously.

WEBCAST

Information regarding the recording of minutes of council and committee meetings has been received from Blair Mitchell regarding the cost of recording meetings and webcasting them on the Municipality's website.

There is a meeting scheduled on Friday afternoon with representatives from Eastlink Cable. The Warden and Deputy Clerk will meet with their representatives as requested.

Resolution COW100624

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that this matter be reviewed at the next Committee of the Whole so that the Warden has a chance to meet with Eastlink first.

Motion carried unanimously

WASTE COLLECTION

The Warden has received an email from Mr. Charles Stanley as has all other councillors. Correspondence has also been received from Wood's Harbour Lobster. Both of these matters refer to the collection of organic waste in green carts.

It was the general consensus of members that Municipal waste collection should include collection of at least two green carts of organic waste regardless of whether or not it is production waste. This matter will be further discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting tomorrow afternoon.

POLICY AMENDMENTS RE: GRANTS

Policy No. 42 "Community Grants", No. 49 "Grants to Organizations", and No. 58 "Playground Funding Policy", have all been put on the agenda for further discussion at the request of members.

Resolution COW100625

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that Policy No. 58 be amended by deleting in paragraph 7 the requirement for the March 31st deadline.

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that the amendment be applicable to the 2011/2012 fiscal year.

AFFIRMATIVE

Donna Messenger

NEGATIVE

Murray Atkinson

George-El-Jakl

Louise Halliday

Shaun Hatfield

Cecil O'Donnell

Cathy Stoddard

Motion defeated.

The main motion was then put to a vote and carried.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson

George El-Jakl

Shaun Hatfield

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Cecil O'Donnell

Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

Louise Halliday

Motion carried.

It was agreed by consensus of members that the Municipal Clerk draft a proposed policy for municipal grants which would replace Policy No. 42 and Policy No. 49 which would then be repealed.

Resolution COW100626

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipal Clerk draft a new policy entitled "Municipal Grant Policy" for consideration of members. It is the intention that once this policy is approved, Policy No. 42 "Community Grants Policy", and Policy 49 "Grants to Organizations" will be deleted.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

PORTABLE TOILETS

Members were updated on the current condition and vandalism activities surrounding the portable toilets rented and placed on municipal property. This is for their information only.

CLYDE RIVER

Members were informed by the councillor for District 4 that there is debris collecting near the old dam and cement bridge on the Quinn's Falls Road where it meets the Clyde River.

Resolution COW100627

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by L. Halliday that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Department of Natural Resources and the Provincial Minister of Fisheries requesting that this area be cleaned out and that a boom be placed across the river to prevent further accumulation of debris at this site.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 8:50 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website June 8, 2010.