

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

June 21, 2010

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, at 6:09 p.m., in the Jury Room, in the Court Room of the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Cathy Stoddard, Chair
  - Murray Atkinson
  - George El-Jakl
  - Louise Halliday
  - Shaun Hatfield
  - Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
  - Cecil O'Donnell (6:20 p.m.)
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

### CLOSED SESSION

Members entered into a Closed Session for the purpose of updating the current legal situation for the South West Shore Development Authority and reviewing the Physician Recruitment Agreement for Dr. Abud, and for the purpose of discussing the Municipal Waste Collection Agreement.

Members heard updates on these matters and discussed these matters until 6:50 p.m. at which time the Closed Session was ended.

### OPEN SESSION

Members convened for the Open Session of the Committee of the Whole at 7:00 p.m. to continue their meeting.

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- D.O.T. Matter.
- Closed Sessions.
- James Mood Request.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that the minutes of the meetings held June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

JESSICA ATWOOD - REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Hatfield declared conflict of interest and proceeded to the public gallery for consideration of a request for financial assistance from Jessica Atwood who is his niece.

Jessica Atwood was then invited to appear before the committee to discuss her financial assistance request.

On May 30, 2010 Jessica Atwood was crowned Miss Teen Nova Scotia. She will now be attending the Miss Teen Canada - World event in Toronto on July 10 - 18, 2010. She is in the process of raising funds to pay for this competition and also needs to raise \$400.00 for a "Free the Children Fund". The "Free the Children Fund" is an organization sponsored by the Miss Teen Canada - World sponsors which tries to raise funds for disadvantaged children in third world countries.

Resolution COW100637

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that when the budget is approved a donation of \$400.00 be made to the "Free the Children Fund" on behalf of Jessica Atwood.

Motion carried unanimously.

Jessica was then presented with some lapel pins and writing pens by the Chair to be presented to other contestants at the competition.

Having completed her presentation, Jessica then retired from the meeting.

Councillor Hatfield then returned to take his seat at the table.

WASTE COLLECTION

Mr. Joel Nickerson and Mr. Dale Lamrock appeared before Council for the purpose of discussing the municipal waste collection. Mr. Nickerson represents Ships Lobster which is a business in the community that employs approximately 12 people. Mr. Lamrock represented Wood's Harbour Lobster which is also a local business employing people in the community.

Mr. Nickerson informed members that for two months there has been no collection of green bins at his facility. He indicated that this is causing a lot of “headache” to his business. It is costing him more money to haul this waste away because the Municipal Collector will no longer collect two bins of lobster waste from his facility. Mr. Nickerson indicated that this must be done and that the lobster waste must be picked up. He felt this is a service that is necessary to be provided to his facility since it should be included in what part of his tax dollars are paying for in the municipal waste collection. He indicated that in the last year he had been dumping as many as five (5) bins per week in the municipal waste collection and was not now getting any service for his dollar. He indicated that the Canadian Food Inspection Agency was at his plant several times a week and that it was unacceptable for him to keep this waste on site for lengthy times. Mr. Nickerson wanted to know why the contract was not being fulfilled and why the waste was not being picked up as it was in the past. He indicated that it was time that Council made a decision one way or the other regarding this waste. He also indicated that he felt that production waste came from a process that altered the state of the material and he felt that the lobster processing facilities were not altering the state of lobsters. He also indicated that if no production waste was to be picked up then nothing should be picked up from restaurants or stores either.

Resolution COW100638

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the Committee continue to discuss this matter until the discussion has been completed.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

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

**NEGATIVE**

Murray Atkinson  
Louise Halliday

Motion carried.

Resolution COW100639

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that:

**WHEREAS** it has been the practice in the past for the Municipal Waste Collector to pick up two green bins of organic waste from each business in the community;

**THEREFORE** the Municipal Waste Collector shall continue to pick up two (2) green carts from each business in the Municipality pending the legal advice of the Municipal Solicitor.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

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

**NEGATIVE**

Murray Atkinson  
Louise Halliday  
Cathy Stoddard

Motion carried.

Mr. Nickerson and Mr. Lamrock then retired from the meeting.

**SHELBURNE COUNTY RECREATION SOCIETY - INDOOR POOL**

Jennifer Spencer appeared before the meeting on behalf of the Shelburne County Recreation Society. She reviewed the Aquatic Needs Analysis that had been completed by consultants. She indicated that the Society that had been organized to have this Needs Analysis completed was now about to dissolve and would provide the remaining \$700 - \$800 of funds to the Shelburne County Fair Play Fund. The Society has concluded that this is not the right time for this project to move ahead. Mrs. Spencer indicated that the Needs Assessment is available for use in the future if this project or a similar project should proceed at a later date.

Having completed her presentation, Mrs. Spencer then retired from the meeting.

**SEAL ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM**

Correspondence has been received from CBCL Consultants Ltd. regarding the Seal Island Lighthouse. In their email correspondence CBCL indicates that further evaluation of the lighthouse would be necessary in order to determine the cost of repairs. In their report, CBCL indicates there are two options for repair; one which they term an historic repair would be to actually restore the metal ring at the top of the lighthouse, and the second one is what they term "insitu reinforcement" which they believe would be cheaper and would nevertheless adequately reinforce the light.

Resolution COW100640

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality obtain an estimate of the cost of further engineering examination to determine the work required, and an estimated cost of the “insitu reinforcement” repairs to the Seal Island Light as soon as possible.

Motion carried unanimously.

WEB CAST

This matter had been deferred at a previous meeting to allow for time for the Warden to meet with Eastlink Cable. The Eastlink Cable meeting slated for last Friday had subsequently been cancelled. It is reported in the newspaper that local staff who produce and take municipal council meetings and broadcast them on Eastlink Cable have been laid off.

Resolution COW100641

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality purchase a good digital tape recorder and post the recordings on the municipal website.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Murray Atkinson  
Louise Halliday  
Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Cecil O’Donnell  
Cathy Stoddard

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Resolution COW100642

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality send correspondence to EastLink Cable asking them what are their intentions regarding the taping and telecast of municipal council meetings and can this still be done once a month.

Motion carried unanimously.

DO FOR OTHERS CLUB

Correspondence has been received from the Do For Others Club in Wood’s Harbour with a Community Grant request. The Club is requesting a donation of \$1,000.00 towards the mowing of the Greenwood Cemetery.

Warden El-Jakl agreed to discuss this matter with the applicants.

#### SHEROSE ISLAND - FEDERAL PROPERTIES

Correspondence has been received from Public Works and Government Services Canada indicating that they now wish to dispose of 1.755 acres of property located on Sherose Island. This federal government property is the site of the former Commanding Officer's house with CFS Barrington. The property is located on the right hand side of the entry to the Municipal Recreation Complex from the Sherose Island Road.

#### Resolution COW100643

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that correspondence be sent to Public Works and Government Services Canada indicating that the Municipality is interested in acquiring this property providing there are no environmental issues attached to it.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### ENERGY AUDIT

This matter was referred to the committee from a previous meeting.

It was suggested that there are many things brought up in the Energy Audit that may need to be reviewed by municipal employees to determine more practicality.

#### Resolution COW100644

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that the Energy Audit be circulated to municipal employees for the purpose of determining a list of items compiled by employees that may be addressed to conserve energy in the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Resolution COW100645

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that an anti-idling policy be drafted by municipal employees for the use of municipal vehicles.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATOR

It was reported to members that as a result of discussions with Louise Watson from the Provincial Department of Economic Development that the CAO for the Municipality of Shelburne is preparing a proposal for funding of an Economic Development Co-ordinator for Shelburne County for a period of twelve (12) months.

### COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOLS

Members were provided with a copy of the Facility Use Agreement between the Municipality and Barrington Municipal High School. They were also provided with a copy of a news article from the Coast Guard of October 21, 2008, and with a copy of a letter to the Tri-County Regional School Board from the Nova Scotia Department of Education. In this letter it is stated that: "It has been determined that the existing School Board liability coverage provides School Boards with the desired protection associated with community access to school facilities. As a result you are requested to revise your policy and practice by terminating the requirement of community groups to provide proof of insurance prior to renting school facilities. This change applies to community groups and/or individual members of the public."

As a result it is now no longer necessary for the Municipality to sponsor community groups using the High School. In the past this was necessary so that these community groups would be provided with insurance coverage. This is no longer necessary. The only groups that are using the school, that it is now necessary for the Municipality to sponsor, are those programs being conducted by the Municipal Recreation Department.

### Resolution COW100646

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Tri-County Regional School Board indicating that the Municipality will, in future, only be responsible for community programs being conducted in the local schools, and that other community groups will be requested to deal with the schools directly and not through municipal sponsorship.

Motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the letter from the Department of Education to the Tri-County Regional School Board will be attached to the Municipality's letter.

### BUSINESS PARK UPDATE

Members were informed of the progress being made on the construction of the business park in Barrington Passage. It is expected that the construction work will be finished by the end of this week. The base layer of paving will be completed in the parkway as far as the power line. After one frost season the second layer of paving will be put on this portion of the road next spring. The power poles have been moved along Sterl's Road and the power will be installed in the remainder of the park by mid July. The appropriate consultation has been done with ACOA regarding these changes and the appropriate extension of time for the contract will be obtained from ACOA.

### EASTLINK HIGH SPEED INTERNET

Members were informed that there are inconsistencies in the provision of access to high speed internet in the local area by Eastlink. As a result some residences are able to access high speed internet and others are not.

Resolution COW100647

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that correspondence be sent to the Province and Eastlink Cable Ltd. asking when 100% wireless access will be available to residents of the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

MUNICIPAL GRANTS POLICY

A draft Municipal Grants Policy has been circulated to members for their consideration and review. It is anticipated this policy will replace the Community Grants Policy and the Grants to Organization Policy now in place.

There then followed some discussion regarding various aspects of the proposed policy.

Resolution COW100648

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by G. El-Jakl that further discussion of the proposed Municipal Grants Policy be deferred to the second subsequent Committee of the Whole meeting to give members an opportunity to review and consider it further.

Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED ARENA BUDGET

A drafted proposed Arena budget had been circulated to members together with the agenda. This budget has been revised by the Arena Manager. Further analysis is still being done of the telephone bill from the previous year and this analysis when completed will be brought forward to members.

Resolution COW100649

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by M. Atkinson that the revised Arena budget be accepted and included in the current years' municipal operating budget, and that the additional information regarding the prior year's phone bill will be provided as requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ISSUE

Members were informed that the stop sign at the end of the Clyde road is no longer visible as it is obscured by bushes.

Resolution COW100650

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that correspondence be sent to the local D.O.T. Office requesting that the bushes be cut and cleared away from the stop sign at the end of the Clyde road.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSIONS

It was indicated by a member that beginning closed sessions at 6:00 p.m. is difficult as it does not allow adequate time for members to arrive for the beginning of the meeting.

It was suggested that the Closed Sessions be started at 6:30 p.m. and the regular meetings of Council be deferred to 7:30 p.m., if necessary.

Resolution COW100651

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that for a trial period the closed sessions begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by the regular scheduled meetings when the closed session is completed.

Motion carried unanimously.

JAMES MOOD REQUEST

Correspondence has been received from Mr. James Mood requesting use of the Arena on behalf of Gilbert Devine, Steven Goreham, James Mood, Cecil Mood Jr. and Marvin Stoddard.

These individuals are requesting the use of the Barrington Arena for a meeting on behalf of our communities to generate interest to rebuild the economy. They are requesting the use of the Arena at no cost.

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Barrington Municipal Arena be provided to these individuals as requested as long as there is proof of adequate security, that the facility will be cleaned up afterwards by the users, and that they will be in compliance with all of our Arena policies and that it will be provided free of charge with no rent.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Shaun Hatfield  
Cecil O'Donnell

**NEGATIVE**

Murray Atkinson  
George El-Jakl  
Louise Halliday  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Cathy Stoddard

Motion defeated.

Resolution COW100652

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that Mr. Mood be informed that the Arena will be provided as requested as long as the rent is paid and the Arena Policy is followed.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 9:36 p.m.

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Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

**On website June 23, 2010.**