

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

November 1, 2010

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Mink Ranch.
- Sandra Wilson Request for Funding.
- Herring Workers Assistance.
- December Meetings.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that the minutes of the last previous meeting held October 18, 2010 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

QUEEN OF HEARTS DORY CLUB REQUEST

Information has been received from the Queen of Hearts Dory Club indicating that they have purchased a wharf at North East Point from the previous owner, Mr. Brian Townsend. The Club intends to develop this wharf and has provided a drawing of the proposed development. The Club is required to get consent from the up-land property owner in order to get permission from the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources to develop this wharf. The Municipality is the up-land property owner and therefore the Club is requesting the Municipality to provide the proper consent form.

Resolution COW101101

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality provide the proper consent as up-land owner of the property adjacent to the wharf being developed by the Queen of Hearts Dory Club.

Motion carried unanimously.

SHAG HARBOUR INCIDENT SOCIETY

A request has been received from the Shag Harbour Incident Society for supplies for a punch being provided at a Veteran's Christmas Party to be held on Friday, November 26th.

Councillors agreed that they would provide the required ingredients for the punch individually.

SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY

It is requested that the Municipality again advertise for the sale of municipal property. Four properties had previously been listed for sale and at that time none of the properties were sold. The properties proposed to be sold by publicly advertising for sale are:

- 6315 No. 3 Highway, Wood's Harbour
- A vacant lot in Wood's Harbour
- A vacant lot in Lower Clark's Harbour
- Civic #1152, Stoney Island Road

The Shag Harbour Incident Society is interested in using the property at 6315, Hwy. 3, in Wood's Harbour, as a site for a museum. At the present time the Society is unable to obtain funds to buy a property, but may be able to find funds for renovation or upgrade of a property from various government sources. The members of the Society who were in attendance this evening were informed that the Municipality has a policy for sale of municipal property. This is Policy No. 12. It would be necessary to follow this policy for the sale of this property unless Council was willing to waive the policy. In any case, the Municipal Government Act provides for similar conditions as are stated in Policy No.12 for the sale of municipal property.

Resolution COW101102

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that information be provided to councillors regarding the sale of this property.

Motion carried unanimously.

DIALYSIS CLINIC

At 7:30 members asked Cathy Blades, who was in attendance on behalf of the District Health Authority, to discuss the provision of a renal dialysis satellite clinic in the Municipality.

Mrs. Blades then addressed members regarding the provision of this service to municipal residents. She indicated that the District Health Authority has recently completed an agreement with the Capital District Health Authority for the provision of home dialysis services in this area. These services will soon begin being given support through the Yarmouth Regional Hospital so that home dialysis services will be available within the district. The equipment resources have not yet been determined, nevertheless, it has been identified that there will be no cost to our patients when this service is provided in the home. Individuals will have a choice of continuing their current treatment system or having in-home dialysis service.

Having completed her discussion of this matter, Mrs. Blades was thanked for her contribution and then retired from the meeting.

SURPLUS PROPERTIES CONTINUED

Resolution COW101103

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by L. Halliday that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality offer three (3) of the properties for sale, but postpone the sale of the property in Wood's Harbour until further information is provided for consideration of members.

Motion carried unanimously.

REFRIGERATION CERTIFICATION

Information has been circulated to members by email regarding the refrigeration certification requirements for the Arena Manager.

As this is a matter that deals with an individual employee, the matter was deferred by mutual consent of members to a closed session regarding personnel matters at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

BIOSOLIDS AS FUEL

This matter had been placed on the agenda and information circulated to members regarding the use of biosolids as fuel by various industries.

Resolution COW101104

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Nova Scotia Minister of Environment to inquire as to whether initiatives or programs currently exist in our province regarding the use of biosolids as fuel or fertilizer.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW101105

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to Nova Scotia Power Inc. asking if they are exploring, or if they would consider exploring, the use of biosolids as a source of environmentally friendly fuel in our province.

Motion carried unanimously.

DEFIBRILLATOR

A patron of the Barrington Municipal Arena, Mr. Kevin Murphy, has offered to donate a defibrillator to the Municipal Arena. The Arena Manager has done substantial investigation into the use of defibrillators and has determined that this would provide useful emergency equipment to the Municipality. The Municipal insurers have also been consulted and have indicated that the use of a defibrillator should be accompanied by proper training for municipal employees in its use, and also for regular maintenance checks of the equipment to ensure that it continues to be operational. A policy will be drafted and put in place to ensure that these requirements are met on a continuing basis.

Resolution COW101106

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality accept the donation of a defibrillator from Mr. Kevin Murphy, with thanks, and that the proper training and maintenance procedures be put in place to ensure its continued usefulness.

Motion carried unanimously.

WASTE COLLECTION

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

Resolution COW101107

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality pay an additional \$2,500.00 to the Waste Collector for the spring clean-up completed in the spring of 2010.

Motion carried unanimously.

C.S.I. SEWER

This matter was deferred to the committee from a previous meeting of Council.

Information for the C.S.I. Sewer project was provided to members along with the agenda. This is a summary of information that had already been provided to members at various times. A listing of the advantages and disadvantages of the project and also the various financial costs to the project were provided to members. Municipal statistics regarding populations, privately occupied dwellings and comparative sewer statistics were also attached to the agenda. This information was discussed. It was also indicated that there may be an additional property available for a sewage treatment plant on Cape Sable Island. This property had previously been referred to the Project Managers for comment and was found not suitable, however, it will be referred to them again for confirmation.

It was agreed by members that a C.S.I. sewer would continue to be placed on the agenda of various municipal meetings until a decision has been reached regarding the project.

PLANNING ORIENTATION

Councillor Hatfield will be attending a Planning Orientation at the District Planning Commission offices in Tusket.

Resolution COW101108

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that expenses incurred by Councillor Hatfield to attend a Planning Orientation Session at the DPC Office in Tusket be paid for by the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

BY-LAW NO. 25, "TAX EXEMPTIONS"

Prior to the meeting information had been attached to the agenda regarding the exemptions provided to non profit community and charitable organizations under By-Law No. 25. These organizations currently have their taxes reduced from the commercial tax rate to the residential tax rate and then further reduced by one third. The effect of these reductions is that these eight organizations are paying two thirds of the residential tax rate, plus the area fire rates where applicable, plus the annual sewer rates where applicable. The total amount of actual property taxes paid by these eight organizations is less than \$2,500.00.

Resolution COW101109

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that the organizations listed in By-Law No. 25 as non profit, community and charitable organizations, be given the full tax exemption as is already provided to other organizations identified in By-Law No. 25.

Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAW NO. 9 "PEACE, ORDER, MISCHIEF NUISANCES"

Proposed amendments to this by-law were previously circulated to members and also attached to the agenda. It is proposed that this by-law be brought up to date by removing dated terms and replacing them with current terms. It is also proposed that the references to the hours indicated in the by-law be referred to as A.M. and P.M. rather than forenoon and afternoon.

Members began to review this by-law. It was found that more time would be required for the review of this by-law than was available this evening.

Resolution COW101110

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that further review of By-Law No. 9 be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY GRANT REQUEST

A Community Grant request has been received from the Riverdale Cemetery. Information provided in the request indicates that the total cost of the project that the cemetery is requesting is for a grant of the maintenance of the grounds and gates, the total cost of which is \$827.50. The grant requested from Council is \$800.00.

Resolution COW101111

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that a grant of \$600.00 be provided from District 3 Community Grants Fund to the Riverdale Cemetery for the purpose of maintenance of the grounds and gates.

Motion carried unanimously.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A Nominating Committee meeting was held as part of the Committee of the Whole in order to establish the list of members on various committees for the coming year. The proposed list of committees will be attached to the minutes and circulated for the information of members.

Resolution COW101112

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the proposed list of committee membership, as attached, be approved in total.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

MINK FARM

Councillor O'Donnell is requesting permission to attend a meeting with the Department of Agriculture and the owners of the mink farm, which will be held some time during the month of November.

Resolution COW101113

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that Councillor O'Donnell attend the meeting between the owners of the mink farm and the representatives of the Department of Agriculture, in mid November, providing he is given permission by the property owners.

Motion carried unanimously.

SANDRA WILSON REQUEST

Sandra Wilson has indicated by telephone that she would like to appeal to the Farm Practices Board regarding the operation of the mink farm. The cost of this appeal is estimated to be \$250.00.

Resolution COW101114

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality pay the \$250.00 fee for an appeal by Sandra Wilson to the Farm Practices Board, providing this expenditure is permitted by the Municipal Government Act.

Motion carried unanimously.

HERRING WORKERS' AGREEMENT

Members were informed through email that a proposed Herring Workers Agreement has been provided to the Municipality by the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture. This agreement was received late Friday afternoon. At that time an email was sent to members proposing that a Special Meeting of Council be held this evening in order to deal with this agreement. Members agreed by consensus to have a Special Meeting of Council following the conclusion of the Committee of the Whole meeting this evening.

SCHEDULE OF DECEMBER MEETINGS

A proposed schedule of December meetings includes a Committee of the Whole meeting on December 20th which is the Monday before Christmas.

Resolution COW101115

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for December 20, 2010 be cancelled.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 9:27 p.m.

_____ Chair

_____ Secretary for the Meeting

On website November 3, 2010.

