

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

November 15, 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, 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 illness in his family.

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

### CLOSED SESSION RE: PERSONNEL MATTER

Members met in the Jury Room to discuss a personnel matter concerning the refrigeration certification of the Arena Manager.

Having completed their discussion of this matter, members then retired to the Conference Room to continue their meeting.

### ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following item was added to the agenda:

- Community Meeting.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by C. Stoddard that the minutes of the last previous meeting held November 1, 2010 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

BARRINGTON REGIONAL CURLING CLUB MONTHLY REPORT

Mr. Wayne Mullins appeared before the meeting on behalf of the Barrington Regional Curling Club. Mr. Mullins indicated that membership currently stands at 120. There were 129 members last year and it is expected that the membership will increase to this number again this year as the curling season begins.

Mr. Mullins also indicated that the fan in the men's washroom has not been repaired and that the security light at the barbeque building has not as yet been repaired. He was informed that the Municipality has been in touch with the electrician contracted to do electrical work for the Municipality and he has yet to respond to address these matters.

Mr. Mullins also indicated that the curling club is experiencing problems with the water supply. The water requires filtering in order to clean impurities so that it is acceptable for making ice. This is an ongoing problem that is also apparent at the Barrington Municipal Arena. Mr. Mullins suggested that it may be possible for a new well to be drilled that would service the curling club and recreation centre only. It was suggested that the pipes from the water supply to the various facilities may be causing the impurities as these are pipes that have been in place since the property was used as PMQs by the Department of National Defence. This problem is one which will need to be dealt with in future by the Municipality.

CAPE SABLE ISLAND SEWER PRESENTATION BY EDDIE NICKERSON

Mr. Nickerson requested that his presentation be deferred until after Item 12 on the agenda in order that he may hear additional discussion regarding the matter. After further consideration Mr. Nickerson indicated that he would not make his presentation this evening and if he wished to do so he would contact the Municipal Office to arrange for a presentation at a later date.

CAPE SABLE ISLAND SEWER

Members then discussed the proposed project for the Cape Sable Island Sewer. The Project Manager, Mr. Willard d'Eon, will meet with Council at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> in order to further discuss the various options available and respond to any questions members may have.

There was no further discussion or decisions made on the matter at this meeting.

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

Proposed amendments to this by-law have been previously circulated to members for their information and review.

Notice of motion regarding amendments to this by-law was circulated by Councillor Hatfield to all councillors prior to this meeting.

Resolution COW101116

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that Paragraph 1 be amended to read: “No person shall without reasonable cause use a sound transmitting apparatus or make any disturbing noise in any public way or place or in the vicinity thereof in the Municipality between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.”

There then followed some discussion concerning the term “reasonable cause”.

The division was then requested on the motion.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

George El-Jakl  
Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Cathy Stoddard

**NEGATIVE**

Louise Halliday  
Cecil O’Donnell

Motion carried.

Resolution COW101117

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O’Donnell that Paragraph 2(1) of By-Law No. 9 be amended to read: “except between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m., no sound transmitting apparatus shall be operated in the Municipality so that the sound transmitted is projected beyond the distance of 500 feet.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW101118

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O’Donnell that Paragraph 2(3) be amended to read: “This section shall not apply to any sound transmitting apparatus used” and that the list following remain unchanged.

Motion carried unanimously.

The appropriate changes will be made and will be brought forward to Council for first reading at the next subsequent Council meeting.

#### FALSE ALARM POLICY

Members were informed that the Municipal Clerk had met with Cst. David Lilly concerning a False Alarm Strategy being proposed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. This strategy will be put in place by all RCMP detachments across Nova Scotia. A copy of the proposed strategy will be forwarded to all municipal units. It was suggested to committee that a municipal policy may not be required once this strategy is put in place. It is recommended that the committee wait until the policy has been received from the RCMP before proceeding with development of a municipal policy.

#### SHAG HARBOUR INCIDENT SOCIETY REQUEST

Members have been provided with information regarding the sale of Municipal property. The Shag Harbour Incident Society wishes to view one of the municipal properties before it makes any request for purchasing or lease of the property.

No further action will be required until such time as the Incident Society has completed their investigation of this particular municipal property.

#### TRI-COUNTY WOMEN'S CENTRE REQUEST FOR OFFICE SPACE

Members were informed that the Tri-County Women's Centre has requested office space in the Municipality in order to establish a location for a Mental Health Outreach Worker for Shelburne County. The space being requested is in the Community Health Centre. The Mental Health Outreach Worker will use an office at the Community Health Centre one day per week in order to consult with clients. No rent is being charged for this location and the Outreach Worker will coordinate use of this space with the other tenants in the building so there will be a minimum of expenses incurred.

#### OMBUDSMAN'S REPORT

The Ombudman's Report has been received at the Municipal Office and circulated to all members. The Ombudman's Office was consulted regarding release of the report and making it available to the public. It was indicated by staff at the Ombudsman's Office that they would make no objection to doing this.

#### Resolution COW101119

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality draft a policy to regulate the provision of economic development grants in future and that the Ombudsman's Office be informed that this policy is being drafted as recommended by them.

Motion carried unanimously.

ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Members were informed that there have been a total of 127 assessment appeals for the 2010 appeal year. These appeals have resulted in a decrease in assessment of \$2,170,900.00 to date. 123 assessment appeals have been completed and 4 are still outstanding. In the 2009 appeal year there were 146 appeals, and in the 2008 appeal year there were 99 appeals.

CAPE SABLE ISLAND LONG DISTANCE CHARGES

Long distance charges applied in the 745 exchange compared to various other telephone exchanges in Shelburne County and other parts of the area were discussed.

Resolution COW101120

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to Aliant regarding the long distance charges for the 745 exchange and requesting that the same local calling area access be provided to the 745 exchange as is now experienced in the 637 exchange.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW101121

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Town of Clark's Harbour suggesting a similar request for local and long distance charges from Aliant.

Motion carried unanimously.

BUILDING FOR INDOOR SOCCER

Correspondence has been received from a resident regarding the acquisition by the Municipality of a building to be used for indoor soccer. It was suggested that a building having an area of at least 100' X 200' be obtained so that an indoor soccer program can be conducted.

Resolution COW101122

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality notify Mr. John Shaar, who is the resident making this request, that it be will be considered when the Municipality reviews its Capital Investment Plan, and thanking him for his suggestion.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### HIGH SPEED INTERNET SERVICE

Members were informed that several complaints have been received from residents indicating that high speed internet service in the Shag Harbour, Bear Point and Wood's Harbour areas does not seem to be adequate.

#### Resolution COW101123

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by L. Halliday that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality send a letter to the Province indicating that their Broadband for Rural Nova Scotia Initiative does not appear to have provided adequate results in the Bear Point, Shag Harbour and Wood's Harbour areas and that this matter be further addressed by the Province.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### EAST LINK HOLIDAY GREETING

Correspondence has been received from Eastlink, by email, offering the opportunity for a representative from the District of Barrington to provide a Happy Holiday, Seasons Greeting, to Eastlink viewers. The representative is requested to come to the Yarmouth Office to tape such a greeting.

#### Resolution COW101124

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Warden attend at the Eastlink Office, in Yarmouth, for the purpose of taping a Holiday Greeting for residents of the Municipality on behalf of Council, and that his expenses for this purpose be paid by the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

#### COMMUNITY MEETING

It was suggested that a community meeting be held at the Stoney Island Community Hall in District 5 as soon as possible for the purpose of discussing matters with the community members in that area.

Resolution COW101125

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality make arrangements to conduct a Council meeting at the Stoney Island Community Hall in District 5 during the month of January 2011 for the purpose of receiving community comments and input.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 8:15 p.m.

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Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

**On website November 17, 2010.**