

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

January 17, 2011

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:00 p.m., at the Stoney Island Community Hall, in Stoney Island, Cape Sable Island, with the following members present:

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

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

There were also 21 residents of Cape Sable Island present at the meeting.

### WELCOME FROM COMMUNITY HALL

Mr. Russell Nickerson welcomed the councillors to the Stoney Island Community Hall and to the community for their meeting.

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### INTRODUCTIONS

Council members and the Clerk then introduced themselves to the members of the public who were present.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by M. Atkinson that minutes of the last previous meeting held January 4, 2011 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The meeting was then opened to public consultation with those members of the public who were present. Individuals were invited to present any concerns or comments they may have to the Committee.

At this time there were no comments brought forward. As a result it was suggested that the public members be invited to make their comments as the items on the agenda were discussed by committee members.

It was agreed by unanimous consent of committee members that this procedure would be followed.

### SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING WITH FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Members were informed that an email had been received from the Chair of the Fire Chiefs Committee indicating that they were willing to have their Semi-Annual Meeting of Fire Departments with the Committee on January 31, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

There then followed some discussion regarding conducting this meeting as part of a Committee of the Whole meeting. It had previously been suggested that the fire department meetings be separate meetings in order to allow them adequate time to discuss their issues.

#### Resolution COW11015

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Semi-Annual Meeting with Fire Departments be conducted on January 31, 2011, as agreed, and that the Committee of the Whole meeting for that evening be rescheduled to Tuesday, February 1, 2011.

Motion carried unanimously.

### COMMUNITY LITTER CLEAN-UP

For the last 6 or 7 years the Municipality has conducted a Community Litter Clean-up Program. Under this program the Municipality pays \$100.00 per kilometre to individuals and organizations who clean the litter on both sides of the highway within the Municipality. The local Tim Horton's franchise has regularly made contributions to the cost of this litter clean-up program.

#### Resolution COW110116

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that a contest be initiated in the local elementary schools for the Litter Clean-up Program to increase the education level of students in regards to littering in the community.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW110117

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that it be recommended to Council that recognition in the form of a plaque be presented to the local Tim Horton's franchise in recognition of their continued support of the Community Litter Clean-up Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW110118

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that \$10,000.00 be included in the Municipal Budget for the purpose of the 2011 Community Litter Clean-up Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

CSI SEWER

The current situation with the CSI Sewer was briefly reviewed. Members were informed that as a result of advertising eight (8) properties had been brought forward by private individuals for potential sewage treatment plant sites on Cape Sable Island. The Project Managers have done a preliminary review of these sites and indicated that three of these eight sites may have potential for the location of a sewage treatment plant.

There then followed some discussion regarding the use of a sand filtration or textile filtration sewage treatment plant.

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Warden and CAO of the Municipality of Argyle be invited to attend a committee meeting in order to discuss the sand filtration sewage treatment plant now being operated in their Municipality.

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the previous motion be amended to also include a CBCL representative who were also consultants on the construction of Argyle's sewage treatment plant.

Amendment carried unanimously.

The division was then requested on the amended motion.

The motion as amended reads as follows:

Resolution COW110119

“...that the Warden and CAO of the Municipality of Argyle, and a CBCL representative who were also consultants on the construction of Argyle's sewage treatment plant, be invited to attend a committee meeting in order to discuss the sand filtration sewage treatment plant now being operated in their Municipality.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW110120

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Project Manager, CBCL, be requested to inform the Municipality if the preliminary evaluation of the properties may be circulated as public information.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was also suggested that the representatives from Argyle invite some residents who are connected to the system to also attend the committee meeting in Barrington.

COMMUNITY GRANT REQUEST

A Community Grant request has been received from Barrington Minor Ball. This organization is requesting a Community Grant of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of erecting grandstands for seating at the ballfield in Barrington.

Resolution COW110121

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that a Community Grant of \$500.00 be provided from the District 3 Community Grant Funds to Barrington Minor Ball for the purpose of erecting seats at the Barrington ballfield.

Motion carried unanimously.

SEAL ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM REPAIRS

The Municipality owns the Seal Island light which is located at the top of the Seal Island Lighthouse Museum building. The light is in need of repairs as the metal of which it is made has deteriorated over the years. An estimate has been received from engineers indicating that a proposed budget of \$80,000.00, plus HST, would be appropriate for this work.

Resolution COW110122

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality request a grant of \$80,000.00 from the Province of Nova Scotia for the purpose of repairing the Seal Island Light.

Motion carried unanimously.

This information will be forwarded to the Cape Sable Historical Society.

D.O.T. COST SHARED PAVING OF SUBDIVISION STREETS 2011/2012

Information on this program had been circulated to members for their consideration. The Department of Transportation is asking the Municipality to submit the list of roads which they may wish to share in the cost of paving in the 2011/2012 fiscal year.

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There then followed some discussion regarding the paving of the lower portion of McGray Avenue, in North East Point, on Cape Sable Island.

Much discussion followed regarding the paving of this road and its relationship to the Municipality which has a boardwalk bordering on this roadway.

At the present time no action was recommended by the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at approximately 9:00 p.m.

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Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

**On website January 19, 2011.**