

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

February 7, 2011

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:

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

Absent was Warden El-Jakl who away on a business trip.

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- North East Point Wharf.
- Poster Contest.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. O'Donnell that minutes of the committee meeting held January 31, 2011 and the committee meeting held February 3, 2011 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

SENIOR SERVICES PROGRAM

Shawna Symonds, the Senior Services Coordinator, appeared before the meeting for the purpose of making a presentation on the Senior Services Program offered in Shelburne County.

Mrs. Symonds made a brief power point presentation of the programs offered through Senior Services in Shelburne County. She also indicated that there are 3,480 seniors in Shelburne County, representing 22% of the population. In the Municipality of Barrington, there are 1,245 seniors representing 17% of the population.

The Senior Services is requesting funding of \$7,590.88 from the Municipality of Barrington for the coming fiscal year. This amounts to \$6.10 for each senior in the Municipality.

Mrs. Symonds indicated that there are approximately 20 volunteers helping to provide these senior services in the coming year. A new program that has been started as of January 1st is the Senior Safety Program which will be provided in cooperation with the local RCMP Detachments.

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

BARRINGTON REGIONAL CURLING CLUB

Mr. Elwin Smith, President of the Barrington Regional Curling Club, appeared before the meeting for the purpose of giving a verbal report.

Mr. Smith indicated that the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Curling Club was held approximately two weeks ago and over 100 people attended. He indicated that membership is much the same as in the previous year although memberships in both Shelburne, Digby and Clare clubs are believed to have decreased. There were 24 teams in the Lobster Spiel held the previous weekend. Although it is not possible to accurately judge the savings in power resulting from the IREP Program, thus far it is believed that the savings could be as much as \$500.00 per month. Mr. Smith reiterated that the water quality at the Curling Club needs to be addressed. He indicated that having consulted with others involved in water quality control, they believe that the water at the Curling Club is high in manganese. It was suggested that a sand filter could be provided at an approximate cost of \$3,000.00 to improve the quality of the water.

Having completed his discussion of Curling Club matters, Mr. Smith then retired from the meeting at approximately 7:35 p.m.

SENIOR SERVICES FUNDING REQUEST

As previously noted, the Shelburne County Senior Services Society is requesting \$7,590.88 for the coming fiscal year. This compares to funding of \$4,712.00 in the previous years.

Resolution COW110222

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that funding be approved for Shelburne County Senior Services in the amount of \$7,590.88 providing other municipal units in the County also provide their proportional funding.

Motion carried unanimously.

38TH LEFT HANDER'S WORLD CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Atkinson declared conflict of interest and retired from the meeting room as he is a member of this curling group.

Resolution COW110223

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that a grant of \$200.00 be provided to this curling team providing they take municipal promotional materials with them for distribution at the curling championships.

AFFIRMATIVE

Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell

NEGATIVE

Louise Halliday
Cathy Stoddard

Motion carried.

Councillor Atkinson then returned to the meeting room.

PERSONNEL POLICY AMENDMENT RE: CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

A proposed amendment to the Personnel Policy providing for closing of the Municipal Administration and Building Inspection offices during the Christmas season was previously circulated to members for their information.

Conflict of Interest

Councillor O'Donnell then declared conflict of interest and retired from the meeting room.

Resolution COW110224

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that the proposed amendment to the Personnel Policy Re: Christmas Closure be recommended to Council for approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor O'Donnell then returned to the meeting room.

PROPOSED POLICY RE: USE AND MAINTENANCE OF DEFIBRILLATOR

Mr. Kevin Murphy has recently donated a defibrillator to the Barrington Municipal Arena for use at that facility. In order to provide that this device is properly cared for a policy is being put in place.

Resolution COW110225

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by S. Hatfield that the proposed amendment to the Barrington Municipal Arena Policy, Re: Use and Maintenance of Defibrillators, be recommended to Council for approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN

The Capital Investment Plan from the previous year was again circulated to members for their information and review. It was suggested that the Municipality may wish to provide for more consideration of eco-tourism and health care issues in the Capital Investment Plan. It was also suggested that a separate meeting be held to consider this plan as it will require much discussion and deliberation.

Resolution COW110226

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by M. Atkinson that a separate meeting be held to discuss the Capital Investment Plan and that the Municipal Clerk send out potential meeting dates for consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

DEEMED PRESENT AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Correspondence from the Town of Mahone Bay was circulated to members regarding attendance at Council meetings via audio, visual and internet connection.

Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations has been asked to provide information regarding attendance at meetings by electronic means.

This information is provided for members awareness.

VOLUNTEER WEEK 2011

Volunteer Week this year will be held from April 10 - 16, 2011. On Tuesday April 12th, the Annual Volunteer Dinner will be held in the Municipality. On Monday, April 4th, the Provincial Volunteer Dinner will be held in Halifax.

A summary sheet of volunteer nominations, together with information on each of the volunteers who have been nominated, was circulated to members this evening for their review. Members were asked to evaluate and return these forms at the Council meeting of February 14th so that the information can be provided to the Province as required.

SHELBURNE COUNTY LOBSTER FESTIVAL GRANT REQUEST

Correspondence has been received from the Shelburne County Lobster Festival requesting a grant of \$300.00 for the festival which will be held the first week of June 2011.

Resolution COW110227

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that a grant of \$300.00 be provided to Shelburne County Lobster Festival for 2011.

Motion carried unanimously.

ROSEWAY MEDICAL CLINIC RENOVATION

Correspondence has been received from Warden Sherman Embree of the District of Shelburne with a letter attached. The letter attached is to the Minister of Health from the Town of Shelburne requesting support for renovation of the Roseway Medical Clinic.

Warden Embree is also asking other municipal units in Shelburne County to provide letters of support for the renovation of this clinic, as the doctors who serve in this clinic not only serve Roseway Hospital but also serve patients from all areas of Shelburne County, including the Municipality of Barrington.

Resolution COW110228

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality provide a letter of support for the funding of the renovation of the Roseway Medical Clinic to be sent to the Minister of Health.

Motion carried unanimously.

NORTH EAST POINT WHARF

A member informed the meeting that there had previously been a wharf on the western side of the Cape Sable Island Causeway at North East Point.

Municipal Staff will investigate the ownership of this wharf and try to determine whether or not it was a public or private wharf.

POSTER CONTEST

A poster contest is being held for the Grade 5 students at the elementary schools in the Municipality to increase their awareness of litter clean-up in the community.

It was the consensus of members that councillors from District 1 and 2 would act as judges at the Evelyn Richardson Memorial Elementary School, councillors from Districts 3 and 4 would act as judges at Forest Ridge Academy, and councillors from Districts 5, 6 and 7 would act as judges for the Cape Sable Island Elementary School.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 8:38 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website February 9, 2011.