

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

February 21, 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:

- Louise Halliday, Chair
 - Murray Atkinson
 - George El-Jakl
 - Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
 - Cecil O'Donnell
 - Cathy Stoddard
 - Shaun Hatfield (8:00 p.m.)
- Lesa Rossetti, Secretary for the Meeting

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was agreed that the following items be added to the agenda:

- Public Meeting Re: Assessment.
- Trails.
- Community Grants.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

DR. YEE AND DR. PREMACHANDRA

Dr. Yee and Dr. Premachandra were both invited to meet with Committee members as a result of the request received from Dr. Yee to share the cost of rent for the offices now occupied by Dr. Premachandra. Dr. Premachandra currently occupies the space that was formerly occupied by Dr. Lely Abud. Dr. Premachandra only requires one consultation room for his own practice, leaving one room vacant. Dr. Yee is interested in utilizing the other room as an extension to his own medical practice. This would enable him to accommodate medical students and/or family practice residents at the same time. Dr. Yee is requesting that the Municipality consider paying 50% of the rent currently being paid by Dr. Premachandra. Dr. Premachandra's total monthly rental is \$1,380.00.

Resolution COW110229

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that one of the rooms formerly occupied by Dr. Lely Abud be made available to Dr. Yee and that the Municipality pay \$690.00 per month for the use of this room for a one year period.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Yee and Dr. Premachandra were thanked for appearing before the Committee and left the meeting.

GEORGE SALISBURY RE: OBSTRUCTION OF RIGHT OF WAY

Mr. George Salisbury appeared before the Committee and expressed concern regarding his deeded right of way being obstructed.

Mr. Salisbury was advised that the Municipal Council has no jurisdiction in this matter and suggested that he contact the RCMP or a solicitor for advice.

After further discussion of this matter the following motion was made:

Resolution COW110230

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that a letter be written to the RCMP asking whether they have authority to open access to a blocked right of way, and request a response in writing.

Motion carried unanimously.

SHAG HARBOUR INCIDENT SOCIETY

Cindy Nickerson and Dale Nickerson of the Shag Harbour Incident Society appeared before the meeting.

A power point presentation was presented providing details on the Shag Harbour Incident Society Interpretive Centre/Museum.

The Society is requesting that the former Leslie Chetwynd property located in Wood's Harbour be leased to them for a long term, with an agreement that the building and the work done to it will return to the Municipality when the Centre is no longer needed or the group no longer exists.

The purpose of the Centre will be to display their collection of things relating to the story and other stories on UFOs, space and science topics.

Ms. Nickerson informed members that the Society has been in contact with the Department of Economic Development and ACOA and they have been advised that there is funding available for their project.

Resolution COW110231

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipal Clerk gather information and advise members on how to proceed to lease the former Leslie Chetwynd property located in Wood's Harbour to the Shag Harbour Incident Society.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Shaun Hatfield arrived at 8:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held February 7, 2011 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

TABLED MOTION RE: LOGS AT BROWN'S PIT

Members were informed that the matter concerning illegal dumping which has taken place on property of D. M. Snow Ltd. located at Brown's Pit Road has been referred to the Department of Environment. This matter falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of Environment since the logs are coated with creosote.

It was reported that at the October 18, 2010 meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council the following motion was tabled:

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that if the owners of property on Brown's Pit Road were willing to cover the logs that were located on their property then they be permitted to do so and not have to remove the logs.

Since the matter is now being dealt with by the Department of Environment, the following motion was made.

Resolution COW110232

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that the above motion be withdrawn.

Motion carried unanimously.

DAY OF THE HONEY BEE

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with correspondence received regarding the Day of the Honey Bee.

Resolution COW110233

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that May 29, 2011 be declared *Day of the Honey Bee* in the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

FRELICK PROPERTY

This matter was referred to Committee by Council for clarification.

It was reported that the \$1,300.00 being requested by Mr. Frelick is broken down as follows:

- \$1,000.00 was the deposit which was provided to Mr. Frelick at the time the agreement of sale was signed.
- The additional \$300.00 is as a result of costs incurred with respect to the sale of the property.

Since the \$1,000.00 deposit has already been paid to Mr. Frelick the only amount outstanding at present is the additional \$300.00 he is requesting.

This information will be brought forward at the next meeting of Council.

NORTH EAST POINT BEACH BOARDWALK

It was agreed that this matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Committee for discussion.

EVALUATION COMMITTEE RE: RFP - WASTE COLLECTION

It was agreed that the Evaluation Committee will consist of the following:

- Municipal Clerk
- George El-Jakl
- Murray Atkinson
- Cecil O'Donnell

REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY GRANT - PORT CLYDE CEMETERY

It was reported that an application has been received from the Port Clyde Cemetery for funding from the Community Grants Fund to assist with the cost of placing Class A gravel on the existing road to the cemetery. The Treasurer of the Port Clyde Cemetery is requesting a grant in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Resolution COW110234

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that a grant be provided to the Port Clyde Cemetery in the amount of \$750.00 from the District 4 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

SC TRANSPORTATION SOCIETY

It was noted that the SC Transportation Society held their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, February 16, 2011.

REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Minister of Economic Development. The letter advised that the creation of a new RDA is a priority for the Department of Economic and Rural Development and it is their intention to continue to work with municipal staff to move this forward with the urgency that is necessary to act both appropriately and collectively.

It was reported that Municipal Clerks and CAOs have been meeting to discuss options on how the region should be proceeding with economic development.

YARMOUTH HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Chair of the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation Nominating Committee. The letter advised that the Municipality could nominate a director to their board if they so wished.

Deputy Warden Messenger expressed an interest in serving on the Foundation as long as meetings didn't conflict with meetings of the Western Shelburne County Health Care Charitable Society.

Resolution COW110235

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger be nominated a Director to serve on the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation.

Motion carried unanimously.

NOVA SCOTIA TRAILS FEDERATION

Members were advised that complimentary copies of the Nova Scotia Trails 2011 calendars have been received. Calendars may be purchased from the Federation at a cost of \$15.00, plus HST.

The Chair informed members that the Barrington Bay Trail has been featured in the calendar on two occasions.

LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS

It was reported that Brendan Nickerson was selected to represent the Province on Team Nova Scotia during the Canada Winter Games that were being held in Halifax this year. Brendan Nickerson is from South Side, and is a member of the Major Midget Mustangs Team in Bridgewater.

Resolution COW110236

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that Brendan Nickerson be presented with a certificate of congratulations and that he also be presented with a sweatshirt and jacket containing the municipal logo.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed that Mr. Nickerson would be invited to attend an upcoming Council meeting to receive the above noted items.

C.S.I. SEWER OPEN HOUSE

Members were advised that arrangements are being made to meet with officials of the Municipality of Argyle to view their sewer system since it is similar to the system being proposed for Cape Sable Island.

It was agreed that the meeting with officials from the Municipality of Argyle be conducted prior to the Open House being held. The Open House was scheduled for March 12, 2011. The Open House will be rescheduled for March 26, 2011.

BARRINGTON GROUND SEARCH & RESCUE BUDGET

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of the 2011/2012 budget for the Barrington Ground Search & Rescue. The budget for 2011/2012 is \$19,200.00. Last year's budget was \$24,369.00. The municipal contribution for the upcoming budget will be \$6,674.00.

Resolution COW110237

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that the 2011/2012 budget received from the Barrington Ground Search & Rescue Group be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

ORGANIZATIONAL STUDY

The Organizational Study was briefly discussed. Topics discussed were the hiring of a CAO, and the reduction of the number of councillors from 7 to 5.

Resolution COW110238

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality move in the direction of pursuing a CAO model system pending legal advice with respect to liability.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
George El-Jakl
Shaun Hatfield
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell

Motion carried

SCHEDULE OF FEES

The Schedule of Fees were circulated.

PUBLIC MEETING RE: ASSESSMENT

Resolution COW110239

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that Kathy Gillis of Property Services Valuation Corporation be invited to hold an information session in our area.

Motion carried unanimously.

TRAILS

A member questioned why the Barrington Bay Trail was not being plowed since residents continue to use the trail in the winter.

It was agreed that this matter would be checked and information would be brought back to members.

COMMUNITY GRANT REQUEST - EVERGREEN CEMETERY

It was reported that a request has been received from the Evergreen Cemetery requesting a grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 to assist with the cost of new windows for the hall.

Resolution COW110240

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the Evergreen Cemetery be provided with a grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the District 7 Community Grants Fund to assist with the cost of windows.

Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MATTER

Question was raised as to whether a *Children Playing* sign could be posted on McGray Avenue.

Resolution COW110241

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that the Department of Transportation be contacted to determine whether it would be possible to have a *Children Playing* sign installed on McGray Avenue.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by M. Atkinson that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

_____ Chair Secretary for the Meeting

On website February 25, 2011.