

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

February 3, 2011

This meeting was postponed from Tuesday, February 1, 2011, due to the inclement weather experienced the last two days.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:30 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

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
- Shelly Blinkhorn, Arena Manager

CLOSED SESSION

The meeting entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing:

1. Personnel Matter - Employment Conditions of Arena Manager.
2. Legal Matter - Former B.M.H.S. Property.

As a result of the Closed Session the Arena Manager and the Municipal Clerk were instructed to obtain further information regarding certification requirements of the Arena Manager.

The Arena Manager then retired from the meeting.

The Municipal Clerk was instructed to have the Solicitor, acting on behalf of the Municipality, attend a meeting with the Solicitor for the School Board and for the property owner in regards to the former B.M.H.S. property.

Members then entered into Open Session at approximately 7:00 p.m.

The Arena Manager rejoined the meeting.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Use of Arena equipment.
- Service Nova Scotia Response.
- WILG Bursary.
- Grant Request.
- Statistics Canada.
- Bay Side Home.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by S. Hatfield 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 M. Atkinson that minutes of the Committee meeting held January 17, 2011 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by C. O'Donnell that minutes of the Committee meeting held January 31, 2011 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

ARENA CANCELLATION POLICY

Present for the discussion of this matter and the next two matters on the agenda was the Arena Manager.

Discussion then ensued regarding the length of time required to cancel rentals without the renter being charged.

It was the general consensus of members that any amendment being made should become effective at the beginning of the next ice rental season which would be September 1, 2011.

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that one weeks' notification be required for ice rental cancellations without the renter being charged.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Shaun Hatfield

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl
Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell
Cathy Stoddard

Motion defeated.

The previously proposed amendment of 72 hour notification will now be brought forward to Council.

IREP PROGRAM - WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM

Members were informed that additional expenses have been incurred to accommodate the IREP improvements for water purification and electrical modification costs at the Arena. The IREP Program will assist with costs but how much assistance will be provided is yet unknown. The water purification system has not yet been completed and connected and it is unknown when it will be operational. There is an estimated \$28,000 in extra costs associated with the installation of this system which must be borne by the Municipality.

ARENA EQUIPMENT USE

This matter was discussed at this time so that the Arena Manager could be present for its discussion.

A request has been received from the Rosalin Nickerson Care Fund to use the Arena staging on September 9, 2011. The *Walk for the Cause* fundraising event will be held at the Barrington Regional Curling Club on that evening and this organization is requesting use of a portion of the stage owned by the Municipality for this event.

Resolution COW110201

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Rosalin Nickerson Care Fund be permitted to use a portion of the staging owned by the Municipality for their *Walk for the Cause* fundraising event to be held on September 9, 2011 at the Barrington Regional Curling Club, providing they accept the responsibilities for the cost of any repairs or replacement should the staging be damaged.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Arena Manager then retired from the meeting at approximately 7:49 p.m.

TAX WRITE-OFF - EDDIE AND SONS FISHERIES LTD.

As a result of deletion of an account and subsequent sale of property there is an outstanding amount of taxes which is deemed to be uncollectible on the account of Eddie and Sons Fisheries Limited. The outstanding amount of taxes is \$1,086.00 and the total outstanding amount including interest is \$2,130.00.

Resolution COW110202

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that the balance of approximately \$2,130.00 on the deleted Account #06378684 be written off as it is deemed to be uncollectible.

Motion carried unanimously.

D.O.T. FIVE YEAR HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal's 5 Year Highway Improvement Program has been circulated to members for their information and review. Correspondence from the District of Shelburne to the Minister of Transportation has also been circulated for members information.

It has been suggested that the Municipality of Barrington also send a letter to the Minister requesting various road improvements in the area.

There then followed some discussion regarding the effectiveness of forwarding such a letter.

Resolution COW110203

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality invite the local Department of Transportation Supervisor to a Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss maintenance issues on local roads in the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW110204

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Department of Transportation's Supervising Engineer in Yarmouth, Mr. Greg Newell, be invited to meet with the Committee in order to discuss local road maintenance and paving issues with the Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD OAK PARK ROAD REPAIRS

It was the consensus of members that this matter would be brought up at the meeting with D.O.T. supervisors and discussed with them at that time.

MUNICIPAL PHYSICAL ACTIVITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Members were informed that correspondence has been received from the Town of Clark's Harbour in response to Council's request for support for this program. The Town's correspondence indicates that Town Council considers this a worthwhile program, however, they are unable to commit funding to the program at this time.

Resolution COW110205

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Town of Clark's Harbour requesting their support for the program so that the program can be conducted in the Town, and also any possible funding contribution they may be able to make in the next fiscal year.

Motion carried unanimously.

BLOOD COLLECTIONS FEES

This matter was referred to the Committee by Council for further consideration. Blood collections fees at the local clinic have been increased from \$7.00 to \$10.00, effective January 2011.

Resolution COW110206

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that the CEO of the District Health Authority, Mr. Blaise MacNeil, be invited to attend a Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss these fees and other health related issues within the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW110207

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality contact the District Health Authority to determine the number of places where no fees are being charged for blood collection services, and also to obtain information regarding the age demographics of those patrons of the blood collection services, and also of the number of clients receiving the reduced rate for blood collection services.

Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FROM DR. YEE

Members discussed the request from Dr. Yee for the sharing of rent in the offices now occupied by Dr. Premachandra.

Resolution COW110208

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality's Physician Recruitment Incentive Program be further reviewed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW110209

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that Dr. Yee and Dr. Premachandra be invited to a future Committee meeting in order to discuss Dr. Yee's request.

Motion carried unanimously.

PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT

Members were informed that a medical student is now nearing completion of his medical training and has approximately one year of additional training remaining. It is suggested that a letter be sent to this student in an effort to recruit him to this area.

Resolution COW110210

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Hatfield that a letter be sent to Mr. Noel Baker inviting him to meet with Council and discuss the possibility of locating to this area and this meeting will be conducted at municipal expense.

Motion carried unanimously.

NOISE BY-LAW

Proposed amendments to the Noise By-Law had been forwarded to the Municipal Solicitor for his review and advice. The advice provided by the Solicitor indicates that the Municipality should update its Noise By-Law by adopting some form of the model by-law provided by Service Nova Scotia.

Resolution COW110211

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality proceed with adoption of a Noise By-Law based on the model by-law provided by Service Nova Scotia.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Louise Halliday

Motion carried.

Municipal Staff will draft the proposed by-law based on Service Nova Scotia's model by-law and bring it forward to Council for consideration.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Members were provided with information regarding economic development and discussions currently being held among Municipal Clerk-Treasurers and CAOs. Two meetings have been held to discuss the forming of an economic development agency for the region. The structure and funding models will be discussed in the near future as another meeting has been scheduled for Monday, February 7, 2011.

There then followed some discussion regarding the degree of control that is required by municipal units in order to participate in such a body.

Discussions will continue until a proposal has been prepared for consideration of elected officials.

VERNON D'EON SIGN REQUEST

This matter was referred to Committee by Council. The President of the local Soccer Association has been contacted regarding the placement of a sign by Vernon d'Eon in front of the soccer field. The representative of the Soccer Association does not feel this is a satisfactory arrangement as the sign will create certain liabilities and may block viewing of the soccer field and of other signs that are placed there by other businesses. It is suggested that the alternative may be for this business to also place a sign on the soccer field fence as other businesses do, or to put a sign on the building where the business is to be located.

Resolution COW110212

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to Vernon d'Eon Lobster Plugs stating the reasons why it is not desirable to place a sign at the suggested location, and providing the alternatives for placing a sign near the business operation.

Motion carried unanimously.

WASTE COLLECTION RFP

Prior to the meeting a Request for Proposal for a new waste collection agreement had been circulated to members for their review.

Members then discussed various aspects of the proposed RFP. The following revisions have been suggested and will be incorporated in the Request for Proposal:

1. The proponent will be required to provide radio advertising for spring and fall clean-ups at their expense.
2. There will be a provision restricting general public information and written communication to the public added to the RFP.
3. There was some discussion regarding bulky waste collection required in the Municipality although no changes have been suggested at this time.
4. A provision will be added in Section 3.9, that: “during inclement weather and during equipment breakdown, collection routes must be collected that day, whenever possible”.
5. Sections 4.2, 4.12 and 7.3 will be revised to indicate that approvals and determinations will be required from the Municipal Clerk in all cases in order to be consistent throughout the contract.
6. Section 1.4 was reviewed and discussed by members. No changes were suggested to this section.

Resolution COW110213

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that the Request for Proposal be approved and issued with the above amendments.

Motion carried unanimously.

Members were also informed that the current collector wished to send out a general letter to all residents regarding the collection of electronics.

Resolution COW110214

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that it is not necessary to send out this general communication regarding electronics at this time as the current collectors will be completing their contract on April 15, 2011.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW110215

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality issue a Request for Proposal for Spring Clean-up in April of 2011.

Motion carried unanimously.

Members agreed to accept notice this evening that there would be a Special Meeting of Council of Council on Monday, February 7, 2011, in order to confirm acceptance and issuance of a new Request for Proposal for waste collection and transportation.

Resolution COW110216

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that members continue the meeting this evening until all items have been dealt with.

Motion carried unanimously.

THE DIMESTORE FISHERMEN

Email correspondence has been received from The Dimestore Fishermen by the Warden. The Warden wished to determine how members wished to deal with this correspondence.

Resolution COW110217

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that The Dimestore Fishermen be thanked for their correspondence and be informed that the Municipality is not interested in their proposal at this time.

Motion carried unanimously.

FRELICK PROPERTY

The Frelick property was previously considered by Council to be purchased and used as a sewage treatment plant site for a sewer on Cape Sable Island. Since this property is no longer being considered the previous agreement of sale has been allowed to lapse. The Solicitor for Mr. Frelick is requesting that the Municipality reimburse costs of \$1,300.00 to Mr. Frelick. Mr. Frelick incurred these costs in order to obtain legal advice regarding the agreement of sale and communication with both his daughter and his son who live distant from the Municipality.

Resolution COW110218

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality reimburse Mr. Frelick's cost in relation to the purchase of his property in the amount of \$1,300.00.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Cathy Stoddard

Motion carried.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

SERVICE NOVA SCOTIA RESPONSE

Members were informed that correspondence has been received from Service Nova Scotia indicating that there are no programs to fund recruiters for the purpose of hiring a Chief Administrative Officer for the Municipality.

WOMEN IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT BURSARY

Correspondence has been received from the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities requesting the Municipality to provide funds for another three year program for a bursary to encourage women to participate in local government.

Resolution COW110219

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality provide funding of \$300.00 per year for the next three years to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities for the Women in Local Government Bursary.

Motion carried unanimously.

WOOD'S HARBOUR DAYS GRANT REQUEST

An application has been received from the Wood's Harbour Days Committee requesting a grant of \$1,000.00 from the District 1 Community Grants Fund for expenses associated with the Wood's Harbour Days event in 2011.

Resolution COW110220

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that a grant of \$1,000.00 from the District 1 Community Grants Fund be provided to the Wood's Harbour Days Committee for the related event to be held in June of 2011.

Motion carried unanimously.

STATISTICS CANADA

Correspondence has been received by a member indicating that Statistics Canada will again be conducting a census during 2011. This census will be further advertised by Statistics Canada in the near future.

BAY SIDE HOME

There was concern expressed by a member that the Municipality is still a joint owner of Bay Side Home. It was suggested that the ownership of Bay Side Home and its status in relation to the Municipality should be more clearly delineated by the Municipal Solicitor.

It was also suggested that the Municipal Solicitor should be asked to determine if Bay Side Home is a municipal corporation.

Resolution COW110221

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipal Solicitor be requested to investigate the ownership of Bay Side Home and its relationship to the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:14 p.m.

_____Chair

_____Secretary for the Meeting

On website February 4, 2011.