

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

April 4, 2011

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:00 p.m., in the Conference 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 (8:20 p.m.)
- Cecil O'Donnell
- Cathy Stoddard
  
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

Murray Atkinson was absent due to vacation.

### CLOSED SESSION RE: PERSONNEL AND LEGAL MATTER

Councillors met in Closed Session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter related to the Arena Manager's certification requirements, and a legal matter related to criminal record checks and child abuse registry checks required for Recreation Department events.

Having completed their discussion of these matters, the Committee then entered into Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

### ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Justice Minister Response.
- Mark Gallagher Project
- MPAL Request.
- SHYFT Request.

### 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 C. Stoddard that the minutes of last previous meeting held March 22, 2011 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

Notice of Motion Re: Closed Sessions

Together with the agenda, a Notice of Motion regarding closed sessions was circulated to members.

The Notice of Motion is:

***BE IT RESOLVED** that whenever Council emerges from a Closed Session held under conditions permitted by the MGA that it be the first order of business for the Warden or Chairperson to provide for the record and public gallery the type of matter that was discussed in Closed Session and then invite from members any motions related to Closed Session business.*

Members then discussed this Notice of Motion and its procedural implications. Members were informed that should this Notice of Motion be passed, Policy #52 "Council Meetings and Proceedings", which regulates council and committee meetings and proceedings, would be revised accordingly.

Resolution COW110401

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by Cecil O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that:

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**AFFIRMATIVE**

Louise Halliday  
Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Cecil O'Donnell  
Cathy Stoddard

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

### BARRINGTON GROUND SEARCH & RESCUE REQUEST

Correspondence has been received from Barrington Ground Search & Rescue requesting use of the land adjacent to their building in Barrington Passage. At present, when the Search & Rescue uses their busses for events, they must stop traffic on Highway #3 to drive them in and out. They have discussed modifying their building by putting the doors on the west side in order to solve this problem.

Mr. Jeff Gregory, Secretary-Treasurer of the organization, appeared before Council to discuss this matter. Mr. Gregory brought with him plans from the Ground Search & Rescue Group to build on to the western side of the building. These plans would call for an extension measuring 30' X 40' towards the former tennis court location. This proposal had not been contained in the previous request sent to Council.

The proposed construction was further discussed by members, and Mr. Gregory agreed to obtain further information for this request and return the information to the committee for their consideration. In the interim, Municipal Staff will obtain the dimensions of the two lots of land involved and provide them to the Search & Rescue Group.

### C.S.I. SEWER OPEN HOUSE

An Open House was held at the Centreville Fire Hall to provide information on the C.S.I. Sewer to residents. The Project Manager has provided a summary of the Open House which has been circulated to councillors by email. There was not a large attendance at the Open House, however, the people who were there were vocal and very informative. As a result of the Open House, more information was obtained by the Project Manager which he is now reviewing. The next step in this process will be for the Project Manager to complete his information and provide a report to Council for their consideration.

### CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN

Members were previously provided with evaluation forms for the current year's Capital Investment Plan. These forms were to be completed by councillors and returned to the Municipal Office. As yet only two evaluations have been returned. Members are reminded to return these evaluation forms so that the process can be completed as required.

### DRAFT NOISE BY-LAW

A draft Noise By-Law based on the model by-law developed by Service Nova Scotia and the Association of Municipal Administrators was previously circulated to members.

There then followed much discussion regarding various aspects of the by-law with suggested improvements to it.

It was the consensus of members that this by-law be redrafted with the suggested improvements that apply specifically to the Municipality of Barrington and then circulated for further consideration.

#### BREAK

Members then had a five minute break at approximately 8:10 after which they returned to business.

#### TIME OF MEETINGS

It was suggested that more meetings of council and committee be conducted in the afternoons instead of the evenings. It was suggested that the hours of 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. would be more appropriate and convenient for meetings.

Deputy Warden Messenger arrived at 8:20 p.m. during this discussion.

There was no consensus that meetings should be conducted during the daytime and therefore no change has been proposed.

#### SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

An invitation has been received to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Nova Scotia School Board's Association. This meeting will be held at the Digby Pines on May 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The Warden has been invited to attend the opening ceremonies on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. Additional correspondence has been received from the Tri-County Regional School Board inviting the Municipality to advertise by sending promotional items such as pens, pins, notepads, small flashlights, discount coupons, and draw prizes such as T-shirts, ball caps or gas coupons.

#### Resolution COW110402

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by L. Halliday that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality send an assortment of promotional items and draw prizes to the Tri-County Regional School Board for the Annual General Meeting of the Nova Scotia School Board's Association.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Resolution COW110403

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality pay the expenses of the Warden to attend the Open Ceremonies of the Annual General Meeting of the Nova Scotia School Board's Association on Thursday, May 26, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., at Digby Pines, if he wishes to attend.

Motion carried unanimously.

YOUTH THEATRE PROGRAM

Correspondence has been received from the Town of Clark's Harbour requesting the Municipality to provide financial support for a Youth Theatre Program being conducted in the Town. The estimated cost of the program is \$4,000.00.

Members questioned how many participants would be involved in the program and what constitutes the \$4,000.00 cost.

Resolution COW110404

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Town of Clark's Harbour indicating to them that they have been requested to support the Municipal Physical Activity Leadership Program, at least in principle, if not with financing, and have yet to respond to that request, and that although Municipal Council is grateful for the inclusion of youth in the theatre program being conducted by the Town, Council regrets that it is must decline contributing towards this program.

Motion carried unanimously.

INCOMPLETE PROJECTS

Members were informed that there are a number of projects that had been scheduled to be done during this fiscal year which have yet to be completed. The following projects were budgeted:

- Brass Hill Sewage Treatment Plant Roof	- \$ 6,600.00
- Wood's Harbour Sewage Treatment Plant	- \$ 3,500.00
- Robertson Building Roof	- \$10,000.00
- Barrington Regional Curling Club air exchanger	- \$ 8,500.00
- Administration Building Floor & Roof	- <u>\$10,000.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$38,600.00

These amounts have been included in the current year's budget and have not been expended as time did not permit doing these projects. As a result, Council is being asked to approve having these funds put aside in the Special Reserve Fund Operating so that the projects can be completed during the 2011/2012 fiscal year.

Resolution COW110405

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality transfer \$38,600.00 to the Special Reserve Fund Operating to complete the following projects:

- Brass Hill STP Roof
- Wood's Harbour STP Roof
- Robertson Building Roof
- BRCC air exchanger
- Admin. Bldg. Floor/Roof

during the 2011/2012 fiscal year, and that these funds be taken into that fiscal year's revenues for these projects.

Motion carried unanimously.

LONG DISTANCE CHARGES

As a result of a previous motion of Council, Bell Aliant had been written on two occasions; November 24, 2010 and January 27, 2011. In these letters, Aliant was asked to consider having the local calling area changed, and to waive long distance charges for residents in the 745 exchange so that their charges would be similar to residents in the 637 exchange. As yet, no response has been received from Aliant.

Resolution COW110406

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Town of Clark's Harbour requesting them to send Aliant a letter with a similar request as the Municipality and that another letter be sent to Aliant requesting a response.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

JUSTICE MINISTER'S RESPONSE

Correspondence has been received from the Nova Scotia Minister of Justice regarding court sittings in the Municipality of Barrington. The Justice Minister informs that the information regarding the court in Barrington will be forwarded as soon as it is available.

SGT. MARK GALLAGHER MEMORIAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL PROJECT

Correspondence has been received informing that there will be a Sgt. Mark Gallagher Charity Ball held on Saturday, September 10, 2011, at the World Trade and Convention Centre in downtown Halifax. This event is in support of the Sgt. Mark Gallagher Vocational School in Riviere Froide, Haiti, which will be constructed in Mark's memory. A list of ticket costs has been attached to the information letter for members to consider should they wish to attend.

MUNICIPAL PHYSICAL ACTIVITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM REQUEST

Correspondence has been received from the Nova Scotia Department of Health & Wellness informing that a Physical Activity Forum will be held on Friday, May 6, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Delta Halifax. Each municipal unit who wishes to participate is requested to send two representatives to this forum. These two representatives would include the Recreation Director and one other person, either an appointed or elected official.

Resolution COW110407

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Recreation Director attend the Physical Activity Forum on Friday, May 6, 2011, together with a councillor or another employee.

Motion carried unanimously.

SHYFT REQUEST

SHYFT is a supportive housing option for youth placed at risk in the tri county area. The operators of this program are requesting financial support from the municipalities and would appreciate the opportunity to meet with Council in April or May to share their successes and future plans. Their projected budget for the coming fiscal year is \$248,636.00, of which \$99,720.00 will come from fundraising activities and municipal contributions. A list of proposed municipal contributions in the amount of \$73,900.00 is attached to the letter of request. Although the list of municipal contributions states that the amount being requested are on a "per capita" basis, the per capita ratio does not appear to be consistent. Neither are the population figures up to date. The population figures being used for the Municipality of Barrington are from the 2001 census, not the 2006 census which is the most recent, and this change in population would of course affect the funding.

Resolution COW110408

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that the representatives of the SHYFT organization be requested to come to Council to explain their program.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 9:12 p.m.

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Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

**On website April 6, 2011.**