

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING**May 30, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, NS, with the following members present:

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

Absent was Donna LeBlanc-Messenger who was away on vacation.

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Upper Clyde Road
- Composting toilets

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the minutes of the last regular meeting held May 16, 2011 and the minutes of the meeting considering the current year's budget, held on May 19 and May 20, 2011, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

RIGHT-OF-WAY REQUEST

Correspondence has been received from Mr. Brian Wilson requesting a right-of-way across the Barrington Bay Trail in Barrington Passage in order to hook up to the municipal sewer system. Mr. Wilson's property is on the water side of the trail, while the municipal sewer system is on the northern side of the trail. It is necessary for him to cross the Department of Natural Resources property on which the municipality has a license for the Barrington Bay Trail. It was recommended by the Department of Natural Resources that he get permission for this right-of-

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way from the Municipality prior to the Department of Natural Resources providing their permission.

Resolution COW110514

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality grant a right-of-way across the Barrington Bay Trail for the purpose of a sewer connection and that the Municipality approve the sewer connection for Mr. Brian Wilson on property PID #82554379 at the property owner's expense.

Motion carried unanimously.

SHYFT SERVICES

It was the consensus of members that this topic be deferred until the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole for further discussion and consideration.

WESTERN COUNTIES REGIONAL LIBRARY

Information has been obtained from the Western Counties Regional Library regarding the funding information for the current year. The Municipality of Barrington's share of funding for the Western Counties Regional Library is 11.91% or \$43,721. for the fiscal year 2011-12. The Library is asking the Municipality to maintain funding levels from the previous year. Members wished to discuss the matter of the Western Counties Regional Library further with the Executive Director and the Chairman of the Board. Arrangements are being made to do this. It was the consensus that no funding decision would be made until this discussion has taken place.

SHELBURNE COUNTY TOURISM ASSOCIATION

Councillor Stoddard is the municipal representative on the Shelburne County Tourism Association. At the present time, she does not believe it is necessary to have a Councillor on this Committee and stated that she does not know what her role is there.

Resolution COW110515

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Shelburne County Tourism Association, requesting they provide reports to Council and proposals for their funding each year and informing them that Councillor Stoddard is resigning from the Association and Council will not be replacing her with another member.

Motion carried unanimously.

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BAY SIDE HOME BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the present time, Bay Side Home Board of Directors is short one director. The Municipality is obligated to appoint seven (7) directors to the Board, and at the present time has appointed six (6). It is recommended that the Municipality determine the qualifications required for a member of the Bay Side Home Board of Directors and that it determine the term of office for the directors that it appoints to the Bay Side Home Board of Directors and that the Municipality advertise for a director to be appointed to the Bay Side Home Board of Directors and that it specify the term of office for those members who have already been appointed.

Resoltuion COW110516

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded L. Halliday that a letter be sent to the Bay Side Home Board of Directors requesting them to advise what qualifications are required for members on their Board of Directors and suggesting a term of office for the Directors.

Motion carried unanimously.

DRAIN REQUEST - MARY AND JUNIOR ROSS

Mary and Junior Ross appeared before the meeting for the purpose of making a request for the Municipality to provide a drain on their property which is located adjacent to the Barrington Municipal Library. Mrs. Ross alleges that the water draining from property behind the Library has been redirected by the installation of the rock wall on municipal property and that this water, as a result, is flowing into her backyard instead of into the pond in front of the library. She stated that this problem has been delineated on the Assessment Notices that she has been receiving in the past. Her concern had not been previously communicated to the Municipality until approximately one (1) month ago.

Resoltuion COW110517

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality consult an expert to determine the cause of Mrs. Ross's drainage problem to determine a solution to it.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ross indicated that the property had been purchased by them in 1995. She indicated that Mr. Ross used to have a garden "out there". She indicated that they had no problem to do this draining themselves. The Ross's allege that the Municipality has caused the redirection of the water. It was suggested that Mr. Bill Thurston be contacted to view the property and determine what the estimated cost of having him do this would be.

MUNICIPAL PHYSICAL ACTIVITY CO-ORDINATOR

A job description had previously been circulated to members for their information and review.

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This job description is for the Physical Activity Co-ordinator that will be funded jointly by the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness and by the Municipality. It was indicated that a phrase should be added to the job description stating that the term of the job is for one (1) year with renewal depending on confirmation of funding for each subsequent year.

Resoltuion COW110518

Moved by S. Hatifeld and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that the job description for the Physical Activity Co-ordinator be approved.

Motion carried unanimously. _____

SURPLUS FEDERAL PROPERTY

The Phase 3, Environmental Site Assessment has been received on the Baccaro storage compound. This evaluation has revealed that there is still some evidence of environmental contamination and there are some species at risk associated with the subject property.

Resoltuion COW110519

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality indicate to the federal Department of Public Works and Government Services Canada that the Municipality is not interested in obtaining the former DFO storage facility in East Baccaro.

Motion carried unanimously.

DRAFT NOISE BY-LAW

The draft Noise By-Law had previously been circulated to Councillors for their information and review. It was the consensus of members that the draft Noise By-Law should now be brought forward to Council for first reading. This will be done at the next subsequent Council meeting.

CLERK'S EVALUATION PROCESS

The Warden indicated that the Clerk's evaluation process should be an annual process and that the Municipality should have a policy for this process. He indicated that he had been discussing this matter with the Municipal Advisor from Service Nova Scotia. The Warden also indicated that the evaluation should be completed and signed by each Councillor with a copy to be given to the Municipal Clerk upon completion. Councillor Hatfield indicated that he was not willing to provide a written evaluation, only a verbal evaluation and would not be willing to sign anything in this legal climate.

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Resoltuion COW110520

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the Warden contact the Municipal Solicitor regarding the proper process to be followed for the evaluation of the Clerk Treasurer and the requirement for individuals completing and signing individual evaluation forms.

Motion carried unanimously.

QUEEN OF HEARTS DORY CLUB

This matter had been referred to Committee by Council. There then followed some discussion of any contribution that may be made by the Municipality towards the Dory Club's project. It was agreed by consensus of members that the Committee wait until further budget discussions. The current year's fiscal budget has been refined further in order to address this matter. It was also agreed by members that the budget would be further discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting on June 7, 2011.

BILL NO. 41 RE: DANGEROUS AND UNSIGHTLY PREMISES

Bill No. 41 before the Nova Scotia Legislature provides for a amendments to the Dangerous and Unsightly Premises provisions of the Municipal Government Act. Under these amendments, municipalities will have further obligations to address dangerous and unsightly premises in the Province.

Resoltuion COW110521

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that correspondence be sent to the Provincial Government stating that Council is not pleased with the proposed amendments for the following reasons:

1. The amendments were assented to prior to and without input from the municipal units in the Province
2. The amendments will result in additional enforcement costs being placed on the fifty-five (55) municipalities in the Province.

Motion carried unanimously.

E-SMART PROJECT

Information was circulated to members regarding the proposed e-Smart Project initiated by the Shelburne County Business Development Centre. Under this project the Acadia Centre for Social and Business Entrepreneurship will be engaged to help provide this project to local entrepreneurs. It is hoped that development of this project will help the local businesses grow their sales and profits by adopting best practices in commerce and digital technology usage.

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LITTER CLEAN-UP POSTER CONTEST

Due to the lateness in the school year, it was agreed that this project would be deferred to the next school year to be conducted through the schools by the Municipal Recreation Department.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

The schedule of fees for the previous two (2) weeks was circulated to members for their information and review.

UPPER CLYDE ROAD

The Community Litter Clean-up Program has been completed on the Upper Clyde Road. The bags beyond the end of the paved road have yet to be collected. The Property Services staff will be informed to collect these bags as soon as possible.

COMPOSTING TOILETS

A member wished to have information provided to the Committee on composting toilets. This will be obtained and circulated.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 9:08 p.m.

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website June 2, 2011

