

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

July 11, 2011

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 4:00 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

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of this meeting was to review the Capital Investment Projects evaluation list and also to determine the potential for completing some of these projects with Gas Tax Funds.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

The funds available from Gas Tax contributions was then reviewed together with the eligible projects and the purpose of the Gas Tax Funds. The purpose of the funds are to provide cleaner air, cleaner water and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Members then discussed various projects which may be funded through Gas Tax monies. The Barrington sidewalk was one of the projects discussed. The section of sidewalk that could be constructed in front of the Old Schoolhouse from the Causeway Interiors to the beginning of the Barrington Bay Trail was discussed. It may be possible to have this part of the Barrington Passage sidewalk completed using Gas Tax Funds.

Paving McGray Avenue was also discussed. It was suggested that this project be submitted to the Department of Transportation so that it could be funded on a 50/50 cost shared basis with them.

There was some sentiment expressed that residents should pay their share of the cost of this paving. There was also sentiment expressed that residents not be required to pay their share of the cost of this paving as this is a pre-existing road that is frequented by local residents and visitors on a regular basis.

There was also discussion of the provision of a bicycle lane for a portion of Cape Sable Island.

It was also mentioned that the continuation of the Landfill fence and the construction of a new waste disposal cell at the C & D Landfill could be funded from these monies.

Resolution COW110720

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that an application be submitted to the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal for a 50/50 cost sharing project to pave the lower portion of McGray Avenue with the Municipality's 50% funding coming from the Gas Tax Funds.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl
Louise Halliday

Motion carried.

Resolution COW110721

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Hatfield that motions being brought forward from the Committee of the Whole this afternoon be brought forward to the next subsequent Council meeting rather than the Council meeting this evening in order to give members time to consider the motions before they are brought forward to Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

Members then discussed the addition of a tennis court at the Sherose Island Recreation Centre.

It was suggested that a tennis court could be constructed in any area in the Municipality and not necessarily at the Recreation Centre.

Resolution COW110722

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that Municipal Staff investigate the cost of a second tennis court at the Sherose Island Recreation Centre.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW110723

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that Municipal Staff investigate the cost of completing the Barrington Passage sidewalk both in the area in front of the Old School House Restaurant and also at the western end of the sidewalk continuing up as far as the courtyard complex.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW110724

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal indicating to them that there is no shoulder on Highway #3 in front of the Old School House facility and that this is a safety issue, especially since the recent location of a new business adjacent to this area, and requesting the Department of Transportation to construct the required shoulder at the side of the road in this area.

Motion carried unanimously.

Members then discussed the potential for public transportation in the area. Members were informed that an email has recently been received from the SC Transportation Society requesting more involvement from municipalities in this area.

Resolution COW110725

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that Municipal Staff obtain more information on public transportation services in other municipalities in the Province.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 5:28 p.m.

_____ Chair

_____ Secretary for the Meeting

On website July 15, 2011.