

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

August 29, 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:

- George El-Jakl, Chair
- Murray Atkinson
- Louise Halliday
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Cecil O'Donnell
- Cathy Stoddard

Absent was Councillor Shaun Hatfield who was away on vacation.

- Lesa Rossetti, Secretary for the Meeting

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Lighthouse Road - Baccaro.
- Municipal Swimming Pool.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by D. Messenger that the minutes of the last meeting held August 15, 2011 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

ROSEWAY HOSPITAL HEALTH-CARE PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Council referred this matter to the Committee for further discussion.

It is proposed that a Roseway Hospital Health-Care Professional Student Sponsorship Program be offered to recruit and retain health professionals in hard to recruit areas. It is proposed that the program be a partnership between Roseway Hospital/South West Health and the five municipal units in Shelburne County, Roseway Hospital Auxiliary and Roseway Hospital Foundation.

During discussion of this matter questions were raised regarding the length of the commitment, start date, etc.

Resolution COW110815

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to Kim Ott, Shelburne County Health Care Recruitment and Retention Committee, thanking her for her presentation to Council on August 22, 2011, and advising that Council agrees with the concept of the Roseway Hospital Health-Care Professional Student Sponsorship Program, but before a final decision can be made by Council, additional information is required, such as the length of commitment requested of Council, start date of the program, and whether or not the agreement to be signed by participants is legally binding and enforceable.

Motion carried unanimously.

eSMART PROJECT

It was reported that correspondence has been received from the Community Business Development Corporation inviting a member of Council to sit on the Monitoring Committee for the eSmart Project.

Resolution COW110816

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that it be recommended to Council that the Community Business Development Corporation be thanked for their invitation for a member to sit on the Monitoring Committee for the eSmart Project, but decline the offer at this time and encourage the CBDC to address Council in six (6) months to provide a report on advances of the program.

Motion carried unanimously.

NORTH EAST POINT WHARF PROJECT

Council referred this matter to Committee for further discussion.

Mr. Wayne Nickerson is requesting financial assistance from Council to upgrade the North East Point wharf. He estimated that the total cost of wharf upgrades is \$4,500.00. He is requesting financial assistance from the Municipality in the amount of \$2,800.00 to assist with the cost of supplies.

This matter was discussed in detail with many questions arising regarding ownership of the wharf. It was also noted that the Municipal Government Act prevents the Municipality from providing a grant to a private individual.

Resolution COW110817

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that Mr. Wayne Nickerson be advised that the Municipality is unable to provide a grant to private individuals, and should he decide to form an organization and can prove ownership of the wharf then his request can be further considered by Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

PROPERTY SERVICES VEHICLE

Much discussion took place regarding the purchase of a vehicle for the Property Services Department. It was suggested that a 2010 or 2011 demo or leftover would be more suitable for the department instead of a late model vehicle.

The specification sheet from the previous tender call was reviewed with questions being raised regarding power point, gas/diesel, and black front and rear bumpers and mirrors.

It was agreed that clarification be provided on these items and that the matter be further discussed at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

BARRINGTON BALLFIELD PLAYGROUND SOCIETY

A brief discussion took place regarding the request from the Barrington Ballfield Playground Society. It was suggested that since initial discussions took place between the Society and the Clerk-Treasurer that the matter be deferred until next week.

Resolution COW110818

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that the request from the Barrington Ballfield Playground Society be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed that Erica Smith of the Barrington Ballfield Playground Society be advised that the matter will be discussed at the next meeting of the Committee and that she may address the committee at that time, if she so wishes.

NOTION OF MOTION RE: RECREATION POLICIES

It was noted that the Notice of Motion regarding Recreation Policies was added to the agenda by Councillor Shaun Hatfield who is absent from the meeting tonight due to being away on vacation.

Resolution COW110819

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Notice of Motion Re: Recreation Policies be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF RENTAL AND OPERATING POLICIES OF THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of Policy No. 6, "Policy Governing Use of Municipal Facilities", and Policy No. 7, "Operating Policies of the Recreation Department".

During general discussion of these policies it was realized that the Municipal Pool Policy and the Arena Policy should also be reviewed at the same time.

It was agreed that it would be beneficial to have the Recreation Director present during the review.

Resolution COW110820

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by C. O'Donnell that this matter be referred to the next Committee of the Whole meeting, and that the Recreation Director be invited to attend.

Motion carried unanimously.

FIRE SERVICES COORDINATOR JOB DESCRIPTION

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of the proposed Fire Services Coordinator Job Description. The job description incorporates all the items discussed with the Fire Services Advisory Committee. By way of memo to councillors, the Clerk suggested that the requirement for a two (2) year probationary period appears to be unreasonable. An individual applying for this position who has to move here from another community is not going to want to have the uncertainty for a two (2) year period. It was noted that it takes a significant investment in time and money to move from one community to another and this may deter individuals from applying.

During discussion of this matter the term of the position was also questioned. This will need to be determined prior to advertising.

Resolution COW110821

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that the probationary period listed in the job description be changed from two (2) years to one (1) year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW110822

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that the Clerk prepare a list of targets with time frames to gauge the performance of the Fire Services Coordinator.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW110823

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the job description for the Fire Services Coordinator be accepted as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

LIGHTHOUSE ROAD - BACCARO

General discussion took place regarding the work to be carried out on the Lighthouse Road in Baccaro this fall by the Department of Transportation.

It was agreed that clarification be obtained on the 30 meters of armor rock to be installed on Lighthouse Road.

MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL

The Warden questioned the hours of operation for the Municipal Swimming Pool.

It was agreed that this matter would be further discussed at the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole when the Recreation Director was present.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by L. Halliday that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website August 31, 2011.