

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

February 6, 2012

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, at 6:35 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

Absent was member Cathy Stoddard on leave of absence.

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

CLOSED SESSION

Members entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing litigation on the former BMHS property and litigation related to the South West Shore Development Authority. Information was provided to members on both of these situations.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

At 7:00 p.m. members again entered into Open Session and a report was made on the Closed Session by the Chair. The public were informed that information had been provided to members regarding the progress of litigation on the former BMHS property and the former South West Shore Development Authority.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Community Grants.
- Renovations for Dentist Office.
- Lobster Industry.
- PC Party Meeting.
- Police Advisory Committee.
- Elections Nova Scotia Agreement.
- Dr. Yee Request.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that minutes of the last previous meeting held January 30, 2012 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

RCMP QUARTERLY REPORT

Sgt. M. J. DeLuco attended the meeting in order to present the RCMP Detachments' quarterly report. This is the first day on the job for Sgt. DeLuco. She was welcomed to the community and introduced to members. The Sergeant informed members that there had recently been two arson cases in the community; one in Port LaTour and one in Brass Hill. These are the most significant crimes that are now being currently investigated by the local Detachment.

Members were also informed that a Youth Advisory Group was a priority for the Detachment and that Cst. Swim would be working together with the CO to establish this group in the community.

Sgt. DeLuco informed members that she has two current goals for the Detachment which are (1) to have members who have the right skills to provide service to the community; and, (2) to provide a quality police service to the community.

After further discussion with members, Sgt. DeLuco then retired from the meeting table.

Sgt. DeLuco attended the rest of the meeting in the public gallery.

TOURISM COORDINATOR

Suzy Atwood, the Shelburne County Tourism Coordinator, attended the meeting for the purpose of discussing tourism initiatives with members.

It was indicated that she would be meeting with the providers of the webcam service on Wednesday, February 8, 2012. It is proposed that this webcam be located on one of the buildings at the lower Causeway Mall so that a panorama of the North East Point Beach area would be shown on the website, novascotia.com. Mrs. Atwood then reviewed the activities and marketing approach of the Shelburne County Tourism Association. At the present time the Association is trying to expand its membership. Mrs. Atwood indicated that she has met with Chambers of Commerce in both Barrington and Shelburne in order to coordinate efforts with them.

Having completed their discussion of tourism associated matters with the Coordinator, the Coordinator retired from the meeting table at 8:52 p.m.

BARRINGTON GROUND SEARCH & RESCUE

Correspondence has been received from Barrington Ground Search & Rescue providing their budget for the coming year. The Search & Rescue budget for the coming year totals \$19,200.00. Of this amount, \$14,200.00 is being requested from the municipal units. The Municipality of Barrington is being requested to provide 47% or \$6,674.00. This amount is based on a per capita distribution.

Resolution COW120201

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the current years funding request from the Barrington Ground Search & Rescue Group be referred to the budget process for future consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

HIRING COMMITTEE MEETING

Members were informed that an advertisement has been placed in the local newspaper to hire a janitor as a result of a recent resignation. The closing date for applications for this position is Friday, February 17, 2012. Members agreed to have a Hiring Committee Meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. Members also agreed that they would short list applicants, if required, between February 17th and February 20th so that interviews could be arranged.

REVIEW OF RECREATION POLICIES AND RENTAL AGREEMENT

This matter had been deferred to this meeting from a previous meeting of the committee. It was suggested that a fair and equitable policy must be put in place. It was also suggested that a flat rate be provided for all commercial users of the Recreation Centre on Sherose Island and that insurance coverage be required of all users.

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that all users be required to provide insurance coverage when using the Recreation Centre at Sherose Island and that one rental fee be put in place for all users, both commercial and non commercial.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Shaun Hatfield

NEGATIVE

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

Motion defeated.

Resolution COW120202

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that further consideration of this policy be deferred to another meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl
Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE HEATED AREA FOR THE ARENA

Information was provided to members indicating the cost of providing heat to the wheelchair access area in the Arena. This information had been gathered by the Arena Manager and forwarded in the form of a memo. The approximate cost of providing propane heaters in the access area is in the range of \$8,000.00.

Resolution COW120203

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality apply for funding from Service Nova Scotia for this project.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM

Members were informed that Municipal Staff have discussed making an effort to improve the look of the community under the FCM Communities in Bloom program. Members were asked if they wished to register under this program at an estimated cost of \$450.00. Registration is required no later than July 1st.

Members will discuss this matter further at a later meeting of the committee.

LIABILITIES OF COMMITTEES

This matter was referred to the committee from a previous meeting. Information obtained from the Municipal Solicitor was summarized for members concerning liabilities, especially in relation to board members at Bay Side Home Corporation. In general, the Solicitor has advised that it is clear under the Instrument of Incorporation of Bay Side Home that the members must be appointed by the councils, so at this point Council must continue to replace resigning members.

Under Section 15(1), the Municipality, along with Clark's Harbour, may amend the Instrument of Incorporation to change the manner of appointment of members. In order to do this the by-laws must also be amended and this requires the approval of the Minister. In regards to liability of Council for appointing the members, our Solicitor cannot see that this is a concern as long as Council is simply and fairly following a public procedure. Council would certainly indemnify the councillors for performing this lawful function and the Municipality's insurance should provide an extra layer of protection.

Having heard this information, there was no further discussion in the matter.

SHELBURNE COUNTY FIGURE SKATING CLUB REQUEST

The Shelburne County Figure Skating Club is requesting the donation of ice time for their closing ceremonies. The Club wishes to have ice time valued at \$529.00 donated every second year when they host their closing ceremonies in the Barrington Municipal Arena.

Resolution COW120204

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that grants be provided in the following amounts:

- District 3, Community Grants Fund, \$129.00
- District 4, Community Grants Fund, \$200.00
- District 6, Community Grants Fund, \$200.00

for a total of \$529.00 to the Shelburne County Figure Skating Club to pay for the cost of ice time for their closing ceremonies to be held at the Barrington Municipal Arena.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW120205

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality respond to the Shelburne County Figure Skating Club indicating that each year their request for funding towards their closing event for the Club will be considered on an individual basis by Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

BMHS REQUEST

Email correspondence has been received from Barrington Municipal High School indicating that seven (7) Senior High students, together with their coach, have been selected to compete as part of Team Nova Scotia, at the inaugural Nike High School Track and Field Grand Prix being held at the University of Toronto on May 10 - 13, 2012. In this correspondence, the Municipality is being asked to provide funding for this event and to indicate if there is any provincial funding available.

Resolution COW120206

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to Barrington Municipal High School congratulating the seven students and coach who have been selected to compete as part of Team Nova Scotia at the inaugural Nike High School Track and Field Grand Prix, and informing them that the Municipality will provide funding in the amount of \$200.00, pursuant to the Municipality's Activities Funds Policy, and suggesting to them that they consult with MLA Belliveau to obtain the provincial funding available.

Motion carried unanimously.

SUN SAFETY POLICY

The Municipal Recreation Director is proposing that a Sun Safety Policy be put in place to cover the staff and participants in the Recreation Department programs in future. A draft policy has been circulated to members for their information.

Some discussion then arose regarding the allergenic properties of sunscreen. There was also some question regarding duplication in the draft of the policy.

Both of these matters will be further investigated and the policy will be brought back for further consideration.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

The Schedule of Fees was circulated to members for their information and review.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

A member informed the meeting that email correspondence has been received regarding the proposed grant to the Evergreen Cemetery.

It was questioned whether or not this cemetery actually needed to be given a grant by the Municipality.

Conflict of Interest

Deputy Warden Messenger then declared conflict of interest and vacated her seat at the meeting table.

A member then informed members that email correspondence has also been received regarding the funding being provided for leasehold improvements at the library building in Barrington Passage. The Municipality may partially fund some leasehold improvements to the building. These improvements will make it possible for the building to be rented as a dentist office in the future. The portion of the leasehold improvement that it is proposed to be funded by the Municipality will remain with the building should the dentist's lease be terminated.

It was the consensus of members that a legal opinion be obtained from the Municipal Solicitor concerning the funding of these leasehold improvements. This will be done as soon as possible by Municipal Staff.

Having completed their discussion of this matter, Deputy Warden Messenger then returned to the table.

LOBSTER INDUSTRY

Resolution COW120207

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality support any attempts by local organizations to increase the price of lobsters being paid to local fishers and also support their efforts to find new markets for lobsters.

Motion carried unanimously.

PC MEETING

Correspondence has been received from the PC Caucus Office inviting a representative of the Municipality to attend a meeting on Friday, February 10, 2012, in Halifax.

Resolution COW120208

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality invite the Leader of the Nova Scotia Progressive Conservative Party to come to the Municipality of Barrington and meet with Council to discuss the challenges facing municipalities, towns and villages in Nova Scotia today.

Motion carried unanimously.

JOINT POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor Halliday informed members that she has determined it is necessary to have training in order to participate in the Joint Police Advisory Committee. This training is not currently available to her and will require some expense to the Municipality. The Warden had previously served on this committee and has received the necessary training.

Councillor Halliday then verbally resigned from her membership on this committee and will provide a written resignation to the Municipal Office in the near future.

Resolution COW120209

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that Warden El-Jakl continue to serve on the Joint Police Advisory Committee to the end of Council's term in October 2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

ELECTIONS NOVA SCOTIA

Since there will be municipal elections held in October 2012 it is customary for the Municipality to enter into an agreement with Elections Nova Scotia to obtain a preliminary List of Electors for the Municipality.

Resolution COW120210

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that the Warden and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to enter into an information sharing agreement with Elections Nova Scotia for the purpose of obtaining and exchanging elections information.

Motion carried unanimously.

DR. YEE REQUEST

A fax request has been received from Dr. Yee. Dr. Yee is requesting the Municipality to approve the purchase of two (2) new desktop computers for use in Dr. Germanus office. The Municipality had furnished these offices completely when Dr. Abud previously rented there. Since Dr. Abud has left, and Dr. Premachandra is moving to the Community Health Centre, the office will now be in need of two (2) additional desktop computers.

Resolution COW120211

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality respond favorably to the request of Dr. Yee and purchase two desktop computers for Dr. Germanus.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 9:20 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website February 7, 2012