

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

March 19, 2012

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
 - Shaun Hatfield
 - Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
 - Cecil O'Donnell
 - Cathy Stoddard
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- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Baccaro Lighthouse Road.
- Crow's Neck Beach Access.
- Electoral Boundaries.
- Female Bantam Hockey Team.

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 S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that the minutes of the meetings held March 5th and March 7th, 2012 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

BARRINGTON REGIONAL CURLING CLUB MONTHLY REPORT

President Elwin Smith and John Joyce appeared before the meeting on behalf of the Barrington Regional Curling Club. This is Mr. Smith's last meeting as president and John Joyce will become the new president of the Club in the very near future.

The Provincial Mixed Curling Tournament that was recently held at the Club was a successful event. Many of the participants visited the area while here. The Club realized a small financial benefit from hosting the tournament.

The compressor problems that have come up in the last month or so are now believed to be electrical problems. They have yet to be solved and will need to be addressed as soon as possible. Two of the local electricians have been investigating this problem but have not been able to determine its cause.

Mr. Smith indicated that financially the Curling Club is still operating on a "tight" budget. The end of the season for the Curling Club will be the end of March as usual.

Having completed their presentation to the Committee, the Curling Club members retired from the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

BARRINGTON BALL FIELD PLAYGROUND

The non profit Playground Society has made an application to the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness for a grant to develop a playground on municipal property at the Barrington Ball Field. Correspondence has been received from the Regional Representative of Health and Wellness indicating that the application is complete with the exception that there is a requirement that the landowner apply for the grant, or provide a lease or legal agreement to the Society specifying the rights to construct and maintain the recreation facility on that property.

After some discussion with the representative from Health and Wellness, it has been determined the best possible means of addressing this matter is for the Municipality to apply for this grant as a partner with the Barrington Ball Field Playground Society. The Society is proposing to spend \$30,000 on this project. They have raised \$20,000 between municipal grants and public fundraising and are applying to Health and Wellness for slightly more than \$10,000.

Resolution Cow120314

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality partner with the Barrington Ball Field Playground Society in making an application for a grant from the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness for the purchase of playground equipment, and construction of a playground at the Barrington ball field.

Motion carried unanimously.

WOOD'S HARBOUR DAYS COMMITTEE

An application has been received from the Wood's Harbour Days Committee for a Community Grant for their event to be held during the summer months. They are requesting a grant contribution of \$1,000.00 from the Municipality. The organization has provided a copy of their most recent bank statement indicating their bank balance as at March 1, 2012.

Resolution COW120315

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that a grant of \$500.00 be provided from the District 1 Community Grants Fund to the Wood's Harbour Days Committee for the purpose of contributing towards their event to be held during the summer of 2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

LED STREET LIGHTS

Members were brought up to date on the developments in regards to LED street lights. The UNSM is currently in negotiations with the Province and with Nova Scotia Power Inc. in order to determine how street lights throughout Nova Scotia can be replaced with LED units. It has been indicated to the UNSM that this Municipality would be interested in participating in any pilot project that may be done. Further information will be forwarded as it is provided.

HERITAGE LIGHTHOUSE PROTECTION ACT

Information has been circulated to members indicating that the deadline for nominations under the Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act is May 29th and that this deadline is fast approaching. Local community groups may request that lighthouses be designated as heritage properties under this Act. There must be at least 25 signatories to a petition, together with their names and addresses appearing on the petition, and these signatories must be at least 18 years of age or older. Petitions will be used to nominate a lighthouse for designation under the Act. Lighthouses that are surplus to the operational requirements of the Federal Government may be designated if a person or body commits to buy or otherwise acquire the lighthouse and protects its heritage character. At the present time there are no such lighthouses designated within the Municipality even though there are several lighthouses in this Municipality that are designated as being surplus by the Federal Government, including the Cripple Creek Fog Signal, the Stoddard Island Lighthouse, the Cape Sable Lighthouse, the Coffin Island Lighthouse, the Salvages Lighthouse, the Wood's Harbour Lighthouse and the Baccaro Point Lighthouse. It is estimated that the cost of taking over and maintaining these lighthouses will be significant.

REQUEST FOR PRIVATE ROAD NAME

There is a proposal for a development of a small subdivision on Sherose Island at the end of Hillcrest Lane. In order to have this subdivision done it is necessary to name a proposed private road on the property. It is requested that the name Jarumaro Lane be used, and that if this name is not suitable, then Perry-Lyons Lane be the second choice.

Resolution COW120316

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that Jarumaro Lane be approved for a private road subdivision on Sherose Island.

Motion carried unanimously.

JOB DESCRIPTION - SECRETARY TO THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

A job description has been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. This proposed job description brings up to date the duties of the Building Inspector's secretary. The job description has been reviewed by the Building Inspector and by the secretary and appropriate edits made.

Resolution COW120317

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the proposed updated job description for the secretary to the Building Inspector be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

YEAR END ACCRUALS

A number of year end accruals were reviewed for the information of members. These accruals are for expenditures that will be made during the year end period, or will actually be expended sometime after year end because most of the projects involved are currently underway but will not be paid for until completed in the new fiscal year.

Resolution COW120318

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality accrue funds for the following expenditures that will be made during the year end period, or early in the new year:

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| - Ice Rescue Equipment | \$ 5,000.00 |
| - Seal Island Light Restoration | \$17,000.00 |
| - Sherose Island Playground Equipment | \$ 5,570.00 |
| - Landfill Concrete Slab and Fence | \$ 8,000.00 |
| - Soccer Field Shelters | \$11,000.00 |
| - Wood's Harbour Sewage Treatment Plant Aerator | \$30,000.00 |
| - Court Room Ceiling | \$10,000.00 |
| - Fire Services Fund Transfer | \$40,000.00 |

Motion carried unanimously.

STUDENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Correspondence has been received from the Shelburne County Health Care Professional Recruitment and Retention Committee requesting the Municipality to make contributions to the Roseway Hospital Student Sponsorship Program. It is requested by the Committee that Barrington Municipality contribute to this sponsorship program based on a per capita basis. Even though all five municipal units have been included in the proposed Memorandum of Understanding, the Town of Clark's Harbour has already indicated they will not participate in this program. The Municipality of Barrington is being requested to commit to this program for a period of five (5) years, and to contribute more than half of the funds that will come from the municipal units.

The Municipality of Barrington already expends considerable funds to attract health care professionals, including local physicians, chiropractors, physiotherapists, and nurse practitioners. In addition, the Municipality also expends considerable funds to maintain and operate the Community Health Centre and an office for Dr. Germanus in the Parsons Mall. All of these expenditures are made without assistance from any of the other municipal units in the County.

Resolution COW120319

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality respond to the Shelburne County Health Care Professional Recruitment and Retention Committee that it supports their efforts to recruit students to become health professionals at Roseway Hospital, but there is a limit to the Municipality's ability to pay for health care recruitment expenditures, and that the expenditures currently being made by the Municipality are substantial and that this be explained to the committee so they may understand that the Municipality is already contributing significantly to the recruitment and retention of health care professionals in our area.

Motion carried unanimously.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

The Municipality had previously requested the Barrington & Area Chamber of Commerce to provide names of individuals who may wish to serve on a Regional Economic Development Council. Two names were provided, Wendy McGill and Liliana Stoddard. Members voted by written ballot to determine who would be nominated to serve in this position.

Resolution COW120320

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipality accept the recommendation of the Barrington & Area Chamber of Commerce and recommend to Council that Liliana Stoddard serve as the Municipality's representative on the Regional Economic Development Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

DISTRICT PLANNING COMMISSION

Correspondence had previously been sent to the Yarmouth-Argyle-Barrington District Planning Commission indicating that the Municipality wished to obtain all records in possession of the Committee that are pertinent to planning for the Municipality of Barrington, when it withdraws from the Commission as of March 31, 2012. Return correspondence has been received from Mr. Aldric d'Entremont, Chairman of the Commission, asking the Municipality to determine what records are required and a process for providing these records to the Municipality of Barrington. This matter was discussed by members. It will be further discussed with the Senior Planner at the Planning Advisory Committee meeting to be held on Thursday, March 22, 2012, after which it will be determined how to proceed. At this time members were also shown a copy of the digital mapping program Mapsearch which is used by the Municipality's Development Officer and the Municipal Clerk. The Municipality will need to obtain the digital information required to enable it to continue with this mapping program in future. This will also be discussed with the Senior Planner.

WOOD'S HARBOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT INSURANCE

The Warden informed members that representatives of the fire department have expressed concern with the increase in coverage and the corresponding increase in premiums for the fire department's insurance. The fire department has attempted to contact their insurers in order to discuss these increases. It is suggested that this be the first step in the fire department determining why there are significant increases in coverage and once sufficient information is obtained, the fire department will have a better understanding as to how to proceed.

LOBSTER INDUSTRY MODERNIZATION

The Warden informed members that he has received expressions of concerns from local fishers regarding the current discussions taking place with the Federal Department of Fisheries regarding the future of the fishing industry in this area. Much concern has been expressed for the independence of Nova Scotia's inshore fishing fleets, in particular, for the fleet separation policy that is currently in place.

Resolution COW120321

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Federal Minister of Fisheries requesting them to uphold and support the current fleet separation policy which includes the owner/operator provisions for license holders and that copies of this letter also be sent to the other municipal units in Southwestern Nova Scotia requesting their support and also to MPs, Kerr and Keddy, and the MLA for Shelburne County.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

BACCARO LIGHTHOUSE ROAD

Resolution COW120322

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the local Area Supervisor for the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal asking him: "Will the gravel road at the Baccaro Lighthouse be upgraded or not?".

Motion carried unanimously.

CROW'S NECK BEACH ACCESS

Concern has again been expressed regarding local access to Crow's Neck Beach by local residents.

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that \$1,500.00 be provided from the District 4 Community Grant Funds for the purpose of assisting in the upgrade of the access road to Crow's Neck Beach on Department of Natural Resources' property.

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that the motion be amended to add "pending approval of the Municipal Solicitor for the legal expenditure of these funds and approval of the Department of Natural Resources as the access road is located on their property".

Amendment carried unanimously.

The division was then taken on the revised motion.

The revised motion now reads:

Resolution COW120323

"...that it be recommended to Council that \$1,500.00 be provided from the District 4 Community Grant Funds for the purpose of assisting in the upgrade of the access road to Crow's Neck Beach on Department of Natural Resources' property, pending approval of the Municipal Solicitor for the legal expenditure of these funds and approval of the Department of Natural Resources, as the access road is located on their property."

Motion carried unanimously.

ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

There was some discussion regarding the electoral boundaries of the new five (5) polling districts in the Municipality. These districts are based on the general service areas that were previously approved by Council.

FEMALE BANTAM HOCKEY TEAM

Resolution COW120324

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that a letter of congratulations be sent to the Female Bantam Hockey Team for their achievements during the current season.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at approximately 9:30 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website March 20, 2012.