

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

May 7, 2012

The meeting was called to order by the Warden, at 6:17 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., following a special council meeting, 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

CLOSED SESSION RE: FORMER BMHS LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Members agreed to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the legal action related to the former BMHS property.

Having completed their discussion of this matter, members then entered into Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

The Municipal Clerk has been directed to seek further legal advice regarding the former BMHS property.

Resolution COW120501

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Closed Session concerning this matter be continued at the end of the Committee of the Whole meeting this evening as time did not permit full consideration of the matter.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Causeway Protest.
- Sherose Island Sewage Treatment Plant.
- East Bay Realty Rental Agreement.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that the minutes of the meeting held April 30, 2012 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

RCMP MONTHLY REPORT

No representative from the local detachment was available to make a report this evening.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

LED STREETLIGHTS PILOT PROJECT

Members were informed that information has been obtained from NSPI regarding a streetlight project. This project would involve the replacement of all of the streetlights in the Municipality by LED streetlights. Some information has been obtained on the cost of this pilot project, however, the information is as yet incomplete.

Members were informed that further information will be obtained, and this matter will be brought forward for consideration.

THE GREAT BIG GARAGE SALE

Members were informed that a request has been received from The Great Big Garage Sale. This is a privately owned proprietorship which rents arena space at various locations throughout the province in order to put on a garage sale/flea market.

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that The Great Big Garage Sale be permitted to host an event, as requested, at the Arena, at a rental fee of \$500.00 per day, and one setup day be included at a cost comparable to other renters for setup.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Shaun Hatfield

NEGATIVE

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

Motion defeated.

TRI-COUNTY WOMEN'S CENTRE

Patricia Vanaman appeared before the meeting for the purpose of informing members of the activities of the Tri-County Women's Centre in the Municipality of Barrington and Shelburne County in particular. She informed members that they are developing a Sexual Assault Response Team in communities in the Tri-Counties, including Shelburne County.

The activities of this group were reviewed and briefly discussed with members.

THE GREAT BIG GARAGE SALE CONT'D

Resolution COW120502

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the request of The Great Big Garage Sale for rental of space at the Arena be denied.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried.

ARENA OPERATOR'S COURSE

It is proposed that Stacey Chetwynd, an employee at the Municipal Arena, be sent to Charlottetown for the Arena Operator's Course during the month of June.

Resolution COW120503

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that Stacey Chetwynd attend the Arena Operator's Course in Charlottetown, in June, and that the related expenses be paid for by the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEWELL QUARRY REQUEST

Members were asked to discuss this request again in light of the previous motion of Council that monitoring of pits in the Upper Clyde Road area be brought to the attention of the Nova Scotia Department of Environment.

There then followed some discussion of the past experience in regards to the land uses in the Clyde River area.

Having completed their discussion of this matter, there was no further action taken.

CIVIC ADDRESSING BY-LAW

A proposed Civic Addressing By-Law had been circulated to members for their review. This matter has been referred to this meeting of Committee from a previous meeting.

Members then discussed the need for emergency services providers to find those in need, and the necessity of having civic addresses posted in a visible location.

Resolution COW120504

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that there be a press release encouraging residents to purchase reflective civic address signs and posting them on their property for their own safety, and informing the public of businesses where these signs could be purchased.

Motion carried unanimously.

ARENA RENTAL POLICY

It was suggested that a draft policy be prepared for non ice time rental of the Arena.

Resolution COW120505

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by L. Halliday that it be recommended to Council that Municipal Staff prepare a draft policy for consideration of the Committee of Whole for non ice time rental of the Municipal Arena.

Motion carried unanimously.

UNSM CONFERENCE

Information concerning the UNSM Conference scheduled for the fall of 2012 was circulated to members. This information included the stipulation that any resolutions being presented be provided to the Resolutions Committee not later than June 29th.

LOCUM ACCOMMODATIONS

Members were informed that Health and Welfare Nova Scotia publishes a GP Locum Guideline. In this guideline Nova Scotia Health authorizes payment of \$150.00 per diem for expenses of locums.

Resolution COW120506

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality notify all doctors of the GP Locum Guidelines and the per diem provided in it, and that it be explained to the doctors that the Municipality will no longer be able to pay expenses of locums as this provision is already being made through the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness.

Motion carried unanimously.

At 8:45 p.m. Councillor Stoddard vacated the meeting.

ECONOMIC COUNCIL

Information was provided to members by email prior to the meeting regarding the Economic Council which is in the process of being formed. The first meeting of the Economic Council was held on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at Par-en-Bas School in Argyle. There were six voting business members present at the meeting. One member was unable to attend, and the District of Shelburne had not appointed their member as yet.

This document entitled, *A Regional Approach to Economic Development*, was prepared by the consultant, Mike Gushue and Associates. In this document the principles that were agreed to were that there would be equality for both Yarmouth and Shelburne County in the new Economic Council, and that business people would be appointed to this Council, and they would make decisions based on business principles.

It was the consensus of committee members that they were not happy with the beginnings of this Economic Council, and that the protocol that had been established in the original document was not being followed satisfactorily.

Resolution COW120507

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality withdraw from the Economic Council, and send a letter to the Nova Scotia Department of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism, and to the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, and to the Economic Council, explaining the reasons for this withdrawal.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW120508

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality's appointed representative, Liliana Stoddard, also be notified.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW120509

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that Economic Development alternatives be placed on the next Committee of the Whole Council agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW120510

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that a copy of the previously approved letter be sent to other municipal units in Clare, Yarmouth and Shelburne counties indicating the reasons why the Municipality of Barrington was withdrawing from this council.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW120511

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that the MLA for Shelburne County and the Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism be invited to discuss economic development with Municipal Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW120512

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that this letter be sent to the other municipal units in Shelburne County, Yarmouth County and Clare.

Motion carried unanimously.

BOUNDARY REVIEW

The Provincial Boundary Review Committee has now held their public meetings in Argyle and Bridgewater.

Resolution COW120513

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the minutes, or summary of these meetings, be obtained for the information and review of members.

Motion carried unanimously.

CAUSEWAY PROTESTS

Members were apprised of the situation at the Causeway during recent protest activities. There have been tires burned on the Causeway on the Municipality's sidewalk. A complaint has been filed with the local RCMP Detachment in regards to this matter. Municipal employees will clean up the area once the protests cease.

SHEROSE ISLAND SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

Correspondence has been received from the Department of Environment indicating that their approval for the operation of the Sherose Island Treatment Plant is scheduled to expire on June 22, 2012. NSE is requesting the Municipality to submit a completed application to the Yarmouth Office of NSE before May 22nd, if the Municipality wishes to renew the approval. If the Municipality wishes to decommission the plant, they are also asked to provide a completed application to the Yarmouth Office of the NSE by May 22, 2012. In order to provide either of these applications, a Facility Assessment Report from a professional engineer stating any required upgrades needed to meet the most current standards, and an action plan with timelines for their completion, must accompany the application.

Resolution COW120514

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that an engineer be hired in order to provide the required assessment report on the Sherose Island Sewage Treatment Plant.

Motion carried unanimously.

Members were also informed that it has been indicated that Gas Tax Funds may be used for this upgrade, if necessary.

Correspondence will be sent to Nova Scotia Environment informing them of the actions that are being started by the Municipality.

EAST BAY REALTY RENTAL AGREEMENT

The rental agreement with East Bay Realty for the office which they now occupy in Barrington is up for renewal. Correspondence has been received from East Bay Realty indicating they wish to renew the lease.

Resolution COW120515

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that the rental agreement with East Bay Realty, at 2399, Highway #3, Barrington, be renewed.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Members again entered into Closed Session for the purpose of further discussing the legal action related to the former Barrington Municipal High School property, and the results of water testing at that site.

As a result of discussions of the Closed Session, further information will be obtained from the Municipal Solicitor in regards to this matter.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 9:45 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website May 9, 2012.