

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

May 22, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Councillor Hatfield at 6:30 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Shaun Hatfield, Chair
 - Murray Atkinson
 - George El-Jakl
 - Louise Halliday
 - Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
 - Cecil O'Donnell
 - Cathy Stoddard
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- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

CLOSED SESSION

Members entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing litigation concerning the former BMHS property.

OPEN SESSION

Having completed their discussion in Closed Session, members then entered into Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Members were provided with legal advice from the Municipal Solicitor regarding the former BMHS property and the use of the well at that site. Further advice will be obtained from the Municipal Solicitor and additional water tests will be conducted at the former BMHS property. This matter will be further discussed in Closed Session at the upcoming Council meeting on May 28, 2012.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- West River Road.
- Crow's Neck Beach.
- Lighthouse Road.
- NSCC Graduation.
- Mileage Request.
- Budget Meetings.
- Audit Committee Meeting.
- Recreation Infrastructure Funding.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that minutes of the meeting held May 7, 2012 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVES

There was a brief discussion concerning the alternatives to the Municipality for economic development in the future.

It was the consensus of members that Council wait until a response has been received from the letters sent to ACOA and the NSERDT before further consideration of this matter.

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM

Communities in Bloom is a program promoted by the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and the Tourism Industry Association of Nova Scotia. This is a program for the municipalities to beautify their communities. At the present time it is doubtful if the Municipality would be able to take advantage of this program for the current year.

Resolution COW120516

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that information on *Communities in Bloom* be sent to the Barrington Municipal High School Environment Club to determine if they may be interested in participating in this program for the following year.

Motion carried unanimously.

DRAFT SUN SAFETY POLICY

Members were provided with a proposed Sun Safety Policy for the Municipal Recreation Department. This policy has been reviewed by the Municipal Solicitor and redrafted by the Recreation Director to accommodate concerns of the committee.

There was a brief discussion regarding the liability of the Municipality and waivers being signed by parents of participants in Summer Day Camp programs.

Resolution COW120517

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that notice be given at the next Council meeting that this policy will be subsequently considered by Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

GRANTS POLICY

A proposed revision to the Community Grants and Grants to Organizations Policy was circulated to members for their review and consideration. The proposed policy would combine the Community Grants Policy and the Grants to Organizations Policy into one policy titled *Municipal Grants Policy*.

There then followed a brief discussion of this policy and its purpose.

Resolution COW120518

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that notice be given at the next Council meeting that the proposed *Municipal Grants Policy* would be considered at a subsequent Council meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

BY-LAW NO. 9, "PEACE, ORDER, MISCHIEF & NUISANCES"

As a result of a previous motion of committee, this by-law has been amended to bring it up to date and to strike out prior outdated language and matters that are dealt with under other by-laws.

Resolution COW120519

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that the amended By-Law No. 9 be forwarded to Council for first reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

LED STREET LIGHTS PROJECT

Members were provided with information concerning the street light pilot project that is proposed by Nova Scotia Power. As a result of a previous motion of the committee, Nova Scotia Power has been contacted requesting that the Municipality be included in any pilot projects related to LED street lights. Nova Scotia Power has provided information on their pilot project program which has been circulated to all councillors.

Resolution COW120520

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality participate in the NSPI pilot project for LED street lights.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
George El-Jakl
Louise Halliday
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell

NEGATIVE

Cathy Stoddard

Motion carried.

SURPLUS MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES

It is proposed that the Municipality advertise for sale six (6) surplus municipal properties for which the Municipality has no determined use. These six (6) properties are located in various areas of the Municipality, including Wood's Harbour, Lower Clark's Harbour and West Baccaro areas.

Resolution COW120521

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by L. Halliday that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality advertise for sale the six (6) identified surplus municipal properties, pursuant to Policy 12, "Sale of Municipal Property". Paragraph 6 indicates that the sale of municipal property can be accomplished by public invitation by tender, or Request for Proposal by advertising in the local newspaper. It is proposed that these properties be sold by advertising in the local newspaper as soon as possible.

Motion carried unanimously.

TAX REDUCTION APPLICATION

Mr. Jody Newell has made an application under municipal policy for the reduction of taxes on his property at 161 Highway #103, Clyde River. The property was destroyed by fire on December 1, 2011. Mr. Newell has made application for a reduction in taxes for the year ending March 31, 2012.

Resolution COW120522

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality reduce the taxes of Mr. Jody Newell for the 2012 taxation year. The amount of the reduction will be \$152.07.

Motion carried unanimously.

FEDERAL FLEET SEPARATION AND OWNER/OPERATOR POLICIES

Information was circulated to members from Minister Belliveau concerning these policies of the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans. This information was circulated to members at the request of our MLA, for their information.

LIBRARY READING CLUB

A request has been received by Deputy Warden Messenger who is the Municipality's member on the Western Counties Regional Library.

The Western Counties Regional Library is requesting that the Municipality again provide 10 pairs of public swimming passes to the Municipal Pool for distribution by the Library to the Summer Reading Club Literacy Program.

Resolution COW120523

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality approve the request of the Western Counties Regional Library for 10 pairs of swimming passes.

Motion carried unanimously.

BMHS TRACK & FIELD TEAM

A letter of thanks has been received from the BMHS Track Coach, Mr. Gerry Digout, on behalf of the team that travelled to Toronto for a competition.

OLD BARRINGTON WEST SCHOOL

A request has been received from Mr. Richard Crowell concerning the former Barrington West School located at 2645, Highway #3, Barrington. Mr. Crowell is requesting that the Municipality consider the possibility of relocating this old school to a site behind the Old Meeting House, and provide their consent to proceed, at least in principle.

It is unknown at this time whether the owner of the former school would be agreeable to having it moved instead of demolishing it. It is also unknown whether or not the owners of the Old Meeting House property would permit this move to take place, and it is also undetermined who would pay the cost of either to move or the continued operation of the former school after it was moved.

Resolution COW120524

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that a response be forwarded to Mr. Crowell concerning his request, providing him with the information that may be obtained concerning his request, and directing him to communicate with the Nova Scotia Museum which is the provincial body that owns the Old Meeting House property.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

WEST RIVER ROAD

It was indicated that the brush along the sides of the West River Road is encroaching on the roadway.

Resolution COW120525

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that correspondence be sent to the local Department of Transportation Office requesting that brush along the West River Road be cut back.

Motion carried unanimously.

CROW'S NECK BEACH

Members were informed that there has been no response as yet from the Department of Natural Resources regarding repairs to the access road at Crow's Neck Beach.

It was the agreement of members that the Municipality contact the local Department of Natural Resources Office regarding this matter.

LIGHTHOUSE ROAD IN BACCARO

Resolution COW120526

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that the Department of Transportation be contacted regarding repairs to the Lighthouse Road in Baccaro, and be asked for a written response to this request.

Motion carried unanimously.

NOVA SCOTIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRADUATION

The Warden informed members that he has received an invitation to attend the Nova Scotia Community College Graduation in Shelburne. The Warden informed members that he will be unable to attend. The Deputy Warden will attend in his stead.

Resolution COW120527

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality pay the expenses of the Deputy Warden to attend the graduation at the Nova Scotia Community College in Shelburne.

Motion carried unanimously.

MILEAGE REQUEST

The Deputy Warden and Councillor Stoddard attended a jobs announcement by Minister Belliveau which was recently held in Digby.

Resolution COW120528

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by L. Halliday that the expenses of the Deputy Warden and Councillor Stoddard to attend the job announcement in Digby by the provincial government be paid.

Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET MEETINGS

Members were reminded that there will be Budget Meetings all day Thursday and Friday during which the proposed budget for the coming fiscal year will be discussed and reviewed.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Members were informed that the auditors had begun their annual audit this morning and would be completing it in the next two to three weeks. It was suggested that an Audit Committee meeting be held June 12th or 13th, 2012.

Members of the Audit Committee include the Warden, Deputy Warden and Councillor O'Donnell. The members agreed to meet with the auditors on June 13, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. The auditors will be informed.

RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

This is a Federal Government program. A member questioned whether or not the Municipality could take advantage of this program and will provide further information to the Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 8:48 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website May 25, 2012.