

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

June 4, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Councillor O'Donnell at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Cecil O'Donnell, Chair
- Murray Atkinson
- Louise Halliday
- Shaun Hatfield
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger (8:00 p.m.)

Absent was George El-Jakl who is attending the FCM Conference and Cathy Stoddard due to illness.

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger was late due to attending a Cape Sable Historical Society meeting to make certificate presentations.

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Closed Session Re: Former BMHS Property.
- Safe Grad Request.
- West River Road/Upper Clyde Road

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by M. Atkinson and seconded by L. Halliday that minutes of the meeting held May 22, 2012 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### SOLICITOR ATTENDING MEETINGS

A survey of other municipal units was done by Municipal Staff in order to provide information to members. The survey indicated that there were seven (7) municipal units that requested solicitors to attend their meetings. There were two (2) who did not, and there were eleven (11) who only requested the solicitor attend when needed for consultation.

It was agreed that further discussion of this matter would be deferred to the next Committee of the Whole Meeting for future consideration.

#### SOUTHWEST NOVA SEAFOOD & WINE EXTRAVAGANZA

An invitation has been received for the Municipality to sponsor this event, together with the Town of Yarmouth and the Municipality of Yarmouth. The event is taking place on August 11th and 12th in the Town of Yarmouth.

#### Resolution COW120601

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by L. Halliday that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality reply to this invitation sending its best wishes to the participating municipal units for the success of their event, and indicating to them that the residents of the Municipality of Barrington will attend on their own initiative.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### COMMUNITY ACCESS PROGRAM

Correspondence has been received from the Nova Scotia Community Access Program expressing concern for the cancellation of funding for this initiative. Funding previously provided by Industry Canada will be eliminated at the end of the present fiscal year. This removal of funding will significantly affect the Nova Scotia CAP Association and all of those Nova Scotians who access computers through this program. In the Municipality of Barrington there are three (3) sites that will be adversely affected by the cancellation of federal funding for the CAP Program.

#### Resolution COW120602

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that whereas residents of the Municipality of the District of Barrington benefit from the operation of CAP sites within the community, it is recommended to Council that Industry Canada restore and maintain the funding for the Nova Scotia Community Access Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

A summary of consultations with other municipal units in the area was provided to members. This summary indicated how new employees were introduced to Councils in the area.

#### Resolution COW120603

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by M. Atkinson that this matter be deferred to the next Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion due to the absence of some councillors.

Motion carried unanimously.

LOGO AGREEMENT WITH JUNIOR C ICE DOGS

Members were informed that the current Logo Agreement with the Junior C, Sea Star Ice Dogs will expire on September 14, 2012.

There then followed some discussion regarding the renewal of this agreement.

Resolution COW120604

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that before this agreement be further considered by members, information be obtained from the Ice Dogs hockey team, and a request be made for their most recent financial statement, and for information indicating the revenues from logos placed in the ice each year, from ticket sales during the previous year, and also the expenses related to ice rental, game officials and other expenses of the team.

Motion carried unanimously.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS - LOCATION OF POLLING STATIONS AND NOTICE TO ELECTORS

A list of proposed polling stations was circulated to members for their information and review. This list was reviewed by the Municipal Clerk indicating which districts would be served by which polling stations.

The sentiment was generally expressed by members that notices should be sent to all electors indicating to them the district in which they reside, and the polling station at which they would be able to vote.

Since there were some members absent this evening, it was also agreed by consensus of members to have this item placed on the next Committee of the Whole agenda for further discussion.

BURSARY SELECTION

Members were provided with applications from 18 students who have applied for the Municipal Bursary. Along with the applications, members were also provided with evaluation scoring sheets. Members will complete these sheets and return them to the Municipal Clerk prior to the next Council meeting. Council's selection for the award of the bursary will be determined at the Council meeting on Monday, June 11, 2012.

ERMES GRANT REQUEST

Members were informed that the Playground Grant Request received from ERMES is for the 2012/2013 fiscal year. This group has previously had a grant application approved in 2011/2012 in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Resolution COW120605

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by L. Halliday that this matter be placed on the next Committee of the Whole agenda for further discussion, together with the Playground Funding Policy.

Motion carried unanimously.

SWNTA REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT

The Sou'West Nova Transit Association is requesting a letter of support for an Age-Friendly Grant Application which they are in the process of making.

Resolution COW120606

**Moved** by M. Atkinson and seconded by L. Halliday that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality provide a letter of support to the Sou'West Nova Transit Association for their Age-Friendly Grant Application.

Motion carried unanimously.

BAY SIDE HOME GRANT

Members discussed a potential grant to be made to Bay Side Home. Bay Side Home is currently determining the need for additional ventilation within the new building that has been constructed. As yet, members have no reason why this ventilation was not included in the construction at the time of renovation.

Resolution COW120607

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality rescind the previous motion passed on November 14, 2005 which reads:

*"...that the Municipality provide a grant of a minimum of \$250,000.00 for the expansion of Bay Side Home for long term nursing/continuing care."*

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Murray Atkinson  
Louise Halliday  
Shaun Hatfield  
Cecil O'Donnell

**NEGATIVE**

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Motion carried.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

SAFE GRAD REQUEST

Members were informed that a fax has been received at the Municipal Office today, from Barrington Municipal High School. In this fax the Vice-Principal is requesting a financial donation to provide assistance to the Safe Grad ceremonies again this year.

Resolution COW120608

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that a grant of \$300.00 be provided to the Barrington Municipal High School Safe Grad Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

WEST RIVER ROAD/UPPER CLYDE ROAD

A member informed the meeting that the brush has been cut back along the West River Road and that the potholes have been patched along the Upper Clyde Road.

FORMER BMHS PROPERTY RE: CLOSED SESSION

Resolution COW120609

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Closed Session regarding the former BMHS property be included in the Special Council Meeting to follow the Committee of the Whole Council meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 8:50 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary for the Meeting