

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

June 18, 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:

- NDP Community Reception.
- White Lines.
- Bay Side Home.
- Personnel Issue.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by M. Atkinson that the minutes of the meeting held June 4, 2012 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution COW120610

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that a Closed Session of the Committee be held at the end of the meeting in order to discuss a personnel issue at Bay Side Home.

Motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR AT MEETINGS

This matter had previously been circulated to members for their information and review. It was suggested that the Town of Yarmouth and the Municipality of Argyle have their solicitor present at Council meetings, and the information should be obtained from them regarding this practice.

Resolution COW120611

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality contact the Town of Yarmouth and the Municipality of Argyle to determine the usefulness of having solicitors present at meetings, and how they are paid for this service.

Motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Members expressed the sentiment that they wished to know who the employees of the Municipality are, and to be able to recognize them.

It was suggested that a social function be held to meet employees, and that an appropriate time might be during Municipal Awareness Week in early September. It was suggested that a lunch be brought in to the Conference Room for this purpose.

Resolution COW120612

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that more information be provided regarding a proposed luncheon meeting for councillors with municipal employees during Municipal Awareness Week.

Motion carried unanimously.

POLLING STATIONS

The proposed list of polling stations was further reviewed by members. It was suggested that in District 3 the Newellton Community Hall continue to be a polling station, and that a polling station be added either at the North East Point Community Hall, or some other hall in that area, for the convenience of electors. This information will be communicated to the Returning Officer. The other polling stations suggested by the Returning Officer appeared to be acceptable in all areas.

ERMES GRANT REQUEST

Members were informed that a letter received from the Evelyn Richardson Memorial Elementary School included a grant request of \$7,000 for playground equipment for the coming year.

There then followed much discussion regarding the availability of funds for playground requests.

Resolution COW120613

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by L. Halliday that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality match funds raised by the Evelyn Richardson Memorial Elementary School for the purpose of playground funding in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW120614

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Hatfield that Policy No. 8, "Playground Grants", be considered for amendment by the committee at a subsequent committee meeting. It was suggested that the principle of matching funds by local groups is important to be included in this policy.

Motion carried unanimously.

BARRINGTON REGIONAL CURLING CLUB FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A summary of the comparative operating statement of the Barrington Regional Curling Club was circulated to members for their information and review.

It was noted that the Curling Club Statement indicated that the Club had an excess of disbursements over receipts of \$2,149.00 for the year ended May 31, 2012.

DO FOR OTHERS GRANT REQUEST

A grant request has been received from the Do For Others Club in Wood's Harbour. The Club is requesting funding in the amount of \$1,000.00 towards the upkeep and mowing of Greenwood Cemetery.

Resolution COW120615

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that a \$500.00 grant be provided to the Do For Others Club in Wood's Harbour for the purpose of upkeep and mowing of Greenwood Cemetery.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Murray Atkinson

Motion carried.

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE MEDAL PROGRAM

Information has been circulated to members concerning the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal Program. This information has been received from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and from the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities. Municipalities are encouraged to nominate individuals to receive these medals.

After some discussion, members agreed by consensus to bring nominations for these medals to the next committee meeting.

ORDER OF BARRINGTON

This matter was deferred for discussion at a later meeting of the committee.

PROVINCIAL BOUNDARY REVIEW

Information was provided to members regarding the provincial boundary review. Minutes of the meetings that were held in Tusket and Bridgewater are contained on the Boundaries Review Commission's website. The website location was circulated to members so that they could review these minutes. As yet, there is no final report from this Commission.

Resolution COW120616

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality of Argyle be informed that Barrington Municipal Council will wait until the Boundary Review Commission has provided its final proposal in order to make any comment.

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD TANKS INSURANCE

The Municipality has eight (8) oil storage tanks on municipal property. These are tanks that are primarily used to supply furnace oil for municipal buildings. The Municipality currently has insurance in place that would cover any damages and any liabilities to other private property that would result from spillage or leakage from these tanks. It is proposed that the Municipality obtain insurance coverage on municipal property for cleanup of any spillage or leakage as a result of operation of these tanks. The proposed insurance coverage is for \$1,000,000 per claim, with a \$1,000,000 annual aggregate, and a \$10,000 deductible per claim. The annual premium for this insurance is \$1,719.00.

It is recommended that the Municipality obtain this insurance.

Resolution COW120617

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality obtain additional insurance coverage for all eight (8) fuel storage tanks on municipal property.

Motion carried unanimously.

PORTABLE TOILETS

Information was circulated to members concerning the provision of portable toilets at the Cape Sable Island Causeway during boat racing events.

It was also noted that the schedule for boat racing provides for a race to be held on June 16th and no other race to be held at that location until September 22nd. Since there are no races being held during that period it was not deemed necessary to place portable toilets at the Causeway for that purpose.

There then followed some discussion regarding the placing of toilets in the vicinity for other purposes.

Resolution COW120617

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that one (1) additional portable toilet be placed near, or next to, the Queen of Hearts Dory Club building for the use of the public during the summer months.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Louise Halliday
Cathy Stoddard

Motion carried.

MISS TEEN NOVA SCOTIA - WORLD 2012

Correspondence has been received from Kelly Penney requesting funding for her attendance at the Miss Teen Canada World 2012 pageant to be held in Toronto in July. Miss Penney is requesting financial sponsorship, either directly to her, or by making a donation on her behalf to the function's charity titled *Free the Children*. This charity helps children in poverty stricken countries through education and proper learning facilities.

Resolution COW120618

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that a grant of \$400.00 be provided to the *Free the Children* charity on behalf of Kelly Penney, and that municipal pins be provided to her for circulation at the event she will be attending in Toronto.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW120619

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that a letter of congratulations be sent to Kelly Penney on her accomplishment being crowned Miss Teen Nova Scotia - World 2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFER TO RESERVES

It is proposed that \$185,000 be transferred from the General Operating Fund to Special Reserve Fund Operating, and that a further transfer of \$45,000 be made from the General Operating Fund to the Special Reserve Fund Capital for Fire Services.

Resolution COW120620

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality transfer \$185,000 from the General Operating Reserve Fund to the Special Reserve Fund Operating for future use of the Municipality, and that the Municipality transfer \$45,000 from the General Operating Fund to the Special Reserve Fund Capital for future Fire Services use.

Motion carried unanimously.

NORTH EAST POINT BEACH ACCESS

Correspondence has been received from Nova Scotia Natural Resources indicating an access point to the North East Point beach from the Municipality's boardwalk. This access point is approximately 55 feet along the boardwalk from the Municipality's look-off. In order to facilitate this access point, Nova Scotia Natural Resources requires that a new Letter of Authority be put in place in addition to the previous Letter of Authority for this location.

Resolution COW120621

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality enter into a new Letter of Authority with Nova Scotia Natural Resources for the purpose of constructing a beach access opportunity at North East Point beach.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

NDP COMMUNITY RECEPTION

Members were informed that a Community Reception will be held by the NDP Caucus at the Osprey Arts Centre, in Shelburne, on June 20, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and all members have been registered should they wish to attend.

Resolution COW120622

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality pay the expenses of those attending the NDP Caucus Community Reception.

Motion carried unanimously.

WHITE LINES

It was suggested that the white lines forming crosswalks at the intersection of the No. 3 Highway and No. 330 Highway, at the Cape Sable Island Causeway, be painted by the Department of Transportation.

Resolution COW120623

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipal Clerk call the Department of Transportation to have the white crosswalk lines painted at the intersection of Highway #3 and #330, Barrington Passage.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION RE: BAY SIDE HOME PERSONNEL ISSUE

Members then entered into Closed Session for the purpose of considering a letter from an employee of Bay Side Home.

Having completed their discussion in Closed Session, members then returned to Open Session.

Resolution COW120624

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality send a letter responding to the employee from Bay Side Home explaining that Council does not participate in the operations of Bay Side Home. The only function of Municipal Council is to appoint members to the Board of Directors, and the Board of Directors is responsible for the governance of that corporation.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 9:05 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website June 19, 2012.