

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING
July 16, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Councillor Halliday in the meeting room at the Shag Harbour Fire Hall, at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present:

- Louise Halliday, Chair
 - Murray Atkinson
 - George El-Jakl
 - 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:

- Physician Recruitment Meeting.
- Parking at Brass Hill.
- Visitor Information Centre Volunteers.
- Crow's Neck Beach.
- Rural Postal Delivery.
- Burton Nickerson Requests.

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 D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the minutes of the meeting held July 3, 2012 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

As there were no members present at this time, no public consultation took place.

Correspondence for the purpose of public consultation has been received by the Warden from Donna Dixon. This correspondence was read to members for their information and discussion. The correspondence that was read addressed the advertised sale of municipal property, and the rejection of a bid that had been submitted for the purchase of that property.

Resolution COW120711

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that a response be sent to Donna Dixon indicating the basis on which Council had made their decision to reject the bid received as a result of the advertisement, and to explain the reason for Council's decision to proceed to sell the property through a real estate agent.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Louise Halliday
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

UNSM CONFERENCE

The Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities will be hosting their Annual Conference, in Halifax, on September 18 - 21, 2012. Warden El-Jakl indicated that he wishes to attend the conference. Reservations will be made for this purpose.

OPENING OF DENTIST OFFICE

It was indicated that the new dentist's office will be opening in Barrington Passage either on July 23rd or July 30th, 2012. Dr. Mailman will indicate the exact date when this will take place as soon as it is known. The Municipality will provide a bouquet or a basket in congratulations.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY/LAND USE BY-LAW REVIEW/
CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN

Information was provided to members, together with the agenda, concerning the preparation of a Climate Change Action Plan. This Action Plan is required by Service Nova Scotia in order for municipalities to continue to receive their Gas Tax Funding. The Climate Change Action Plan, together with the completion of the review of the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law, can be funded through Gas Tax Funds. It is suggested that the Planning Advisory Committee become the Adaptation Committee required for the preparation of the Climate Change Action Plan. The Planning Advisory Committee would then have the Municipality hire a consultant to complete this plan, and the consultant would meet with all stakeholders concerned within the Municipality in order to formulate the necessary plan.

Resolution COW120712

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Planning Advisory Committee form the Adaptation Committee for the purpose of preparing a Climate Change Action Plan for the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT FUND

Members were advised that a Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund has recently been announced by the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency. This fund will support projects that improve existing community infrastructure. It is proposed that an application be made under this fund for the restoration of the Seal Island Light.

Resolution COW120713

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that an application be made to the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency under the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund requesting funds for the restoration of the Seal Island Light.

Motion carried unanimously.

NOVA SCOTIA MARATHON

Correspondence has been received from the Recreation Director requesting the attendance of councillors at the 42nd Annual Nova Scotia Marathon/Half Marathon and 10K Run which will be held on Sunday, July 22, 2012.

The following members agreed to attend:

- Councillor Stoddard and Deputy Warden Messenger - 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- Warden El-Jakl, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
- Councillor Stoddard - 12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m.

This information will be forwarded to the Recreation Director.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION CONTINUED

At this time Mr. Brendan Goreham joined the meeting and as a result members determined they would discuss various matters with Mr. Goreham. The following items were discussed briefly:

1. Electoral boundary changes proposed for provincial and federal elections.

Concern was expressed that the recent information provided by the Federal Government indicated that parts of the Municipality would no longer be part of the South Shore/St. Margaret's riding, and would instead become part of the West Nova riding. Some concern was expressed that this would split the Municipality among two federal ridings. Pros and cons of this proposal were discussed.

2. Physical Activity Strategy.

It was suggested that the Municipality could partner with both Bay Side Home and with local schools when developing a Physical Activity Strategy for the Municipality.

3. Municipal Newsletter.

It was suggested that the Municipal Newsletter recently released is a good idea and has provided much information to local residents.

4. Wind Turbine Generators.

There has been much reporting of community interest in the development of wind turbine generators in both Kings County and the Municipality of Argyle recently. Members were also aware that there are proposals to develop wind turbine generators in the Municipality of Barrington. Public meetings have been held in the past and will be held in the future in regards to such developments.

5. It was indicated to councillors that the local schools appreciate the Municipality's efforts to engage them in municipal government by various means including waste reduction poster contests, and presentations to the elementary schools that have been made in the past.

Having completed his discussion with Council, Mr. Goreham then retired from the meeting.

DIAMOND JUBILEE MEDAL NOMINATION

It was suggested that the Municipality nominate Councillor Cecil O'Donnell to the UNSM for presentation of a Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Resolution COW120714

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that Councillor Cecil O'Donnell be nominated for a Diamond Jubilee Medal through the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

A Schedule of Fees was circulated to members for their information and review.

PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT MEETING

There will be a meeting with the District Health Authority's Physician Recruitment Officer, on Thursday, July 19, 2012, at 1:30 p.m., at the Municipal Office.

Councillors O'Donnell, Halliday, Stoddard, Hatfield, and Warden El-Jakl have indicated they will attend. Councillor Atkinson and Deputy Warden Messenger have previous commitments.

PARKING AT BRASS HILL

It was indicated that the paved area in front of the mailboxes at Brass Hill has deteriorated significantly.

Resolution COW120715

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to Canada Post indicating the dangerous condition of the paved area in front of the mailboxes at Brass Hill and request that maintenance be done.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW120716

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the local Department of Transportation requesting them to repair holes in the road at Brass Hill as these are a safety hazard to motorists.

Motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE VOLUNTEERS

It was noted that in the past volunteers have not been used at the Visitor Information Centre in Barrington. It was suggested that it may be possible to use volunteers at the Visitor Information Centre in order to provide additional staff when needed.

Resolution COW120717

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that Municipal Staff research the use of volunteers at the Visitor Information Centre.

Motion carried unanimously.

CROW'S NECK BEACH

It was indicated to members that the Nova Scotia Nature Trust has transferred their property at Crow's Neck Beach to the Department of Natural Resources. Even though the property has now been transferred, the Nature Trust still maintains its stewardship over the property.

Resolution COW120718

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that correspondence be sent to the Department of Natural Resources asking when will the road to Crow's Neck Beach be upgraded.

Motion carried unanimously.

RURAL POSTAL DELIVERY

Members were asked if correspondence has been received in regards to rural postal delivery. No members have received any correspondence related to this matter.

BURTON NICKERSONR REQUEST

Mr. Nickerson is requesting that a portable toilet be placed at the ball field in Shag Harbour, and is also requesting information regarding a grant application for that ball field. Additional information will be obtained from Mr. Nickerson regarding the association operating the ball field and the ownership of it.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 8:37 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website July 17, 2012.