

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

July 30, 2012

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, at 6:38 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

CLOSED SESSION RE: PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT

Members entered into Closed Session in order to discuss legal requirements of potential Physician Recruitment Agreements. Members of the Western Shelburne County Health Care Charitable Society were also invited for this portion of the meeting to discuss legal aspects of providing financial assistance to students from the Municipality who wish to become family physicians. For this purpose, Donna LeBlanc-Messenger declared a conflict of interest as Deputy Warden of the Municipality, but attended the meeting as chairperson of the Society. Other members of this Society who were present included:

- Irene Baker (who also represented the Town of Clark's Harbour)
- Marg Doane
- Trudy Scott
- Joanne Rose
- Marlene Gorham

Members discussed various aspects of providing financial assistance to local students attending medical schools.

Having completed their discussion of these matters, the Society members retired from the meeting at 7:22 p.m., and the meeting entered into Open Session.

At this point Deputy Warden Messenger attended the meeting in her capacity as councillor for the Municipality.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Shag Harbour Ball Field.
- Sale of Property.
- Closed Session at end of Meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by L. Halliday that the previous motion be amended adding a Closed Session to discuss the sale of municipal property.

Amendment carried unanimously.

The division was then taken on the original motion.

The original motion as amended now reads as follows:

"...that the agenda be approved as amended and adding a Closed Session to discuss the sale of municipal property."

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. Stoddard that minutes of the last previous meeting held July 16, 2012 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MUNICIPAL GRANT REQUEST - WOOD'S HARBOUR FISHERMAN'S MEMORIAL FUND

A grant request from the Wood's Harbour Fisherman's Memorial Fund had been deferred because additional information was required from this organization. Financial statements for the previous two years have since been provided. The amount of the grant requested was \$1,000.00. The funds remaining in the Municipal Grant Fund is \$245.50.

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the motion made at the July 3, 2012 Committee of the Whole be amended to remove the words "not to exceed \$500.00" and be replaced with the words "of \$245.50".

Amendment carried unanimously.

The division on the amended motion was then taken.

The amended motion now reads as follows:

Resolution COW120719

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality provide a grant of \$245.50 to the Wood's Harbour Fisherman's Memorial."

Amendment carried unanimously.

BARRINGTON REGIONAL CURLING CLUB REQUEST

The Barrington Regional Curling Club is requesting municipal assistance in financing the purchase of an automatic electronic defibrillator for the Curling Club. This request has been forwarded, in writing, from the Club. The total cost of the defibrillator is estimated at \$1,950.00 and the Curling Club is requesting the Municipality to pay up to 1/3 of the cost, or \$650.00.

Resolution COW120720

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality pay up to 1/3 of the cost of an automatic electronic defibrillator for the Barrington Regional Curling Club, not to exceed \$650.00, and that this purchase be charged to the Repairs and Maintenance account of the Curling Club.

Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY NO. 58 "PLAYGROUND FUNDING POLICY"

Proposed amendments to the Playground Funding Policy were read to members and reviewed.

It is proposed that the policy be amended so that the Municipality will match funds up to a maximum of \$2,500.00, for construction and maintenance, and the purchase of equipment for playgrounds within the Municipality, and that when the year in which these grants are dispersed playgrounds will not be eligible to apply for other municipal grants.

Members agreed by consensus that these amendments were acceptable, and therefore they will be brought forward to Council at the next opportunity to amend the Playground Funding Policy.

GAIL MARTIN PROPERTY

Members were informed that arrangements have been made for an engineer to assess the Gail Martin property in Brass Hill. This will be done in conjunction with other work being done in the area by the engineer, and will be done on Friday, August 10, 2012.

REQUESTS OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY COORDINATOR

The Physical Activity Coordinator has requested that several of the recreation policies of the Municipality be considered for amendment.

Resolution COW120721

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by M. Atkinson that the policies requesting review by the Municipal Physical Activity Coordinator be deferred to a subsequent meeting for further consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW120722

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by L. Halliday that it be recommended to Council that comments be obtained from the Municipal Physical Activity Coordinator concerning her suggested amendments, and the reasons for these amendments.

Motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYEE LUNCHEON MEETING

Information has been obtained on the cost of providing a luncheon meeting for councillors to meet municipal employees, during Municipal Awareness Week in September 2012. The approximate cost of this event, to be catered locally, is \$10.00 per person. It is estimated that there could be in the range of 30 people attending.

Resolution COW120723

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality host a luncheon meeting for councillors and municipal employees during Municipal Awareness Week in September 2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR AT MEETINGS

Members were informed that a written request had been provided to the Town of Yarmouth and the Municipality of Argyle concerning the attendance of their solicitors at municipal council meetings. No written response has been received from either.

No action was suggested in regards to this matter.

TOWNS TASK FORCE

Correspondence from the District of Chester has been circulated to members concerning the Towns' Task Force Report that has been provided to the UNSM. This report is entitled *A Path to Municipal Viability*, and addresses the circumstances of all the municipal units in the province, not just the towns.

The Council of the District of Chester is concerned that many references are made to provincial and outside intervention in the decision-making process of municipalities to overcome the many challenges that were outlined. Chester Municipal Council does not feel that local decision making should be taken away from municipal councils and given to an outside authority, and is expressing this concern.

This matter will be further discussed at the UNSM Conference in the fall, and no action is requested at this time.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

CLOSED SESSION

Members entered into Closed Session to receive an update on the property that is listed for sale with a local realtor.

Members then returned to Open Session.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Members were informed that offers have been received on the property listed with East Bay Realty. These offers will expire on Wednesday, August 8, 2012. It will therefore be necessary to convene a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday evening, August 7, 2012, for the purpose of considering the offers received on the property. Additional offers may be received in the interim.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website July 31, 2012.