

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

August 20, 2012

The meeting was called to order, by the Chair, 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
 - Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
 - Cecil O'Donnell
 - Cathy Stoddard
 - Louise Halliday (6:33 p.m.)
- Brian Holland, Secretary of the Meeting

CLOSED SESSION

Members entered into Closed Session for the purposes of discussing a proposed Medical Student Agreement and to receive an update on a personnel issue.

Miss Robyn Pierce appeared before the Committee for the purpose of discussing a Medical Student Agreement. Having concluded this discussion, Robyn Pierce then retired from the meeting at 6:56 p.m., after which the Members were updated on a personnel issue.

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Halliday declared a conflict of interest as she is related to an individual who is involved in the personnel issue and retired from the meeting prior to the discussion.

OPEN SESSION

Members returned to Open Session at approximately 7:05 p.m.
Councillor Halliday returned to the meeting.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

The Warden reported that members had discussed a proposed Medical Student Agreement and that it would be necessary to obtain more information on this matter. The Warden also informed the public that members had been updated on a personnel matter.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

1. Fire Services Request
2. Exit Sign at the Intersection

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that the minutes of the previous meeting, held August 7, 2012, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

GENERATOR FOR LIBRARY

This matter has been referred to Committee for further discussion from the previous Council Meeting.

Resolution COW120804

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to Ms. Sally Nickerson indicating that:

1. The Municipality funds the provision of generators to provide essential services such as: heat, food, and shelter during power outages.
2. This funding from other levels of government, for this purpose, has been reduced this year, and therefore funds from other sources are no longer available, and
3. Ms. Nickerson is to be thanked for her letter.

Motion carried unanimously.

ROSEWAY HOSPITAL SWITCHBOARD CLOSING

Correspondence has been received, by e-mail, from the Town of Shelburne indicating that the District Health Authority will be closing the switchboard at Roseway Hospital from the hours of 11:00 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. daily.

Resolution COW120805

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality support the fire departments in eastern Shelburne County by providing a letter to the District Health Authority, objecting to the closing of the Roseway Hospital switchboard, as proposed.

Motion carried unanimously.

WOODLAND MULTI-USE TRAIL REQUEST

The Woodland Multi-Use Trail Association is requesting the use of a portion of the Barrington Bay Trail. The portion which they wish to use and convert to a multi-purpose trail extends from the Cape Sable Island Causeway, westward to the end of the Barrington Bay Trail.

Members were also informed that a letter had been received from Mr. Keaton Nickerson, in favor of converting all of the Barrington Bay Trail to a multi-purpose trail.

There then followed much discussion regarding the use of the entire Barrington Bay Trail as well as the section requested to be changed by the Trail Association.

Resolution COW120806

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality host a public meeting in which the Woodland Multi-Use Trail Association would be asked to make a presentation and to invite public comment concerning the use of the Barrington Bay Trail. This public meeting would deal with the use of the entirety of the Barrington Bay Trail.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Louise Halliday

Motion carried.

It was also a consensus of Members that ads be placed in the newspaper and on the radio to inform the public of this meeting.

PROVINCIAL LIBERAL CAUCUS INVITATION

Resolution COW 120807

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that the Nova Scotia Provincial Liberal Caucus be invited to Barrington to meet with Municipal Council to explain how they intend to discontinue the monopoly of Nova Scotia Power Incorporated.

Motion carried unanimously.

PIRATE COUNTY

Correspondence has been received from local individuals advising that various community members are considering an initiative to promote the county as a "Pirate County."

Resolution COW120808

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the "Pirate County" initiative be referred to the Shelburne County Tourism Coordinator.

Motion carried unanimously.

LOCUM REQUEST FROM DR. YEE

Correspondence has been received from Dr. Yee indicating that he would like to have the Municipality pay the room and board for a locum to serve one week during the month of December, 2012. This coverage would not be paid through the Department of Health, as it exceeds the 30 day allowance provided by them each year.

Resolution COW120809

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality fund the locum request for one week during the month of December, as requested by Dr. Yee.

Motion carried unanimously.

DOG BY-LAW

Members were informed that the Municipal Dog By-law permits dogs to be allowed to run at large, without a leash or tether, providing there is human constraint and control over the animal. There then followed much discussion regarding the running of dogs, at large, on various beaches in the Municipality. It was suggested that there be some restrictions put on requiring dogs to be put on leashes or tethers at various locations throughout the Municipality, in particular, beaches.

Resolution COW120810

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality contact the Department of Natural Resources, obtain permission to place signs at the North East Point Beach and Sand Hills Beach requiring dogs to be on tethers or leashes at these locations.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACADIAN SEAPLANTS

Correspondence has been sent to Acadian Seaplants and to the Nova Scotia Minister of Environment, requesting a meeting to discuss the noise generated by the Acadian Seaplants' facility in Charlesville. An e-mail response has been received from the Minister indicating that

both the Department of Agriculture and Department of Environment staff have been in contact with Acadian Seaplants about this issue. As a result Acadian Seaplants are taking steps to address the concerns of local residents.

Resolution COW120811

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to Ms. Astrid Newman indicating the response that has been received from the Minister of Environment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Members then discussed the proposed amendments to the Noise By-law, which had been referred back to Committee. It was the consensus of Members that no decibel measurements would be included in this bylaw, and that the bylaw should now be brought forward to Council for second reading.

Resolution COW120812

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Minister thanking him for his reply, indicating to him that Council would like to meet with the Minister and representatives of Acadian Seaplants Limited and concerned residents to discuss the noise emitted at the facility in Charlesville.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

The schedule of fees for the previous two weeks was circulated to Members for their information and review.

BARRINGTON ICE DOGS LOGO AGREEMENT

The Barrington Sea Star Ice Dogs have a three year agreement with the Municipality to install various sponsors' logos in the ice at the Barrington Municipal Arena. The Ice Dogs receive all of the revenues generated from the placement of these logos in the ice. The Ice Dogs hockey team was asked to provide financial information.

The Logo Agreement with the hockey team expires in September of 2012. This agreement was put in place for a three year trial period. Members then discussed the financial information received as well as the current deficit of the arena.

Resolution COW120813

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger, that it be recommended to Council that the Logo Agreement with the Barrington Sea Star Junior "C" Ice Dogs Hockey Team be renewed for another two years.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Louise Halliday

Motion carried.

FIRE SERVICES REQUEST

Correspondence has been received from the Fire Services Coordinator indicating that the Fire Services Committee is requesting the Municipality to purchase a card printer which will produce cards for fire scene control. These cards will be used by firefighters at the fire scene to keep track of which firefighters are at a fire scene and their involvement during the incident.

The approximate cost of a card printer, together with enough cards to serve the Fire Services' purposes, is in the range of Twenty Three Hundred Dollars (\$2300). It was the consensus of Members that the Fire Services Committee would be consulted to determine where funds might be sourced for this purchase.

FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE RESCUE CHALLENGE

E-mail correspondence has been received by the Warden requesting the Municipality to provide Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) for meals and lodging and One Hundred Twenty (120) Municipal Pins so that a team of firefighters from the Wood's Harbour/Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department and the Island/Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department may attend the Fire Department Vehicle Rescue Challenge in Enfield, Nova Scotia.

Resolution COW120814

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that correspondence be sent to the Fire Departments indicating that there are no funds remaining in the Municipal Grants Fund, and therefore the Municipality is unable to provide the funds, and that pins will be provided as requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW120815

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) be taken from the advertising budget to be provided to the Fire

Departments as requested for their participation in the Fire Department Vehicle Rescue Challenge.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Louise Halliday
Murray Atkinson

Motion carried.

EXIT SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION

Members were informed, by the Warden, that the exit sign at the intersection of Highway 3 and the Oak Park Road has been struck by trucks, at various times, and has now been bent significantly as a result of recently being struck by a truck.

Resolution COW120816

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the local Department of Transportation office requesting that the sign be moved to a better location, to avoid being struck by vehicles.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned, by mutual consent of Members, at 9:30 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting