

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

November 21, 2012

A special meeting of the Committee of the Whole was convened in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Eddie Nickerson, Chair
- Jody Crook
- George El-Jakl
- Shaun Hatfield
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

- David Kendrick, Fire Services Coordinator
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of this meeting was for members to discuss recent developments in the Fire Service; in particular, the ability of the four volunteer fire departments to provide fire services in their area.

DISCUSSION

The Fire Services Coordinator reviewed his quarterly report that had previously been forwarded to the Clerk-Treasurer, and subsequently brought to the attention of councillors. In this report it was indicated that there was not adequate training provided to the fire departments in Port LaTour and Port Clyde so that they did not have enough trained firefighters to provide fire services. It had been proposed that all three fire departments in the area, including Port Clyde, Port LaTour and Barrington, would respond to all fire calls so that a sufficient number of trained firefighters would be available. This approach satisfied the need for the number of trained firefighters responding.

The Fire Services Coordinator continued to review the need for training, and the necessity of having training in the fire service.

In addition, members were informed that information had been received from the Municipality's insurer indicating that insurance coverage would be provided in any case.

Information was also provided from the Municipal Solicitor indicating that in order to satisfy requirements of the Municipal Government Act, a registration form should be put in place that is signed by all of the fire departments. This registration form will be circulated by the Fire Services Coordinator and brought to Council for approval.

There were three members of the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department also attending the meeting this evening, and they were consulted regarding the training required in their department and the discussions held by their departments regarding training and amalgamation.

It was the consensus of members that adequate fire services could be provided if all three fire departments were paged to all fire calls. This will be done from now on and the appropriate registration brought to Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed their discussion of the matter, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website November 23, 2012.