

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL
STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING**

January 19, 2013

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 9:05 a.m., 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

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of this meeting was to begin strategic planning for the Municipality for the term of this Council, and possibly subsequent years into the future.

As an introduction to the meeting, members reviewed the purposes of planning. The Mission Statement of the Municipality and the Vision Statement of the Municipality as contained in the Integrated Communities Sustainability Plan were also reviewed by members.

Members then began to review plans for the Municipality by examining each of the functions provided by Municipal Government.

PLANNING DISCUSSION

The first function discussed was Policing Services as provided by the local RCMP Detachment and the cost of these services.

The cost of Corrections was briefly reviewed.

The cost of EMO Services and the Search & Rescue services in the Municipality were also reviewed by members.

Building and Fire Inspection Services were then discussed, including the succession of employees and the agreement with the current Building Inspector.

Animal control and By-Law Enforcement was also discussed and it was emphasized that this is a service that is provided on an as-needed basis.

Members then discussed the provision of Fire Services throughout the Municipality. In conjunction with the Fire Services there was much discussion concerning providing financial assistance to community centres which may be necessary to complement fire services in various areas of the Municipality.

There then followed much discussion regarding the provision of training standards for firefighters.

Resolution COW130111

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the Committee of the Whole meet quarterly in the different districts of the Municipality or as necessary in order to provide local residents an opportunity to have direct input to the committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW130112

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the Fire Services Coordinator be requested to draft a Training Standards Policy for firefighters within the Municipality for the consideration of Council. If these standards already exist they are to be put in place; if they do not, they are to be developed in consultation with the Fire Services Committee for Council consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

It was agreed by consensus of members that the next planning meeting would be held at 7:00 p.m. on January 31, 2013, in the Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 12:00 Noon.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website January 21, 2013.