

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

January 31, 2013

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, at 7:00 p.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

This is the second in a series of Strategic Planning meetings. The agenda this evening included Transportation Services, a brief presentation on the economic outlook for the Southwestern Region of Nova Scotia, and on the demographic outlook of the Southwestern Region of Nova Scotia.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Street Lights

Members reviewed the current budget for street lighting within the Municipality and the current lighting policy. There are more than 1,100 street lights in the Municipality at present which are paid for by taxpayers. The Province has mandated that all streetlights will be replaced by LED lights within the next seven (7) years. All municipalities must replace at least 10% of these lights by the end of 2013. There is a template being developed by the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities which will allow municipal units to determine whether or not they should purchase or lease LED lights. Municipalities must indicate to Nova Scotia Power by July of 2013 whether they wish to purchase these street lights in their municipalities and replace them with their own LED lights, or rent the LED lights from NSPI.

Public Transit

Information was provided to members on Sou'West Nova Transit Association. This Association is currently the only transit organization in Shelburne County and has been funded to some extent by municipal units. It is expected this organization will again request funding in the coming year.

Roads & Streets

The Municipality owns four roads within its boundaries. These roads are: 1.6 kilometers of the Goose Lake Road, Cat Rock Drive, Spruce Drive/Nicholas Drive and Fish Plant Road. The Municipality budgets each year for maintenance costs on these roads.

Sidewalks/Trails

The Municipality owns sidewalks in the communities of Barrington Passage and Woods Harbour. The Woods Harbour sidewalk will be extended and completed this coming summer. The Municipality also owns the Sherose Island Nature Trail, the Barrington Bay Trail and the Woods Harbour Multi-use Trail. The Woodland Multi Use Trail Association has developed trails within the Municipality. The trails developed by the Association extend from the Municipal line at the Yarmouth County line as far as Cape Sable Island Causeway, and also from Clement's Pond to Port Clyde. The Municipality will be providing a grant to the Woodlands Multi Use Trail Association for the completion of the section of trail between the Cape Sable Island Causeway and Woods Harbour.

Economic and Demographic Outlooks

Brief presentations were made providing members with information from provincial government reports. These reports included the outlook for both the demographics and economy of Southwestern Nova Scotia for the fifteen (15) years from 2011-2026.

Public Health & Welfare

Members discussed the provision of physician recruitment services to the Municipality. Members also discussed the possibility of a collaborative health centre in the Municipality. The recruitment of doctors in Yarmouth County and various sharing of funds initiatives by the municipalities in that county were also reviewed. Members also discussed the recent appointment of Mr. Roy Quinlan to the Western Regional Housing Authority. To date, confirmation has not been received from the Minister of this appointment.

CLOSED SESSION

Members then entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing possible negotiating tactics for physician recruitment.

OPEN SESSION

Members then returned to Open Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website February 1, 2013.

