

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

February 18, 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:

- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger, Chair
- Shaun Hatfield
- Eddie Nickerson

Absent were members George El-Jakl due to work commitments, and Jody Crook due to work commitments.

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Members agreed to observe a moment of silence expressing both hope and concern for the five fishermen from Woods Harbour who are currently being searched for at sea.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Hatfield that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by E. Nickerson that minutes of the meeting held February 11, 2013 be approved as circulated.

BARRINGTON REGIONAL CURLING CLUB MONTHLY REPORT

Mr. John Joyce appeared before the meeting for the purpose of providing the Curling Club's monthly report. He indicated at the present time there are no issues and "everything appears to be going well". He did indicate that a fan belt had to be replaced on a piece of equipment. This had been done satisfactorily.

There were 19 teams in the bonspiel recently held at the Curling Club. Although this was less than usual, it was accepted as a good turnout since there were other curling activities taking place at the same time.

Mr. Joyce indicated that the finances of the Club are good at this time. A pancake dinner was hosted at the Curling Club that went well, and was believed to be profitable.

Having completed his report, Mr. Joyce retired from the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

RCMP QUARTERLY REPORT

Sgt. Deluco appeared before the meeting and provided a written statistical report of activities for the months April to December 2012 inclusive. She also reviewed the SAFE Program. This is a school security program that has been put in place for all schools in the Municipality and the Town. It has been practiced twice and will be practiced a third time in the very near future. This is a lockdown procedure used in the schools to provide security for them.

Sgt. Deluco indicated that the complement of officers in the local Detachment would be five (5) until approximately May. It is anticipated that the Detachment will then be at full strength during the summer months.

There then followed some discussion regarding the complement of officers and how this was dealt with in the Provincial Policing Contract.

Resolution COW130210

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by E. Nickerson that information be obtained regarding the Provincial Policing Contract and circulated to members.

Motion carried unanimously.

Members then discussed the ATV traffic on the Barrington Bay Trail with Sgt. Deluco. The Sergeant explained that it is difficult to enforce ATV rules on the Barrington Bay Trail as the traffic is very sporadic at best. It is not possible for the local Detachment to patrol the Barrington Bay Trail consistently with the number of officers available. It was also indicated that one of the signs that had recently been placed on the trail has already been removed.

Having completed her discussion of this matter, Sgt. Deluco retired from the meeting.

GOOSE LAKE ROAD

It was agreed by members that discussion of the Goose Lake Road would be deferred to the February 25th Council meeting as the councillor for the area was not present at this time.

ATV DISCUSSION CONT'D

Members then returned to discussion of the use of the Barrington Bay Trail. It was suggested that the trail be opened on a trial basis for a period of one year. It was also suggested that a public meeting be held in order to obtain input from local residents regarding this change. It was also suggested that trail etiquette signs be posted at either end of the Barrington Bay Trail.

Resolution COW130211

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by E. Nickerson that:

WHEREAS it is the intention of Council to open the Barrington Bay Trail for multi purpose use for a one year trial period;

AND WHEREAS it is important for Council to receive the input of local residents and the general public before making this decision;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality hold a public meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., in the Municipal Administration Building for the purpose of receiving comments regarding the conversion of the Barrington Bay Trail to a multi purpose trail for a one year trial period.

Motion carried unanimously.

SHELBURNE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

Correspondence has been received from the Town of Lockeport concerning the Community Health Centre project proposed for Shelburne. Members noted that the correspondence is a copy of a letter sent to the Minister of Health from the Mayor of the Town of Lockeport. Members took note of the letter.

No definitive action was recommended at this time.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Information was provided to all councillors summarizing the volunteers who have been nominated for this position by organizations in the community. These nominations will be brought back to the Council meeting on February 25, 2013, at which time a Volunteer of the Year will be selected.

FRIENDS OF THE CAPE LIGHT

Information has been received from the Friends of the Cape Light. This is a group that wishes to do some restoration work at the Cape Light on Cape Sable Island. The information provided indicates that:

1. Eastern Infrastructure of Halifax will be painting the light.
2. The cost will be approximately \$95,000.00. This cost will include necessary repairs to the outside of the building and three coats of a special paint.
3. There are no plans for disposing of the light.
4. The Friends of the Cape Light are not planning to take over the light.

Resolution COW130212

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by E. Nickerson that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality provide a grant of \$5,000.00 to the Friends of the Cape Light for the purpose of repairing and painting the outside of the light, on the condition that \$90,000.00 for this purpose is raised by the Friends of the Cape Light, which would include, if necessary, a \$5,000.00 grant from the Town of Clark's Harbour.

Motion carried unanimously.

HEALTHY EATING POLICY

Information from the Barrington Municipal Arena and from the Recreation Department was circulated to members. This information indicated the sale of food items at the Arena canteen and at the Recreation Centre canteen. It was indicated that 80% to 90% of the foods sold at the Arena canteen are non healthy foods.

Resolution COW130213

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that suggestions be obtained from the Arena Manager and Recreation Director to implement incremental steps in choosing and promoting the sale of healthier foods at municipal facilities.

Motion carried unanimously.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL COURT

Information was provided to members regarding the suggested location, cost of, and administration of a beach volleyball court within the Municipality.

It was the consensus of members that the establishment of use of such a facility should be left to the discretion of the Recreation Director. The use of such a facility may be dependent on a variety of factors that need to be addressed in a discretionary manner.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The residents of Spruce Drive have indicated that the ditches on the D.O.T. portion of that road have not as yet been addressed by the local Department of Transportation. The Department will be contacted and requested to address this issue as soon as possible as it affects drainage of the properties in this area.

SHELBURNE COUNTY JOINT SERVICES

Correspondence has been received from the Town of Lockeport, by email, suggesting that municipal units in Shelburne County engage in a joint meeting to discuss the continued funding of the Tourism Coordinator and Senior Services Coordinator.

This matter will be further addressed when responses have been received from the other municipal units in the County.

DANGEROUS AND UNSIGHTLY PREMISES

Implementation of the Dangerous and Unsightly Premises Provisions of the Municipal Government Act and of the Municipal Policy in such matters was discussed at length. There are various properties in the area which have been dealt with under these regulations on a continuous basis.

Councillor Crook then joined the meeting at approximately 9:16 p.m.

It was suggested during the discussion that timelines should be put in place for addressing the various issues that arise. It was also discussed that expert advice should more often be provided for and sought in dealing with dangerous premises.

It was the consensus of members that proposed policy amendments should be further investigated by municipal employees and brought back to a subsequent meeting of the committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:00 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website February 20, 2013.