

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

February 28, 2013

The meeting was called to order by the Warden, at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

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

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Members discussed the provision of Environmental Services. These services include the provision of sewer services and the provision of solid waste management services.

Sewer Services

Members discussed the provision of Sewer Services in the Barrington sewer system and the Woods Harbour sewer system and in the Sherose Island sewer system.

Discussion of the sewer charges and the resulting surplus and deficits in the sewer systems was reviewed.

The Sherose Island sewer system was discussed and explanation was provided for questions regarding the current construction of the recirculating sand filter system that will be installed there this spring.

Solid Waste Management

Solid Waste Management Services are a part of Environmental Services and include the Region 6 Solid Waste Management Steering Committee, the municipal waste collection and the Construction and Demolition Landfill.

These services were discussed at length. The discussion included possible strategic initiatives around the use of clear bags for waste collection, and additional separation of demolition waste that is received at the Construction & Demolition Landfill. More information will be obtained in this area for further discussion.

Also discussed was the goal of Nova Scotia Environment to reduce waste disposed to no more than 300 kilograms per capita throughout the Province. Our Municipality realized a level of 370 kilograms, per capita, for the year ended March 31, 2012. In order to reduce this further additional waste reduction strategies need to be put in place.

ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Environmental Development Services include the Planning Advisory Committee, Regional Enterprise Networks, the Visitor Information Centre, Tourism Coordinator and Senior Services Coordinator.

The Planning Advisory Committee deals with the Municipal Planning Strategy, Land Use By-Law and Subdivision by-laws. In addition, the Planning Advisory Committee is acting as the Steering Committee for the Municipal Climate Change Action Plan which must be completed this year in order to continue to receive Gas Tax Funding.

Members then discussed the Regional Enterprise Network that is being proposed in this area and how that may affect the provision of tourism services and senior services.

It was the consensus of members that the inter-municipal agreement that is being developed for Regional Enterprise Networks needs to be received and reviewed first before any decision can be made by Council concerning this proposition.

NEXT MEETING

Having reached the hour of 10:00 p.m., members then discussed timing for the next meeting to further discuss planning.

It was agreed by members that the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council for this purpose would be held in the Conference Room, at 7:00 p.m., on April 4, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:05 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website March 1, 2013.