

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

April 15, 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:

- Shaun Hatfield, Chair
- Jody Crook
- George El-Jakl
- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger (7:11 p.m.)

Deputy Warden Messenger was late due to attending the Volunteer Awards Banquet in Halifax with the Municipality's Volunteer of the Year.

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

There were also 21 members of the public present.

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Benches in memory of Miss Ally crew.
- Closed Session Re: Purchase of Property.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by E. Nickerson that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that minutes of the meeting held April 8, 2013 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### BARRINGTON REGIONAL CURLING CLUB MONTHLY REPORT

The President of the Curling Club, John Joyce, appeared before the meeting for the purpose of providing a verbal report.

Mr. Joyce indicated that the Curling Club, overall, has had a good year, and that they have a busy rental schedule for the summer. He indicated a summary of the energy savings achieved the year following the installation of the energy saving lights and ceiling was almost complete. He will have the report completed and forwarded to the Municipal Office in the near future.

Upon questioning, Mr. Joyce indicated that the Curling Club is requesting a grant from the Municipality in the amount of \$8,000.00. The purpose of this grant is to pay \$6,000.00 to install heating in the ice shed. He indicated that there would be no effect on the ice from the installation of this heating source. He also indicated that \$2,000.00 would be used for operating funds for the Curling Club for startup of the coming season.

It was agreed that the next report from the Curling Club would not be made until September, closer to the beginning of the new season.

Having completed his report, Mr. Joyce then retired from the meeting.

#### FIRE SERVICES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

The Fire Services Coordinator appeared before the meeting for the purpose of providing his report for the first quarter of 2013.

A written report was provided and circulated to members with the agenda prior to the meeting.

It was indicated that five (5) new instructors have been trained and passed their skills test. These five instructors will need to pass a written test and it is anticipated that all five will pass.

The meeting was informed that budget information has been obtained from the Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Fire Department and the Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department. The remaining fire departments have not provided the required information.

#### Resolution COW130410

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that the Fire Services Coordinator contact the three fire departments who have not provided budget information, and inform them that if the information is not provided as required by the end of April their funding will be withheld until such time as the information has been provided.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Fire Services Coordinator indicated he had attended the Fire Services Association of Nova Scotia meeting the previous weekend and found it to be very informative.

Having completed discussion of his report, the Fire Services Coordinator then retired from the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

#### BRENNAN GOREHAM RE: SOCIAL MEDIA

Mr. Goreham appeared before the meeting for the purpose of requesting and encouraging Council to provide more information on social media in an attempt to engage the youth of the community in municipal affairs.

Mr. Goreham provided various statistics regarding the use of social media by youth in the community, and youth in general.

At present, the Municipality does not have a social media policy.

Mr. Goreham informed members that he believes municipal employees would save time by using social media by not having to answer questions of residents who may obtain answers through social media facilities.

Resolution COW130411

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by G. El-Jakl that further consideration of use of social media be deferred for a subsequent meeting of the committee for further discussion, and in the interim policies from other municipal units be circulated to members.

Motion carried unanimously.

Having completed his presentation, Mr. Goreham then retired from the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

BARRINGTON BAY TRAIL

Members had agreed to further discuss the disposition and use of Barrington Bay Trail. Correspondence has been received from Mr. Sandy Clark, by email, and circulated to members for their information. Correspondence was previously received from Mr. Bill Powley regarding geocaching tourism and use of the Barrington Bay Trail. Aerial photos were also provided to members for their information.

It was suggested that walkers who did not wish to share the Barrington Bay Trail with off-highway vehicles could use the nature trail on Sherosse Island. This trail could be updated by the Municipality and associated costs included in the budget. It was also suggested that the Barrington Bay Trail may be widened to a similar width as the multi-purpose trail in Woods Harbour, the cost of which would have to be included in budget discussions.

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality delay conversion of the Barrington Bay Trail to a multi-purpose trail until the rest of the proposed trail adjoining the Barrington Bay Trail had been developed in 2014.

There then followed discussion of this motion and its implications.

The division was then requested on the motion.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Jody Crook

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl

Shaun Hatfield

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson

Motion defeated.

There was then some discussion regarding whether or not use of the trail would be altered for a one year period, or permanently.

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by E. Nickerson that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality open the Barrington Bay Trail for a one year trial period to multi-purpose use and to record the information received on that usage, both pro and con, during that period.

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that the motion be amended to include that the trail be open for a one year trial period when the Department of Natural Resources requirements for multi-purpose trails are met.

The division was then requested on the amendment.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

George El-Jakl  
Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson

**NEGATIVE**

Jody Crook.

Amendment carried.

**Resolution COW130412**

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The division was then requested on the amended motion.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

George El-Jakl  
Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson

**NEGATIVE**

Jody Crook.

Motion carried.

**Resolution COW130413**

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality assess and obtain costs of expansion of the nature trail at Sherose Island.

Motion carried unanimously.

Having completed this discussion, members then took a break while public members retired from the meeting.

AMANS SPRING CONFERENCE

Correspondence has been received from the southwestern branch of the AMANS requesting sponsorship for their conference to be held in Yarmouth in June.

Resolution COW130414

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that a contribution of \$500.00 be granted for the AMANS Spring Conference.

Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY 52 “COUNCIL MEETINGS AND PROCEEDINGS POLICY”

This matter has been referred to the committee from a previous meeting. Notice of motion had been given at the previous meeting to be considered this evening.

Members then discussed the procedures contained in the Council Meetings and Proceeding Policy at length.

Resolution COW130415

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by E. Nickerson that the committee continue discussion of Policy 52, “Council Meetings and Proceedings Policy”, at a special meeting of Committee to be held for this purpose only, and that a time be set for this special meeting at the end of this committee meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

DEFERRED MOTION RE: MAYOR/WARDEN

It was indicated by the Warden that additional information is still required by him before he would be comfortable making a decision in this matter.

There then followed some discussion regarding the information previously provided and any additional information required.

Resolution COW130416

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that the committee continue to discuss the deferred mayor/warden motion at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Information concerning grant applications was circulated to members for their perusal and review. A list of the applications has been provided to members together with the applications that were approved for the previous year.

Resolution COW130417

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that members consider the approval of grant applications at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

BENCHES ON WOODS HARBOUR SIDEWALK

An initiative was presented to members to have five (5) benches put in place along the Woods Harbour sidewalk when it is completed. These benches would be placed there in memory of the crew members of the Miss Ally. The benches would be similar to the bench placed in memory of Hattie Perry at Barrington Municipal High School.

Resolution COW130418

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that municipal employees obtain further information regarding the cost and location of benches to be placed on the Woods Harbour sidewalk.

Motion carried unanimously.

Having reached the hour of 10:00 p.m., it was moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the meeting continue until the business of the meeting has been completed.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION RE: PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

Members then entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the potential purchase of property by the Municipality.

OPEN SESSION

Having completed their discussion of this matter, members then returned to Open Session.

POLICY 52

Members agreed to further discuss amendments to Policy No. 52 at a meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:30 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website April 18, 2013.**