

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

June 10, 2013

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, at 7:00 p.m., in the meeting room at the Port Clyde Fire Hall, in Port Clyde, N.S., with the following members present:

- Jody Crook, Chair
- Shaun Hatfield
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
  
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

Absent was Councillor El-Jakl on leave.

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following item was added to the agenda:

- June 9<sup>th</sup> Boat Races.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that minutes of the meetings held May 21<sup>st</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### PUBLIC CONSULTATION

As there were no members of the public present at the meeting this evening, no consultation ensued.

### 2014 MUNICIPAL BURSARY SELECTION

Members were requested to return their forms for the Municipal Bursary selection to the Municipal Office not later than Friday, June 14, 2013. The forms were returned this evening from Councillor Jody Crook and Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger.

### MUNICIPAL GRANTS

Information had been previously provided to councillors concerning Municipal Grant applications. These grant applications to be included in the 2013/14 budget were then reviewed, in detail, on an individual basis. The following grants have already been approved by Council:

- Woodland Multi Use Trail Association, \$18,000.00
- Municipal Bursary, \$1,000.00
- Friends of the Cape Light, \$5,000.00

The grant for the Souwest Nova Transit Association was then reviewed and discussed at length.

#### Resolution COW130601

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Hatfield that a grant for the Souwest Nova Transit Association be provided in the basic amount of \$3,000.00, and that an additional 50% of all senior's fares to a maximum of \$1,500.00 also be provided. The Transit Association will be required to provide documentation of the trip services provided to seniors in order to obtain payment of the additional amount.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Shelburne Association Supporting Inclusion

##### Conflict of Interest

Warden Nickerson declared a conflict of interest as his wife is employed by this organization, and retired from the meeting.

#### Resolution COW130602

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that a grant of \$300.00 be provided to the Shelburne Association Supporting Inclusion, and that a letter also be sent accompanying this payment commending them for their activity and support in our community, and thanking them for their efforts.

Motion carried unanimously.

Warden Nickerson was then asked to return to the meeting

It was agreed by members that grant applications from the River Hills Golf & Country Club and the Woods Harbour Community Centre be deferred for consideration after all other applications have been reviewed.

#### Resolution COW130603

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that a grant of \$500.00 be approved in response to the request from the Woods Harbour Fishermen's Memorial, and that a letter also be sent together with this payment indicating the Municipality's policy Re: cemeteries.

Motion carried unanimously.

Members continued to review the various grant application forms and agreed on amounts to be provided to many of the organizations.

It was also agreed by consensus of members that a summary would be prepared and brought to the next Committee of the Whole so that consideration of the remaining applications could be completed at that time.

#### STREET LIGHT CONVERSION

Members have previously been provided with information regarding the conversion of street lights in the Municipality.

The conclusion drawn from this information is that there is very much uncertainty concerning future costs of street lights, and the cost of purchasing street lights.

#### Resolution COW130604

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality continue to lease street lights from Nova Scotia Power Inc. as has been done in the past.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### FANE REQUEST

Correspondence has been received from La Federation acadienne de la Nouvelle-Ecosse (fane) requesting a financial contribution towards their Notice of Action to the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia to defend the principal of effective representation, and the importance of a strong voice for the rural areas of our province.

Much discussion followed regarding the potential benefit of this action to our Municipality.

#### Resolution COW130605

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that a grant of \$2,000.00 be provided to the Federation to assist with their expenses of their legal action.

#### AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson

#### NEGATIVE

Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried.

#### BARRINGTON BAY TRAIL

Members were informed that estimates have been prepared by Municipal Staff regarding the cost of having a private contractor upgrade the Barrington Bay Trail for multi purpose use, and also the cost of having Municipal Staff perform similar work.

It was suggested that the Municipality contact the Woodlands Multi Use Trail Association and request them to provide an estimate of the cost of converting this section of trail.

Resolution COW130606

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that the Woodlands Multi Use Trail Association be requested to provide an estimate of the cost of converting the Barrington Bay Trail to multi use.

Motion carried unanimously.

Members were also informed that correspondence had been sent some time ago to the Department of Natural Resources requesting what process is necessary to have the Barrington Bay Trail changed to a multi use trail. As yet, a response has not been received. The Department of Natural Resources has again been contacted. It is anticipated a response will be received in the near future.

There was also some discussion regarding the upgrading of the nature trail on Sherose Island.

JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup> BOAT RACES

An email has been received from a resident of North East Point regarding the conduct of the boat races on June 9<sup>th</sup>. There was some question regarding the closure of the lower portion of McGray Avenue to vehicular traffic, and also the mandatory payment of a fee to view the boat races.

Warden Nickerson indicated that he is the President of the Nova Scotia Boat Racers Association and that his position there is purely volunteer, and indicated that all funds received from viewing the boat races were used to go back into the Boat Racing Association to pay its costs. He indicated there was a significant insurance cost to the Association of approximately \$15,000.00. Warden Nickerson also provided a copy of the Amusement License obtained by the Association from Service Nova Scotia for all of the nine boat races that will be held at various locations this summer. He indicated that McGray Avenue was not closed to vehicular traffic. He also indicated that even though an admission was charged, those attending the boat races who did not wish to pay the admission were allowed to continue without forcing payment.

It was indicated to members that Council had not given any authority, nor been asked to give any authority, to charge an admission fee or to close the lower portion of McGray Avenue to vehicular traffic. The McGray Avenue road is owned by the Department of Transportation and therefore the Municipality has no authority over it.

Having reached the hour of 10:00 p.m., it was:

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by E. Nickerson that members continue discussion until the business of the meeting was completed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Warden Nickerson indicated that during the boat races no-one had been refused access to the beach. He also indicated that in future the Boat Racers Association would be getting a Parade Permit from the Department of Transportation which would allow them to charge admission and to have the lower portion of McGray Avenue closed. It is the intention of the Association to close the lower portion of McGray Avenue to vehicular traffic for safety reasons. Closing the road would allow the boat racers to bring their boats in and out for purposes of the races in a safer fashion, and also would allow for access by emergency vehicles, if necessary. It was also indicated that Council only has authority on municipal property and that Vendors Permits have been issued and paid for by transient vendors at various times on municipal property.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:15 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website June 11, 2013.**