

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

June 17, 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:

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

Absent were members Councillor El-Jakl on leave, and Deputy Warden Messenger due to illness.

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Budget Meeting.
- Highway 103 Committee.
- Closed Session Re: Physician Agreement.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that minutes of the meeting held June 10, 2013 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### HEALTHY EATING POLICY

Samantha Reyno, the Municipal Physical Activity Leader, and Jane Cunningham from the Provincial Department of Public Health, appeared before the meeting for the purpose of making a presentation regarding healthy eating policies within municipal units. These two ladies are part of a committee of the Recreation Departments of the counties of Shelburne and Yarmouth who are advancing the establishment of healthy eating policies in the various municipal units. They are advocating the establishment of healthy eating policies in publicly controlled properties such as arenas and recreation departments. A power point presentation was made illustrating the need for healthy eating policies, and the affect healthy eating policies would have on the youth in the community. They are also requesting a member of Council to be part of a reference group to review proposed mixes of foods to be contained in a healthy eating policy. It was also indicated that the Province may provide funding at some level for the establishment and implementation of such policies.

Having completed their presentation, the ladies retired from the meeting at approximately 7:35 p.m.

FRENCH TRAVEL BROCHURE

Helen Goreham and Drew McCarthy appeared before the meeting for the purpose of showing the Committee members French language brochures that were produced by the Grade 9 French Class. These brochures show various aspects of the communities in the Municipality. It was suggested this information be forwarded to the Shelburne County Tourism Coordinator.

Resolution COW130607

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that a letter of appreciation and thank you be sent to the students who have produced the French language tourism brochures for the communities in the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 11 – PERSONNEL POLICY

It is proposed that amendments be made to Article 11, Personnel Policy, to include the Property Services Manager and the Fire Services Coordinator in Paragraph 11.01(c). This would provide for these individuals to be paid on an 80 hour time schedule for every two weeks.

It was the consensus of members that this proposed amendment would be brought forward and given notice at the next subsequent Council meeting.

AMENDMENTS TO POLICY 54 “FIRE RESPONSE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES POLICY”

It is proposed that Paragraph 14 be added to Policy No. 54 stating that: *“due to liability issues municipally registered fire departments are prohibited from burning derelict buildings within the Municipality of Barrington.”*

Members agreed that notice should be given at the next subsequent meeting of Council of this amendment to Policy 54.

AMENDMENT TO POLICY 8 “ANNUAL REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES FOR COUNCILLORS, STAFF AND OTHERS AND PERSONNEL POLICY ARTICLE 17 – PENSION PLAN

It was agreed that in order to provide for councillors participation in the Municipal Pension Plan proposed amendments to Policy No. 8 and to Article 17 of the Personnel Policy are required.

It was the consensus of members that notice be given at the next meeting of Council for consideration of these policy amendments.

SIX MONTH TRIAL PERIOD FOR MEETINGS

It was indicated that the six (6) month trial period for meetings would expire in July of 2013. The current system of conducting two committee meetings and one council meeting each month appears to be acceptable to members.

Resolution COW130608

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that Policy No. 52 be amended to provide for the continuation of the current system of conducting one council meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month, and two committee meetings, one each on the second and third Monday of each month.

Motion carried unanimously.

Notice will be given at the next meeting of Council.

PAVING OF “J” CLASS ROADS

Correspondence has been received from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal indicating the cost to the Municipality of paving Smith’s Lane and the lower portion of Spruce Drive. The Municipality’s share of the Smith’s Lane paving cost is \$54,000.00, and the Spruce Drive paving cost is \$41,550.00.

Resolution COW130609

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality pay the 50% cost-sharing of the paving of Smith’s Lane and Spruce Drive from Gas Tax Funds available to the Municipality, in the total amount of \$95,550.00, plus HST.

Motion carried unanimously.

AMALGAMATION STUDY COMMITTEE

Correspondence has been received concerning an Amalgamation Study Committee that has been formed in Eastern Shelburne County. The Municipality of Barrington has been invited to send two members to this committee to investigate aspects of the issue of amalgamation.

Members discussed the potential benefits of sending two representatives to the next meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for 12:00 Noon, on June 24, 2013, in the Council Chambers, at the Town of Shelburne Office.

Resolution COW130610

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality thank the Amalgamation Study Committee for their invitation, but decline to attend as the Municipality is currently not interested in participating, and that the Municipality request that copies of information obtained from provincial representatives be forwarded to the Municipality of Barrington for their information.

Motion carried unanimously.

MUNICIPAL BURSARY

Thirteen (13) applicants have applied for the Municipal Bursary this year. The applications were reviewed and evaluated by members. Members were informed that as a result of the evaluations, two students have received equal marks in the evaluations.

There then followed some discussion regarding payment of the Municipal Bursary.

Resolution COW130611

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that since there are two students tied in the evaluation for the award of the Municipal Bursary, the Municipality make an exception this one time and award two Municipal Bursaries in the amount of \$1,000.00, for this year only.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW130612

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that Municipal Bursaries be awarded to Lauren Atkinson and Ashley Nickerson who were the applicants who received the highest scores from councillors for the bursary evaluations.

Motion carried unanimously.

NOVA SCOTIA BOAT RACERS ASSOCIATION REQUEST

The Nova Scotia Boat Racers Association is requesting permission to host a giant Bingo at the Barrington Municipal Arena on August 25, 2013.

Resolution COW130613

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the NSBRA be permitted to hold a giant bingo at the Barrington Municipal Arena on August 25, 2013, and be required to pay the regular fee of \$275.00 for rental of the Arena.

Motion carried unanimously.

WESLEY HERITAGE COMMUNITY SENIORS ASSOCIATION

This Association is requesting a Letter of Support to accompany their grant application to the Federal Government. This is a community seniors group that is applying to the HRSDC for a New Horizons for Seniors Program grant to upgrade the former Wesley United Church in Barrington.

Resolution COW130614

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality provide a Letter of Support to the Wesley Heritage Community Seniors Association for their grant application.

Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET MEETING

Members were informed that the budget has yet to be finalized and requires a number of decisions by Council in order to be completed.

It was the consensus of members that a budget meeting be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., in the Conference Room, for this purpose.

HIGHWAY 103 COMMITTEE

Correspondence has been received from the Highway 103 Committee requesting that a member attend a meeting at 10:00 a.m., on July 8, 2013, at the Shelburne Municipal Council Chambers.

The Warden agreed to attend this meeting.

GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS

Members completed reviewing the list of Grants to Organizations to determine how much would be provided to each organization who has made application. The completed list will be revised and circulated to members, and included in the budget.

CLOSED SESSION

Members then entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing an agreement with one of the physicians in the community.

OPEN SESSION

Having completed their discussion, members returned to Open Session.

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 18, 2013.**