

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

July 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:

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

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the Agenda.

- Causeway Mowing.
- Wild Turkeys
- Hospital Foundation Request

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook 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 meetings held July 8<sup>th</sup> and July 9, 2013, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### FIRE SERVICES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

The Fire Services Coordinator appeared before the meeting for the purpose of presenting his Quarterly Report. Mr. Kendrick provided a written report to all councillors and then reviewed the report with them.

The Standards Policy and a unification proposal for the Fire Services have been developed by a subcommittee of the Fire Services Advisory Committee and are being forwarded to the FSAC for their consideration in the very near future. Once this is done both of these matters will be forwarded to Council for their consideration.

Having completed his report, the Fire Services Coordinator retired from the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

MUNICIPAL PHYSICAL ACTIVITY LEADER

The Memorandum of Understanding has been received from the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Welfare for the continued funding of the Municipal Physical Activity Leader position. This funding requires the Municipality to enter into a 5 year agreement for the employment of a Leader.

There then followed some discussion of the results obtained by the incumbent in this position and the implementation of the strategy to date.

It was requested that benchmarks and measurables be established with related objectives and that an Annual Progress Report be provided to Council. It was noted that there is a written planning process contained in the strategy.

Resolution COW150712

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. LeBlanc-Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality enter into the Memorandum of Understanding for the Municipal Physical Activity Leader.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW150713

**Moved** by D. LeBlanc-Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that both the Municipal Physical Activity Leader and the Recreation Director be invited to attend a Committee of the Whole Council Meeting for the purpose of discussing benchmarks and measurables for this program.

Motion carried unanimously.

GROUP INSURANCE FOR COUNCILLORS

Group Insurance information had previously been provided to all councillors for their information and review. It had been agreed by councillors that this matter would be further discussed upon the return of Councillor El-Jakl.

It was suggested that a meeting could be arranged with an insurance agent to discuss this matter with councillors.

It was the consensus of members that no one at the present time wished to take advantage of an outside group insurance program, but future councillors may wish to do so.

Resolution COW150714

**Moved** by D. LeBlanc-Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that Municipal Staff determine what other municipal units have put in place regarding outside group insurance for councillors.

Motion carried unanimously.

BENCHES ON WOODS HARBOUR SIDEWALK

Information was provided to members on the cost of the memorial bench placed at the Barrington Municipal High School. The overall cost of placing such benches along the Woods Harbour Sidewalk would be in the range of \$2,500.00 each. It was suggested that 1 location be found to place one bench in memorial of all 5 fishermen who were recently lost at sea. It was suggested that there be 5 seats placed on this bench with pictures of each of the fishermen.

As a result, Municipal Staff will determine an appropriate location and a design and cost of a bench for the area.

This information will then be brought back to Committee for further consideration.

MAYOR/WARDEN DISCUSSION

Members again discussed the possibility of changing from the current warden system to a mayoral system within the Municipality.

A Notice of Motion had previously been given by Councillor Hatfield for this purpose.

It was noted during discussion that this issue had not been initiated by the public, but had been initiated by Municipal Council. It was also noted that the public has been asked 3 times for their opinion in this matter.

Resolution COW150715

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. LeBlanc-Messenger that this matter be deferred for further discussion at a committee meeting in either January or February, 2014.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Jody Crook  
Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson  
Shaun Hatfield

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

UNSM CAUCUS REVIEW

A draft response addressed to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities has been circulated to members for their review. This letter indicated Council's concerns regarding the Caucus review currently being done by the UNSM.

Resolution COW150716

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that the draft response to the UNSM Caucus Review be approved and sent to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities.

Motion carried unanimously.

NOVA SCOTIA MARATHON

Correspondence has been received from the Recreation Director requesting the presence of councillors at the Nova Scotia Marathon for the purpose of greeting runners and presenting them with medals as they finish the race.

It was agreed that Councillor Crook would attend the Ceremony at 1:00 p.m. for the presentation of medals. Warden Nickerson agreed to attend the event from 9:00 a.m. until the closing ceremonies at 1:00 p.m. Deputy Warden LeBlanc-Messenger agreed to attend from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and Councillor El-Jakl agreed to attend from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The Recreation Director will be so informed.

COST OF SECURITY AT FIRE SCENES

Information was received from the Municipal Solicitor concerning the cost of security at fire scenes.

Resolution COW150717

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that this information be forwarded to the Fire Services Advisory Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

CAUSEWAY MOWING

It was suggested that the Municipality whipper snip and mow along the walkway across the Cape Sable Island Causeway, even though this is the Department of Transportation property for which they are responsible. The Municipality has not done this in the past. It is also suggested that the Municipality perform similar maintenance in front of the gazebo and along the boardwalk at McGray Avenue. This will be discussed with the Property Services Manager and carried out in the near future.

WILD TURKEYS

It was brought to the attention of members that there are wild turkeys in the Barrington Passage area. Because these are wild turkeys they are the responsibility of the Department of Natural Resources. The Department of Natural Resources will only trap if local residents are willing to pay the cost of hiring trappers. No residents are willing to do this. As a result, there is now a proliferation of wild turkeys in the area.

The Municipality is currently determining whether or not a trapper can be hired in order to remove these animals.

HOSPITAL FOUNDATION REQUEST

A contribution request was received from the Yarmouth Regional Hospital Foundation. The foundation is raising funds for its automated pharmacy project. The total cost of the project is \$485,000.00. The portion which must be raised by the Hospital Foundation is \$121,250.00. The Municipality of Barrington has already contributed \$1,200.00 to the Hospital Foundation this year as its annual contribution.

BUDGET MEETING

It was agreed by consensus of members that the 134<sup>th</sup> Annual Council Meeting be reconvened on Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. to complete the Municipality's budget.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 9:14 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary for the Meeting