

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

September 9, 2013

The meeting was called to order by the Deputy Warden at 7:10 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson (7:14)
- Jody Crook
- George El-Jakl
- Shaun Hatfield
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
  
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following item was added to the agenda:

- Mink Ranch Odor.

Warden Nickerson arrived at 7:14 p.m. and assumed the Chair.

### 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 G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that minutes of the August 19, 2013 Committee meeting be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### CLOSED SESSION RE: PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT AGREEMENT

Members entered into Closed Session for the purpose of further discussing the proposed Physician Agreement with Dr. Noel Baker, and a proposal for a Physician Agreement with Robyn Pierce.

Having completed their discussion of these matters, members then returned to Open Session.

### REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

The Warden reported that further information will be obtained regarding the availability and cost of term insurance to be included in Physician Recruitment Agreements. Once this information is obtained the agreements will be further discussed.

### FIRE SERVICES POLICY

The Fire Services Coordinator attended the meeting for the purpose of discussing the two fire services policies that are being forwarded for consideration of Council by the Fire Services Advisory Committee. The two policies are Fire Services Training and Fire Services Organization Structure.

The first policy to be discussed was the Fire Services Training Policy. This policy was reviewed and discussed at length by the Fire Services Coordinator. It was suggested that the policy be implemented as soon as it is approved by Council.

Members then discussed the Fire Services Organization Policy.

#### Resolution COW130901

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that the Municipal Solicitor review both the Fire Services Training Policy and the Fire Services Organization Policy, and provide comments for Council's review.

Motion carried unanimously.

### FIRE SERVICE REGISTRATIONS

Registration documents have been received from the Harbour Volunteer Fire Department, Ingomar Volunteer Fire Department, the Shelburne Volunteer Fire Department and the East Pubnico Volunteer Fire Department. All of these fire departments provide mutual aid to the Barrington Fire Services. These registrations have been reviewed and approved by the Fire Services Coordinator.

#### Resolution COW130902

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the registrations for Mutual Aid Response and Emergency Services Provider received from the Harbour Volunteer Fire Department, Ingomar Volunteer Fire Department, Shelburne Volunteer Fire Department and East Pubnico Volunteer Fire Department be approved for registration.

Motion carried unanimously.

Having completed his discussion of these matters, the Fire Services Coordinator then retired from the meeting.

### MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING SYSTEM

Members were informed that the Municipality will be partnering with three other municipal units in a Request for Proposal for a new municipal accounting system. The partners in this RFP are the Municipality of Digby, Municipality of Shelburne and the Town of Yarmouth. An RFP will be issued in order to obtain a new and more up-to-date accounting system. During the month of September it is anticipated that a successful proponent will be chosen and a new system will be developed, and will be installed and implemented by fiscal year end.

### CAUSEWAY SIDEWALK

Members were provided with estimated engineering costs to develop satisfactory engineering plans for the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal. As the amount of funds available through Gas Tax is not currently known, it was the consensus of members that this matter be deferred for future consideration.

### ACTIVITIES FUND POLICY

Consideration of review of this policy was deferred to the next Committee of the Whole meeting by consensus of members.

### TAX REDUCTION

An application for tax reduction has been received from Robert and Barbara McCubrey. Their property was destroyed by fire in January of 2010. They have submitted an application pursuant to Municipal Policy No. 46 for appropriate tax reduction. The application was submitted on the 13th of June, 2013.

Further information will be obtained concerning the number of years that a tax reduction can be provided before further considering this matter.

### TOURISM COORDINATOR FUNDING

In early April of 2013, the Shelburne County Tourism Association hosted a meeting at which it presented a proposal for funding of a Tourism Coordinator for the next five years. To date, no response has been received from any municipality to this proposed funding program. The Municipality is currently paying the Tourism Coordinator on behalf of the Shelburne County Tourism Association under the current program which will be ending on March 31, 2014. In order to provide the Tourism Coordinator with adequate awareness of her employment status, it is suggested that the Municipality provide notice as soon as possible that her employment will be terminated unless the program is continued by the municipal units in the County.

### Resolution COW130903

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to all of the other four municipal units in the County asking them to reply by October 15, 2013 whether or not they intend to continue funding the Shelburne County Tourism Coordinator under the proposal provided by the Shelburne County Tourism Association. If the other municipal units do not wish to continue this funding the Municipality of Barrington has no recourse but to provide notice to the current Tourism Coordinator that her employment will cease as of March 31, 2014 when the current program will be terminated.

Motion carried unanimously.

SNOW REMOVAL TENDERS

The Municipality will be tendering for snow removal services for the Woods Harbour and Barrington Passage sidewalks. Tender details will be prepared by the Property Services Manager so that the tender can be issued in the very near future.

PERSONAL/SUBMERSIBLE GPS DEVICES FOR ATVS AND SMALL WATER CRAFT

It was suggested that the Municipality request the appropriate authority to put in place a law requiring the use of personal/submersible GPS devices on ATVs and small water craft.

It was the consensus of members that further information is required concerning who is responsible for implementing such a law, and what is currently being done regarding GPS devices. This information will be obtained and considered at a subsequent Committee meeting.

CONTINUATION OF MEETING

Having reached the hour of 10:00 p.m., members agreed to continue the meeting until all matters were dealt with.

GROUP INSURANCE FOR COUNCILLORS

It was the agreement of members that consideration of group insurance for councillors would be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

MINK RANCH ODOR

A member has received complaints concerning odors from the mink ranch on Highway 103 in Clyde River. Members were informed that the Provincial Government has in place a Farm Practices Act, and that this Act governs such things as odors from mink farms. A copy of this act was provided to the member who agreed to discuss it with the complainants. This matter will be further discussed by members if deemed necessary by the member.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:13 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website September 10, 2013.**