

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

October 21, 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
- George El-Jakl
- Shaun Hatfield

Member Donna LeBlanc-Messenger was absent due to a family illness.

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Physician Recruitment Agreement – Closed Session
- Department of Transportation.
- Natural Gas.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that minutes of the meeting held October 15, 2013 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

FIRE SERVICES COORDINATOR QUARTERLY REPORT

Mr. David Kendrick, the Municipality's Fire Services Coordinator, provided a written report for the quarter ending September 30, 2013. Mr. Kendrick then reviewed this report indicating the highlights, which included, a training summary, an automatic aid initiative, and proposals for fire department standards, and the organization of the fire department.

There was also concern expressed regarding the lack of participation from the Port Clyde Fire Department in the Fire Service Advisory Committee during recent months.

Resolution COW13108

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that a certified letter be sent to the Fire Chief of the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department requesting their participation at the next Fire Service Advisory Committee meeting in early November, and also requesting an explanation as to why they have not been participating and attending recent meetings.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was the consensus of members that the Fire Services Quarterly Report continue.

Resolution COW131009

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the Fire Services Coordinator be required to continue providing Quarterly Reports to the Committee of the Whole.

Motion carried unanimously.

Having completed his discussion of Fire Services matters, the Coordinator retired from the meeting at approximately 7:40 p.m.

BARRINGTON REGIONAL CURLING CLUB MONTHLY REPORT

Mr. Wayne Hodgins, a Director of the Barrington Regional Curling Club, appeared before the meeting for the purpose of providing a verbal report. He indicated that the ice has now been installed and is ready for play. This past week a function was held on Friday afternoon at which approximately 35 individuals signed up to curl. The leagues will begin on November 1, 2013 and continue until the end of March. It is anticipated that the leagues will include Men's Competitive, Ladies Competitive, Mixed and Seniors. Mr. Hodgins indicated that he believes the dehumidifier has been serviced, and the Curling Club is ready to begin a full season of operation.

Having completed his report, Mr. Hodgins retired from the meeting at approximately 7:50 p.m.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES

It was agreed that wreaths would be laid at the following Remembrance Day Services on behalf of the Municipality, by the following councillors:

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| Stone Church, Clark's Harbour | - Eddie Nickerson |
| Woods Harbour Calvary Baptist | - Shaun Hatfield |
| Barrington Wesley Heritage Community Centre | - Donna LeBlanc-Messenger |
| Barrington Municipal High School | - Donna LeBlanc-Messenger |
| Forest Ridge Academy | - Jody Crook |
| ERMES | - George El-Jakl |

DANGEROUS AND UNSIGHTLY PREMISES ORDERS

Members were advised that the Municipal Solicitor has been consulted concerning the extension of Orders issued by Council under the Dangerous and Unsightly Premises Provisions of the Municipal Government Act.

It is the Solicitor's advice that Council does have authority to grant an extension of an Order issued under the MGA. The character of Council's authority for enforcement of the Dangerous and Unsightly Premises Provisions of the MGA is interpreted broadly. This allows Council to provide an extension when deemed necessary in their judgement. Council is advised that any extension of the time period to comply with an Order would set a dangerous precedent for future orders.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The shoulder of the road in the Woods Harbour area from Civic #6663 to the Community Centre is in need of extra gravel placed on it to bring up to the same level as the asphalt pavement in this area.

Resolution COW131010

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the local Department of Transportation Office requesting that the shoulder of the road from Civic #6663 to the Community Centre have gravel placed on it in order to bring it up to the same level as the asphalt pavement.

Motion carried unanimously.

NATURAL GAS

Members discussed the possibility of exploration and development of natural gas and oil off the Nova Scotia coast.

Members discussed the possibility of these exploration programs being something that may provide a mutual benefit for both the exploration companies and the communities in the Municipality of Barrington.

Resolution COW131011

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that the Municipal Clerk get information regarding the exploration for natural gas and oil in the area offshore of the Municipality for further consideration by the Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR OFFICE RENTAL

A request has been received from Dr. Yee for the provision of office space for new doctors who may be serving a two year term of internship with Dr. Yee in the near future. Dr. Yee is suggesting the office space which will become vacant next to his current office for the use of these interns.

Members then discussed the possibility and cost of renting this space. Future plans for the provision of medical services in the community were also discussed.

Resolution COW131012

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that Dr. Yee be requested to attend a future Committee meeting in order to discuss this matter further with the Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

PROPOSED PHYSICIAN AGREEMENT

Members then entered in Closed Session in order to discuss a proposed Recruitment Agreement with a potential physician for the Municipality.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Having completed their discussion of the proposed Physician Recruitment Agreement, members returned to Open Session. The agreement will be revised as directed and brought forward to Council for approval.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 9:21 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website October 23, 2013.