

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

November 18, 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
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Traffic Light.
- C.S.I. Causeway.
- Policy 57, "Certificates of Recognition Policy"

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by J. Crook 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 J. Crook that minutes of the meeting held November 12, 2013 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

BARRINGTON REGIONAL CURLING CLUB MONTHLY REPORT

Mr. Wayne Hodgins, Vice-President of the Barrington Regional Curling Club, appeared before the meeting for the purpose of providing a verbal report. He indicated that the dehumidifier in the ice should have been repaired. It had continued to switch on and off frequently and it was necessary to add additional Freon to it last Friday. He informed members that Bob Watt has ordered a kit to detect Freon leaks. He also indicated that in 2020 this Freon unit will be banned from use and the Curling Club is currently investigating a replacement unit. Club representatives have been in touch with Cimco and Fix-Air, and both have suggested the same model unit for replacement. Club members do not feel this unit would be satisfactory and are investigating possible availability of another unit. It is believed the Club has 80 members at the present time. The members were upset that ice conditions were not adequate while the dehumidifier was not working properly. The bonspiel scheduled last Saturday was cancelled as a result of the condition of the ice. The Club hopes to run an elementary school program this week.

Having completed his verbal presentation, Mr. Hodgins then retired from the meeting.

RCMP QUARTERLY REPORT

Sgt. Deluco appeared before the meeting and provided a written Statistical Report for the previous quarter. Sgt. Deluco was accompanied by Mr. Stephen Carter who is the Crime Reduction Analyst for the RCMP Western District of Nova Scotia.

Sgt. Deluco then reviewed the Statistical Report.

Mr. Carter was introduced to members and he provided a slide presentation on Crime Reduction Analysis. He indicated that this analysis is an intelligence led and evidence based form of crime prevention. The analysis primarily deals with property crime and analyzes the incidents in the area. Mr. Carter continued to discuss the analysis of crime in the area and how it assists the local detachments. He also indicated that property crime in the area has been reduced by approximately 15% as a result of this initiative.

Having completed their discussion of the matter, Sgt. Deluco and Mr. Carter retired from the meeting at approximately 8:00 p.m.

ACTIVITIES FUND REQUEST

A request has been received on behalf of Riley Nickerson who is a baseball player in the community. He will be playing with a team that is going to the Goodwill Games in Cuba in February of 2014 and is requesting financial support from the Municipality.

Resolution COW131110

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that a grant of \$200.00 be provided to Baseball Nova Scotia on behalf of Riley Nickerson to attend the Goodwill Games in Cuba in February of 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Members were informed that Christmas will occur this year on a Wednesday. The municipal offices will close on December 24th and reopen again on January 2, 2014. As per the Municipal Personnel Policy, employees in the Administrative and Building Inspection offices have been polled and wish to take vacation or overtime hours off during that time.

There then followed some discussion regarding the closure of municipal offices. Members were also informed that there are no bookings at the Barrington Municipal Arena in the afternoon on December 24th.

Resolution COW131111

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the Municipal Offices close at Noon on December 24th and reopen at 8:30 a.m. on January 2, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

FIRE SERVICES

Correspondence has been received from the Fire Services Coordinator requesting emergency funding for the replacement of “turnout gear” which has been damaged as the result of a recent fire.

Members then discussed the possibility of providing contingency funds for the purpose of replacing gear that is damaged in unforeseen incidents.

It was suggested that this matter needs to be addressed in the Municipal Fire Services Policy.

Resolution COW131112

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that the Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department order the necessary replacement sets of “turnout gear”.

Motion carried unanimously.

Members then discussed a request from the Barrington Volunteer Fire Department for additional funding.

It was the consensus of members that this matter would be deferred for discussion until after the Training Standards Policy and the Fire Services Unification recommendation had been forwarded by the Committee.

TRAINING STANDARD POLICY FOR FIREFIGHTERS

Members discussed the recommendation made by the Fire Services Advisory Committee and the Fire Services Coordinator for a Training Standard Policy for Firefighters. The policy has been reviewed by the Municipal Solicitor. The Solicitor suggests that acronyms be defined in the policy and that a few other housekeeping items be addressed. Basically the policy is legally acceptable.

Resolution COW131113

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality adopt the Training Standard Policy for Firefighters with the amendments suggested by the Municipal Solicitor for clarity.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Fire Services Advisory Committee has also provided a recommendation for services unification and a future organization structure.

Members then discussed this matter at great length.

Resolution COW131114

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality support the unification structure as presented by the Fire Service Advisory Committee and the organization chart presented, that includes a single organization structure, one fire chief, two deputy fire chiefs for the fire service, station chiefs for each fire station, all insurance combined as it is now, a single purchasing point, buying furnace oil together through the School Board or wherever we can get it the cheapest, group committee from all departments for planning out fire trucks, PPE and SCBA inspected on a regular basis, the number of area rates in the Municipality to be 3, and the number of fire trucks to drop from the current 25 down to 15.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

FIRE SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE VOTING MEMBERS

Correspondence has been received from the Fire Service Coordinator concerning voting members for the FSAC. This memo indicates the recommendation from the FSAC for voting members. The number of voting members suggested is seven (7), one for each of the five fire departments and in addition one councillor and the Fire Service Coordinator. The officers from each department would attend meetings on behalf of the fire department with the senior officer becoming the voting member. Council would be required to indicate which councillor would be the voting member of the two councillors attending.

Resolution COW131115

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipal Councillors on the Fire Service Advisory Committee be non-voting members in future.

Motion carried unanimously.

BARRINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Members then returned to discussion of the request from the Barrington Volunteer Fire Department.

Having reached the hour of 10:00 p.m., it was agreed by consensus of members to continue the meeting until the business of the meeting was completed.

Having discussed the request from the Barrington Volunteer Fire Department, it was the consensus of members that a decision in this matter be deferred until a summary of additional funds required be received from the treasurer of the fire department.

TRAFFIC LIGHT

It was suggested that the traffic light at the intersection of Route 330 and Highway #3 should be changed to a flashing light during late night hours.

Resolution COW131116

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the local Department of Transportation Office be requested to change the traffic light at the C.S.I. Causeway intersection of Route 330 and Highway #3 to a flashing light only, from the hours of 12:00 midnight until 5:00 a.m., and that the red light be flashing in the direction of Route 330 and the orange caution light be flashing in the direction of Highway #3.

Motion carried unanimously.

C.S.I. CAUSEWAY

It was suggested by a member that information should be obtained concerning dredging of sand at the C.S.I. Causeway. Information will be obtained and circulated.

POLICY 57, "CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION POLICY"

There followed some discussion regarding the issuance of certificates under Policy 57. A certificate had been requested for a 50th birthday. Policy 57 provides for the issuance of certificates for birthdays of 75 years and above.

There then followed some further discussion of this matter. No definitive action was recommended.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:35 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website November 19, 2013.