

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

December 16, 2013

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

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

Absent was Councillor George El-Jakl as he is away from the area.

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Municipal Solicitor Consultation.
- Minister's Tour.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that minutes of the meeting held November 18, 2013 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### FREE THE CHILDREN

Information was circulated which had been received from the Free the Children organization. This organization indicates in their letter that donations may be made through the Holiday Wishes Campaign.

It was the sentiment of the Committee that consideration for donations to this organization would be linked with any local requests that may be received later during the year.

HERPETOCULTURE SOCIETY

Correspondence received at Council from the Herpetoculture Society was circulated to members for their information. In their letter the Society indicated they would be willing to assist in the development of any by-laws in relation to the regulation of reptiles and amphibians in the Municipality.

Resolution COW131201

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by E. Nickerson that the correspondence received be forwarded to the Fire Services Advisory Committee, the local RCMP Detachment, and the local Emergency Health Services office requesting their comments and suggestions or issues.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW131202

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by E. Nickerson that the Herpetoculture Society be asked to provide a template for possible development of a municipal by-law.

Motion carried unanimously.

DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

After some discussion it was agreed by members that the current policy should be amended to allow more flexibility in the scheduling of Council meetings during the month of December. This allows more timely meetings without unnecessarily encroaching on the Christmas season. For this purpose a proposed policy amendment will be drafted providing for meetings in December to be scheduled on an individual basis earlier in the year in order to provide adequate flexibility.

CENTREVILLE SCHOOL REQUEST FROM SHEENA SEARS

Email correspondence was received and circulated to members from Sheena Sears. Ms. Sears is requesting the Municipality to provide for housing for a daycare project such as the one she now operates within the school.

Sentiment was expressed that housing such a project may be detrimental to other daycares operating within the Municipality, and be in competition with them. At the present time there has been no indication from the School Board that the school property will revert back to the Municipality and there is presently no plan in place regarding the disposition of the C.S.I. Elementary School, if it is received from the School Board.

Resolution COW131203

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by E. Nickerson that it be recommended to Council that correspondence be sent to the Tri County Regional School Board requesting that they indicate if and when the Cape Sable Island Elementary School will revert back to the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW131204

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter be sent to Sheena Sears indicating that the Municipality will be obtaining this information from the School Board, and subsequently developing a plan for the use of the school.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was also noted that the Province of Nova Scotia is proceeding with a program for the development of Early Years Centre Sites through the Department of Education. Four of these sites are being developed in 2013/2014 through the Early Years branch of the Department.

Resolution C131205

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by E. Nickerson that more information be obtained and circulated to members regarding the Early Years Centre Sites Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD COURT HOUSE HEATING

A written response has been received from the Property Services Manager indicating that providing electric heat to the upstairs of the Old Court House building would require upgrading of the electric service to the building at a significant cost. It was pointed out in discussion by members that the building would need extensive work in order to make it airtight for heating. It was suggested that any artifacts that are being stored upstairs could be stored downstairs or in another heated location elsewhere.

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Hatfield that staff work with the Cape Sable Historical Society to determine an alternative satisfactory location for the storage of artifacts from the Old Court House building.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Shaun Hatfield  
Eddie Nickerson

**NEGATIVE**

Jody Crook  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Motion defeated.

Resolution COW131206

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by E. Nickerson that the Manager of the Cape Sable Historical Society be invited to attend a meeting of the Committee in January in order to further discuss heating issues in the Old Court House building.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW131207

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by E. Nickerson that a list of municipal buildings be provided to members, together with the related cost of operations where identifiable.

Motion carried unanimously.

COST SHARED PAVING OF J-CLASS ROADS

Information regarding this D.O.T. program was circulated to members together with a list of J-Class roads in the Municipality.

This matter will be further discussed at a subsequent Committee of the Whole meeting.

CSI CAUSEWAY

Information has been obtained from the local Harbour Authority regarding the dredging of sand at Cape Sable Island Causeway. It is indicated that this is the responsibility of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. Municipal Staff will follow up with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to obtain more information.

BENCHES ON WOODS HARBOUR SIDEWALK

Information including pictures of local memorials were shown to members.

It was the consensus of members that this matter be deferred for further consideration to a Committee meeting in January of 2014 when Councillor El-Jakl will be in attendance.

FIRE SERVICES

Information was circulated to members with the agenda for a proposed system of accounting and operations for the Barrington Municipal Fire Services. This proposed system has been developed with the Fire Services Coordinator who will have it further reviewed and discussed by the Fire Services Advisory Committee.

Members of the Committee suggested that they would like to discuss this matter with the Fire Services Coordinator at a meeting in January, prior to having it forwarded to the Fire Services Advisory Committee.

The unification structure as supported by the Municipality is currently under development by the Fire Services Advisory Committee, and in the process of being implemented by the Fire Services Advisory Committee.

It was the consensus of members that the Training Standards Policy is a policy of the Municipality and therefore it will be put in place following the policy approval process required by the Municipal Government Act.

TOURISM COORDINATOR

Members were informed that the President of the Shelburne County Tourism Association may wish to make a presentation to Council in January of 2014.

After some discussion it was the agreement of members that a response from the Town of Shelburne is required, and it was the consensus of members that the Warden talk to the Mayor of the Town of Shelburne in order to obtain a response from the Town concerning their funding of the Tourism Coordinator.

This matter will be further discussed at a subsequent meeting.

REGIONAL ENTERPRISE NETWORK

Correspondence which has been received from the Nova Scotia Minister of Economic & Rural Development & Tourism was circulated to members for their information.

MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR CONSULTATION

Members agreed that they wish to consult with the Municipal Solicitor regarding municipal policies, governance and a general discussion.

It was agreed that the Solicitor be requested to attend at 6:00 p.m. at the second Committee of the Whole Council meeting to be held in January 2014.

MINISTER'S TOUR

Members were informed that email correspondence has been received from our Municipal Advisor indicating the Minister for Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations would like to meet with Council on Monday, January 27, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. This will be one of the first meetings the Minister will have during his tour of all 54 municipalities in the Province.

This matter will be put on a subsequent Committee meeting agenda for further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 9:30 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website December 17, 2013.**

