

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL  
BUDGET MEETING  
May 1, 2014**

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 (8:15 p.m.)
- George El-Jakl
- Shaun Hatfield
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
  
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

Councillor Crook arrived at 8:15 p.m. due to attending a meeting of the Port Clyde Fire Department earlier in the evening at 7:00 p.m.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Yarmouth Hospital Charitable Foundation Presentation.
- Tourism Community Development Officer Interviews.
- Closed Session Re: Personnel Matter and Sale of Municipal Property

GRANT APPLICATIONS

A list of the previously discussed grant applications was circulated to members for their information. This list was totaled in order to show the total amount proposed to be included in the 2014-2015 budget. In addition, members were informed that three (3) additional applications had been received in the last few days. One of these applications was from the Centreville Cemetery and the other two applications were from The Society for the Preservation of the Greenhill Community Church.

Members reviewed these applications and agreed to include appropriate amounts for each.

BARRINGTON REGIONAL CURLING CLUB

Members were provided with information regarding the financial results and experience of the Barrington Regional Curling Club since it was organized in 2001. Also provided to members was a list of the payments made by the Municipality and the Curling Club on the outstanding debenture for the construction of the Club. The list of debenture payments also included a list of interest payments on the debenture. The debenture will be fully paid in November of 2016.

Members agreed to send a letter to the Barrington Regional Curling Club requesting them to provide a balanced budget to the Municipality for their operations for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, and providing them with the historic list of financial results as circulated.

### C & D LANDFILL OPERATION

It had previously been indicated to members that activity at the C & D Landfill had been reduced over the past year or so. As there is less volume of C & D waste being handled at the Landfill it is therefore suggested that the hours of operation at the Landfill also be reduced in order to reduce the expenses of operation.

It was suggested that the Landfill be closed at Noon on Saturdays, and also closed at least one other day during the week. The Property Services Supervisor will be consulted to determine which day would be most appropriate.

### HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

It was agreed by members that representatives of the Hospital Foundation be invited to the Council meeting on May 26, 2014, at 7:30 p.m., in order to have a cheque presented to them for the Municipality's donation to the CAT Scan and medication management systems.

### TOURISM AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER INTERVIEWS

It was agreed by members of the Committee that these interviews would take place beginning at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, May 22, 2014.

### BUDGETED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

#### Pool Liner

The approximate cost of a new pool liner for the Barrington Municipal Swimming Pool is \$11,000.00. This will be included in the Municipality's budget.

#### Doctor's Office

It was indicated that two prices have been obtained for the purchase of flooring at the Doctor's office in Barrington Passage. These prices were obtained from Wilson's Shopping Centre Ltd. and Causeway Interiors. The lowest price received was from Wilson's Shopping Centre Ltd. and therefore the flooring will be purchased from Wilson's and installed by them.

#### Rental Agreements

Members were provided with copies of rental agreements for the space for the intern and also doctor's office space.

After reviewing these agreements it was agreed by members that they be forwarded to Council for approval.

#### Office Space for Dr. Germanus

It was agreed by consensus of members that Dr. Germanus be offered office space in the Community Health Centre free of charge until December 31, 2014. If Dr. Germanus does not wish to use this space then she would be responsible to obtain her own office space for that time as the office she now occupies will be used by another doctor.

Court Room Roof

Members were informed that the Court Room roof is very much in need of repair. It is estimated that constructing a new Court Room roof will cost in the vicinity of \$75,000.00. This will be included in the budget with funds coming from the Special Reserve Fund Capital to pay for it.

Photocopier

Members were informed that it will be necessary to purchase a new photocopier this year. Further information will be obtained on whether or not it would be advisable to lease or buy a copier.

Wind Turbine Generator

Information had previously been circulated to members concerning the purchase and installation of two wind turbine generators at Sherose Island. Additional information has recently been circulated to all members concerning the purchase and installation of a wind turbine generator near the C & D Landfill Site. Further information was required on the locating of a wind turbine generator and the wind regime in each location. Information will be obtained for further consideration.

Computec Multimedia

Computec Multimedia is a local company that provides advertising on interactive signs in the community. Correspondence has been received by email requesting the Municipality to place one of Computec's signs at the Barrington Municipal Arena.

It was the consensus of members that this be further discussed with Computec Multimedia in order to determine how this would affect the companies that presently purchase stationary signs at the Barrington Municipal Arena, and it was also requested that further information be obtained on the use of this technology for advertisement by the Municipality for municipal events.

CLOSED SESSION

It was then agreed by members to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter, and the sale of municipal properties which are deemed to be no longer required for municipal purposes.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Having completed their discussion of these two matters, members gave instruction to the Municipal Clerk to investigate the personnel matter, and to further negotiate the sale of municipal properties, and also to return the deposit of the properties for which the purchase and sale agreement could not be completed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:05 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website May 2, 2014**