

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

May 20, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Councillor George El-Jakl at 7:05 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- George El-Jakl, Chair
- Jody Crook
- Shaun Hatfield
- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson

Absent was member Donna LeBlanc-Messenger due to illness.

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Municipal Boundary Review.
- Two Grant Requests.
- Arena RFP.
- Unsightly Premises Issue.
- Floating Docks.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by E. Nickerson that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by J. Crook that minutes of the meetings held May 12th and May 15th, 2014 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

DRAFT SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

The draft Social Media Policy was referred to Committee for further discussion by Council. Members then discussed the correspondence received from the Solicitor in regards to this policy. Members also discussed the use and intent of the policy.

It was the consensus of members that the policy be referred back to Council for a decision. Further amendments to the policy will be referred to Council for further decision.

LCD ADVERTISEMENT SIGN AT MUNICIPAL ARENA

Correspondence has been received from a local company requesting the placement of an LCD advertising sign at the Municipal Arena. It is suggested this sign be placed inside the Arena. The proponent wishes to sell advertising space to local businesses on this sign.

It was questioned how placing this sign inside the Arena would affect the stationary signs that are already placed inside the Arena by more than 30 local businesses and organizations.

After some discussion it was the consensus of members that the sign not be placed there at this time.

Resolution COW140504

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by J. Crook that a response be sent to the proponent indicating that the Municipality does not wish to place an LCD sign in the Arena at this time.

Motion carried unanimously.

SOUTH WEST NOVA SCOTIA TEMPERATURE AND SOLAR RADIATION STUDY

The 2013 project summary for this study has been circulated to municipal units for our information and review. The project summary was circulated to members for their information. It was also indicated that the Shelburne County Business Development Centre would be making a progress report on this project in the fall of this year, and would also review at that time the subsequent steps to be taken in the project.

MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY REVIEW

Correspondence has been received from the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board indicating that the Board does not have jurisdiction to waive the statutory requirement for the 2014 review and application. They do indicate that in the circumstances, assuming Council has satisfied itself through public consultation that there is general public acceptance of the 2012 change to the size of Council, and to the configuration of the polling district boundaries, the Board is prepared to consider a simplified application with respect to the 2014 review.

Resolution COW140505

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality undertake a simplified application with respect to the 2014 Municipal Boundary Review. This simplified application will include a public consultation session at a municipal council meeting, as well as advertising, and request for public input through the municipal website and the municipal facebook page.

Motion carried unanimously.

TWO GRANT REQUESTS

Members were informed that grant requests have been received from the Western Shelburne County Health Care Charitable Foundation and also from Old Kirk Cemetery.

It was the consensus of members that grants be included in the upcoming budget to these organizations in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the Western Shelburne County Health Care Charitable Foundation and \$500.00 for the Old Kirk Cemetery.

ARENA RFP

As the Municipality no longer has a certified refrigeration technician employed at the Arena, it will be necessary to hire the services of a refrigeration company to start up the refrigeration equipment at the beginning of the season, to inspect and maintain it at the midpoint of the season, and to shut it down at the end of the season. For this purpose, the Municipality will be issuing a Request for Proposal.

Resolution COW140506

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality issue a Request for Proposal for a refrigeration equipment maintenance agreement for the Barrington Municipal Arena and the Barrington Regional Curling Club for a one year contract period.

Motion carried unanimously.

UNSIGHTLY PREMISES

Members were informed that there has been little progress made on the unsightly premises owned by Cripple Creek Fisheries in Stoney Island. The Municipality has been patiently waiting for the owner to make arrangements to sell the property to the Federal Government so that it can be cleaned up.

After much discussion it was agreed by consensus of members that the Federal Government will again be contacted to determine when a final appraisal will be done so that the negotiation for the sale of the property can continue. The owner will also be contacted to determine what he is doing in regards to this matter.

FLOATING DOCKS

It was stated that there are two floating docks available for sale from the Harbour Authority of Cape Sable Island. These docks are 40 ft. X 10 ft. in size and are currently located at the wharf in Newellton. It is believed these docks can be purchased reasonably and relocated to the North East Point beach area and to The Hawk. These would be located in those areas for use of the public in future.

It is questioned if the Municipality is interested in purchasing these docks to be used by local groups for projects in these areas.

More information will be gathered by the Warden in this matter.

The following two items were also added to the agenda:

- Centre Woods Project – Edward Allen Property.
- Recreation Department Travel.

EDWARD ALLEN PROPERTY

It was indicated that a survey has not been completed at the Centre Woods area that the owner wishes to donate to the Municipality. A report will be forthcoming in the very near future from the surveyors in regards to this matter.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT TRAVEL

It was indicated from review of the budget that there is in excess of \$10,000 to be budgeted for travel in the Recreation Department for the coming year.

It was the opinion of members that this is an excessive amount and needs to be reviewed and addressed with more control placed on it. An explanation for the need for this much travel will be sought from the Recreation Director and additional controls be put in place if necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 9:16 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website May 21, 2014.