

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL
BUDGET MEETING**

June 10, 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
- George El-Jakl
- Shaun Hatfield (7:30 p.m.)
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

STONEY ISLAND BEACH

Members discussed the possible use of the Stoney Island Beach for the location of a picnic park. This discussion was initiated from a letter to the Municipality from Mrs. Atkinson.

There followed discussion concerning ownership of the property at the Stoney Island Beach and the possibility of obtaining use of land there.

It was the consensus of members that further information would be required in order to determine if land could be made available for the development of a picnic park in the area.

PROVINCIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY

Information on the Provincial Procurement Act had previously been circulated to members with the agenda.

The matter was discussed briefly by members.

It was the consensus of members at this time that no further action would be required in this matter.

C & D LANDFILL HOURS

Members had previously discussed the proposed reduction of hours at the C & D Landfill Site. The Property Services Manager has recommended that the Landfill Site hours be reduced so that the Landfill would be closed at 12:00 Noon on Saturdays, and also would be closed on Mondays from the first of December until the end of March.

It was suggested that the number of vehicles be recorded and reported weekly. The number of vehicles depositing waste at the Landfill can be recorded from the weigh slips on an hourly basis each day on a spread sheet, and then reported to the Municipal Office weekly.

Resolution COW140603

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that the Municipal Landfill close on Saturdays at Noon, beginning Saturday, August 2, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

SOU'WEST TRANSIT

Members were informed that it is not necessary to provide any agreement with Sou'West Transit, or Letter of Authority with Sou'West Transit. An email from the Motor Carrier Division of the Department of Motor Vehicles was circulated to members for their information and has been forwarded to Sou'West Transit. The email indicates that the commercial vehicle licence required is for transportation of passengers between municipalities, not within municipalities. The Municipality does not have any taxi by-law requiring registration of the Sou'West Transit vehicle within the Municipality, therefore, no further action is required in this matter. This information has been communicated to the Sou'West Transit Association.

DR. GERMANUS

Members were reminded that it had previously been agreed to give Dr. Germanus notice that she would be required to move from her current quarters. Dr. Germanus will be required to move because Dr. Baker will be taking over the offices at that location on a permanent basis, effective August 1, 2014. Dr. Germanus will be offered the location previously occupied by Dr. Premachandra in the Community Health Centre, where she currently lives in the apartment upstairs. She will be offered this location at no rent until December 31, 2014.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL

It was indicated that residents on Station Road in Shag Harbour would like to have that road paved. They will be bringing forward a petition requesting that the road be paved under the 50/50 cost sharing agreement with the Department of Transportation.

MUNICIPAL GRANTS

Discussion followed regarding several requests for Municipal Grants that have recently been received.

It was the consensus of members, after discussing these applications that the following be included in this year's budget:

- Friends of the Cape Light, \$10,000.00
- White Lily Cemetery, \$500.00
- Hillside Cemetery, \$500.00
- Association of Municipal Administrators of Nova Scotia, \$500.00
- Barrington Regional Curling Club, \$200.00 for senior games
- BMHS Safe Grad, \$250.00

The request from the Archelaus Smith Museum was denied since they are already being provided a grant of \$500.00.

It was also the consensus of members that \$3,500.00 be included in the Municipal Budget for the purpose of purchasing two floating docks.

BURSARY SELECTION

Copies of the applications that have been received for the Municipal Bursary were circulated to all members and reviewed. Members then voted individually for the purpose of awarding the bursary.

Resolution COW140604

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipal Bursary be awarded to Desiree Atwood at the BMHS Graduation Ceremonies.

Motion carried unanimously.

BARRINGTON REGIONAL CURLING CLUB

Information regarding the Barrington Regional Curling Club's annual financial statements was circulated to members for their information. The Curling Club has previously applied for a grant of \$5,000.00.

After much discussion it was the consensus of members that a grant in the amount of \$1,872.00 be provided to the Curling Club in order to offset the deficit of the current year.

Correspondence will be sent to the Curling Club indicating that the Municipality will also be paying the start-up, mid year inspection, and shut-down costs of the refrigeration equipment in the building. It will also be indicated in this correspondence that the Curling Club will be expected to balance its budget next year, and the Municipality will not accept anything else other than a balanced budget.

EDWARD ALLEN PROPERTY

Mr. Allen had indicated he would donate a parcel of property to the Municipality on Cape Sable Island. In order to determine accurate ownership of the property it was necessary to engage the services of Acker and Doucette Surveying Inc.

After much investigation it was opinion of the surveyors that Edward and Mary Allen did not actually own any land immediately west of the bridge in Newellton. The remaining portion of the lands had been absorbed by the realignment of Group #330 by the Department of Transportation, and it was also noted that the 75 rod deed measurement along the northern boundary of Route #330 included the wooded area along the side of the road.

It was the consensus of members that this information would be provided to the Allens and correspondence would be sent to them thanking them for their offer to donate this property.

BUILDING CANADA FUND

The requirements of the Building Canada Fund had previously been sent to all members by email. At the present time there are no proposed project work from the Municipality to be funded through this program.

OFFICE COPIER

It was indicated that it may be necessary to buy a new copier for the Municipal Office during the coming year. The copier in place now is more than 8 years old and has provided more than 800,000 copies.

NEXT BUDGET MEETING

It was the consensus of members that the continuation of discussion of the budget would take place after the presentation being made on wind turbine generators on Thursday, June 12, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:07 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website June 12, 2014.