

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL
BUDGET MEETING**

June 12, 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, NS, with the following members present:

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

Councillor El-Jakl was absent due to work commitments.

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ENDURANCE WIND POWER LIMITED

Mr. Michael Carey and Mr. Craig Whitman appeared before the meeting for the purpose of discussing the proposed development of a wind turbine generator at the Municipality's C & D Landfill Site. A written proposal was previously circulated to members for their information and review. The proponents had previously discussed this proposal with members in April of 2013. Since then there has been more current information provided for this site. It is proposed that an E3120 wind turbine generator be installed on this site. This generator is eligible for funding under the Provincial COMFIT Program. The proposed wind turbine generator has larger diameter blades, which means it will operate more quietly. It also has an online monitoring system. A wind energy study which is required for the site can be completed by Endurance Power at no cost to the Municipality. The C & D Site is believed to be a good site because it has a relatively high height where the turbine would be sited, which is a clear site for wind energy.

After much discussion it was indicated that the next steps in this project would be to submit a COMFIT application to develop a business plan, and to have community consultation. The control program that is operated by computer on a laptop was illustrated to members for their information.

At approximately 9:00 p.m., Councillor Hatfield vacated the meeting due to illness.

Members continued to discuss the matter until shortly after 9:00 p.m., at which time the representatives of Endurance Wind Power retired from the meeting.

BUDGET INFORMATION

Members were provided with three spreadsheets of budget information. These spreadsheets illustrated the projects that are contained in the budget for the coming year. The method of financing these projects was also contained in these sheets. The third sheet that was provided included a breakdown of the proposed residential and commercial rates with the proposed area fire rates in the three different fire districts. These were compared to the same information for the previous year. This information is provided to members for their review and further discussion at their committee meeting scheduled for Monday, June 16, 2014.

CLOSED SESSION

Members then entered into a brief Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the purchase of property by the Municipality.

OPEN SESSION

Having completed their discussion of this matter, members then returned to Open Session.

It was the consensus of members that the Clerk-Treasurer further negotiate the purchase of property by the Municipality.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website June 13, 2014.