

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

June 16, 2014

The meeting was called to order by the Deputy Warden 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
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Department of Transportation.
- Harbour Authority.
- Fire Services.
- Group Home Request.
- Janitorial Services.
- Closed Session: Re: Sale of Municipal Property.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that minutes of the meetings held June 9th and June 10th, 2014, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

RCMP QUARTERLY REPORT

Sgt. Deluco appeared before the meeting for the purpose of presenting the RCMP Quarterly Report to the end of May. A written statistical report was provided to all members. There were no significant variations in results to the end of May.

It was indicated that there will be a vacancy beginning in late June due to parental leave. This vacancy would continue until January of 2015. The only significant event during the previous quarter was a large seizure of drugs which actually occurred outside the Municipality, but in conjunction with officers from the local detachment.

Having completed her report, Sgt. Deluco retired from the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

PERSONAL/SUBMERSIBLE GPS DEVICES FOR ATVS AND SMALL WATER CRAFTS

Members were informed of information that had been received in regards to this matter. It was indicated that at the present time the use of GPS devices aboard small vessels is encouraged, but is not mandatory. These devices are also encouraged to be used on ATVs, but they are also not mandatory. The Department of Natural Resources does not require GPS devices on ATVs.

Resolution COW140605

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by E. Nickerson that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the National Recreational Boating Advisory Council and to the Department of Natural Resources suggesting that they consider having GPS devices installed on ATVs and smaller vessels for safety reasons in both cases.

Motion carried unanimously.

TROY WAYBRET PROPERTY

Members were informed that Mr. Waybret had informed the Clerk, by telephone, that an agreement had been reached to sell his property.

Municipal Staff asked Small Craft Harbours to confirm that an agreement had been put in place but were unable to have this confirmed. It is anticipated by Small Craft Harbours that there is negotiation taking place and an agreement may be reached in the near future.

It was agreed by consensus of members that this matter would be returned to the Committee of the Whole for further consideration in July.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Residents in Clyde River had expressed concern for the safety of people accessing the 103 highway in Clyde River. The 100 kilometer zone decreases to 80 kilometers passing through their community, however, there is much speeding that takes place in this area and it appears that the 80 kilometer zone should be enlarged, and the passing zone within the community should be eliminated up to the point where Brown's Pit Road intersects the 103 highway.

Resolution COW140606

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that correspondence be sent to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting that they evaluate the passing zone and the 80 kilometer zone in Clyde River with a view to reducing the speed limit and eliminating the passing zone.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW140607

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the local RCMP Detachment be requested to perform more speed checks in the Clyde River area.

Motion carried unanimously.

MUNICIPAL PHYSICAL ACTIVITY LEADER

Samantha Goreham, the Municipality's Physical Activity Leader, appeared before the meeting for the purpose of reviewing the objectives of the Physical Activity Strategy and progress to date. Mrs. Goreham reviewed the objectives of her written document which was circulated to members prior to the meeting. This document was reviewed in detail with various questions being asked by members.

Having completed her review of this information, Mrs. Goreham retired from the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

HARBOUR AUTHORITY

It was indicated by a member that there is much waste being deposited near the Port LaTour wharf in the area near Surf Seafoods. Local residents have expressed concern and wish to have this matter addressed, if possible.

Resolution COW140608

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by E. Nickerson that Municipal Staff contact the Harbour Authority Manager for the Port LaTour wharf and forward this complaint so that it may be addressed by the Harbour Authority.

Motion carried unanimously.

FIRE SERVICES

Members were informed that a motion has been passed at the recent Fire Service Advisory Committee meeting requesting that the Municipality pay for crests for all of the departments within the Barrington Municipal Fire & Emergency Service. The cost of these crests would be \$2,825.00, plus HST.

Resolution COW140609

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Fire Services Coordinator be invited to attend the next committee meeting in order to discuss this request.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Members were also informed that a motion had been passed by the Fire Service Advisory Committee establishing two Station Chiefs in the Barrington/Port LaTour Fire Department. There will be a Station Chief in both the Barrington and Port LaTour fire stations.

GROUP HOME GRANT REQUEST

A request for a Municipal Grant has been received from the YMCA/Barrington Group Home. This request has been submitted by Kimberly Lombard on behalf of South West Health and Roseway Hospital. The request is for a grant from the Municipality to pay for a mechanical lift device to be installed at the Yarmouth YMCA for the use of clients from the Barrington Group Home. The total cost of the project is \$2,808.00. It has been indicated that Yarmouth Community Health Board will provide \$500.00 and the request from Council is for \$2,308.00.

Members then discussed the request that has been received.

Resolution COW140610

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that further information be obtained indicating who else is using, or will be using, this device, as well as who else is being asked to contribute towards the cost of this device, and how much is being contributed from each source.

Motion carried unanimously.

This information will be obtained and brought back to the committee for their consideration.

JANITORIAL SERVICES

It was agreed by members that this matter would be addressed later in the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION RE: SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY

The sale of the former Crowell's Store had been advertised in the local newspaper for the previous two weeks. One submission had been received as a result of this advertisement. The submission was publicly opened this morning by Municipal Staff and the results were circulated to members by email. The only submission which was received was from James and Donna Reid who live adjacent to the property. Mr. Reid was present this evening and was asked to join members in the Closed Session to discuss the conditions for the sale of the property.

Having completed their discussion with Mr. Reid, members then returned to Open Session.

Resolution COW140611

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality enter into an agreement to sell the former Crowell's Store property to James and Donna Reid, with the conditions that the building be completely demolished within six months, that the purchaser pay the migration costs for registering the property, and that the removal of property be done at the expense of the purchasers.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Reed then retired from the meeting.

JANITORIAL SERVICES

Members were also informed that the tender for Janitorial Services had also only received one response. This response was opened publicly this morning and at this time information was provided comparing the tender response received to the current cost of having janitorial services and the estimated cost of an employee providing janitorial services.

There then followed some discussion regarding the term of such an agreement and the related costs.

Resolution COW140612

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by E. Nickerson that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality accept the tender for janitorial services submitted by Enslow's Maintenance and Cleaning Services, and that the agreement be for a maximum of five (5) years, if possible, and a minimum of three (3) years.

Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

Members then continued the budget deliberations from their previous meeting. Information was provided to them on the cost of Efficiency Nova Scotia projects that were contained in the budget. These projects included an Energy Efficiency Project for the Administration Office costing approximately \$14,500.00, installation of a heat pump at the Learning Centre costing approximately \$8,200.00, installation of heat pumps at the Old Court House building costing approximately \$800.00, and the provision of new LED lights at North East Point at a cost of approximately \$13,000.00.

There then followed much discussion regarding these projects. It was the consensus of members that the furnace at the Learning Centre is in need of replacement. It was generally agreed that it would be advisable to install a heat pump at this location and further information will be obtained on the cost of providing a heat pump there for the Learning Centre.

It was the consensus of members that no change be made at the Old Court House at the present time. It was also the consensus of members that the Manager of the Cape Sable Historical Society be invited to a meeting later in the summer to further discuss this matter.

The Energy Efficiency Project for the Administration Building was then discussed at length. At the present time no action was taken to move forward with this project. It was suggested that other alternative changes to the Administration Building will need to be explored prior to initiating this project.

It was also the consensus of members that the lights at North East Point would need to be replaced, however, it was suggested that further investigation will be done to determine if this can be done at a lesser cost than estimated.

It was the consensus of members that the provision for the floating dock at North East Point be increased to \$15,000.00 in the budget. As a consequence the projects contained in Account 28224-000 will be revised.

Members then discussed the possibility of providing funds for the construction of a fire hall in the eastern portion of the Municipality.

It was the consensus of members that \$40,000.00 be added in the budget for this purpose.

It was the consensus of members that the residential tax rate for the Municipality be recommended at \$1.00 per \$100.00 of assessment, and that the commercial tax rate be recommended at \$2.55 per \$100.00 of assessment. The balance of funds provided by these rates would be designated as a transfer to the Capital Reserve for future capital projects of the Municipality.

It was also the consensus of members that a provision of \$5,000.00 be contained in the budget for a park design at North East Point.

The appropriate revisions will be made to the budget.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:43 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website June 18, 2014.