

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

July 14, 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

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:

- NHL Legends Hockey Game.
- Cleaning Contract Term.
- July 28th Council Meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that minutes of the meetings held June 9th, 10th, 12th, and 16th, 2014, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

WESTERN REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

Mr. Jamie Vigilarolo and Nicole Leger attended the meeting on behalf of the Western Regional Housing Authority to discuss issues with that organization. The Municipality's representative on the organization's Board of Directors had recently resigned and raised issues to be discussed with their Director.

CLOSED SESSION

Members then entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing matters which include potential legal implications.

The operation and incidents and events occurring at the Bay Vista Apartments which is operated by the Western Regional Housing Authority were then discussed with the two representatives from the Authority.

After completing their discussion with members, the representatives of the Housing Authority indicated that in future questions and concerns can be forwarded to the Bridgewater Office of the Authority, by telephone, by calling 1-888-845-7208.

Having completed their discussion of Authority matters, the representatives retired from the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

FIRE SERVICES QUARTERLY REPORT

The Fire Services Coordinator, David Kendrick, appeared before the meeting for the purpose of presenting his quarterly report. Mr. Kendrick provided a written report together with a summary of fire services calls during the first quarter of the year. In total, there have been 91 fire service calls during the first quarter compared to 87 during the first quarter of the previous year. The Fire Services Coordinator indicated that the Automatic Aid System was working well with the fire departments.

Members then agreed to discuss the relocation the Visitor Information Centre and the Fire Services Coordinator was asked to remain in attendance for this discussion.

It was suggested that the Visitor Information Centre should be relocated to another location adjacent to Highway 103. In this way it would be possible to attract tourists to the community from the highway.

It was suggested that a modest Visitor Information Centre could be built and could be developed into something larger over time, if necessary.

It was also suggested that a proposed fire station for the Barrington/Port LaTour area be located at the current Visitor Information Centre Site. This suggested relocation of the proposed fire department would need to be discussed first with the fire departments involved and agreed to by them. The Fire Services Coordinator will approach the fire departments to discuss this matter and obtain relevant information.

It was also suggested that funding sources for the relocation and construction of a new Visitor Information Centre adjacent to Highway 103 be sourced in the near future.

Having completed his discussion of these matters, the Fire Services Coordinator then retired from the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY FUND

The Innovative Community Fund is a program of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency which funds local initiatives. It is proposed that a tourist rest stop be constructed on the mainland side of Cape Sable Island Causeway behind the lower mall. From this tourist rest stop tourists would have a location close to the multi-use trailhead, and close to the stores and service stations in the area, and that would allow them to view events taking place at the Causeway and North East Point Beach, such as boat races, the Summer Beach Bash and the Festival of Lights fireworks in the fall.

It is proposed that an application be submitted to ACOA for the construction of this tourist rest stop. It is estimated the tourist rest stop, together with lights and a gazebo, will cost in the vicinity of \$150,000.00. The ICF is on a 50/50 basis. The Municipality would be required to provide 50% of the funding which would come from municipal reserves.

Resolution COW140701

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality apply to ACOA for funding from the Innovative Community Fund for a tourist rest stop at the CSI Causeway.

Motion carried unanimously.

GRANT REQUESTS

The following grant requests were received and considered by the Committee.

Woodside Cemetery Company

The Woodside Cemetery Company is requesting a grant of \$500.00 to assist in the purchase of a self-propelled lawnmower for the mowing of the cemetery.

Resolution COW140702

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that a grant of \$500.00 be provided to the Woodside Cemetery Company.

Motion carried unanimously.

Shelburne County Archives & Genealogical Society

This Society is requesting a \$500.00 operating grant and has provided information concerning their organization. The organization is a non profit resource centre for genealogical and historic records in Shelburne County. They maintain a family data bank of over 84,000 Shelburne County connected names and index census, church, school, cemetery and funeral records, as well as newspaper collections and vital statistics.

Resolution COW140703

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that an operating grant of \$500.00 be provided to the Shelburne County Archives and Genealogical Society.

Motion carried unanimously.

Parkdale Cemetery

Parkdale Cemetery is requesting a grant of \$500.00 for the purpose of repairing their sign, and for general maintenance of the cemetery such as purchasing topsoil, lawn care equipment and tree removal.

Resolution COW140704

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that a grant of \$500.00 be provided to the Parkdale Cemetery in Upper Port LaTour.

Motion carried unanimously.

YMCA Mechanical Lift

Additional information has been provided from South West Health regarding the request for funding for a mechanical lift to be installed at the Yarmouth YMCA.

Resolution COW140705

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that the South West Health be informed that the Municipality cannot provide funding for this facility at this time.

Motion carried unanimously.

North East Point/Centreville Community Hall

Correspondence has been received from the North East Point/Centreville Community Hall indicating that they wish to repair the floor in the hall and have obtained an estimate from a contractor for this purpose. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$4,000.00, and the amount of the grant requested from Council is \$3,000.00.

Resolution COW140706

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that a grant of \$1,000.00 be approved for the North East Point/Centreville Community Hall.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
Shaun Hatfield
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Members discussed the membership requirements for the Planning Advisory Committee.

It was the consensus of members that the number of members be reduced to two (2) councillors and two (2) public members as a minimum, and that the fees being paid for meetings for the public members be raised to \$75.00, plus expenses.

The draft policy changes will be made and forwarded to Council for consideration.

ANIMALS IN NEED

Email correspondence has been received on behalf of the Animals in Need group. This group is requesting additional funding for the purposes of spay and neutering cats in the area and generally controlling the cat population.

Resolution COW140707

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that the Animals in Need group be thanked for their efforts in providing this service to municipal residents, and they be informed that the Municipality has already provided the available funding to them for this purpose for the current year.

Motion carried unanimously.

SHAG HARBOUR STATION ROAD

A petition has been received from residents of Shag Harbour Station Road requesting that their road be paved. The petition requests that the road be paved without cost to the residents living on the road.

Members then discussed the possibility of paving this road and obtaining funding from the 50/50 cost shared funding from the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation.

Resolution COW140708

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality request the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to share 50/50 in the cost of paving Shag Harbour Station Road and that the 50% funding from the Municipality be withdrawn from its Gas Tax Funds Reserves.

Motion carried unanimously.

SOUTHWEST NOVA BIOSPHERE RESERVE ASSOCIATION

Correspondence has been received by email regarding the use of the Southwest Nova Biosphere logo to improve the marketing for that organization. The organization is inviting municipal units in southwestern Nova Scotia to use their logo in conjunction with municipality's logos on their letterhead and other signage. The Southwest Nova Biosphere is also asking the Municipality to appoint a member to its Board of Directors.

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality promote the Southwest Nova Biosphere by using its logo on municipal letterheads and signs.

AFFIRMATIVE

Shaun Hatfield
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

Jody Crook
George El-Jakl

Motion defeated.

Resolution COW140709

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality deny the request of Southwest Nova Biosphere to appoint a member to its Board of Directors.

Motion carried unanimously.

SKATEBOARD RAMP

Information was provided to members from the Municipality's Recreation Coordinator. It is proposed that a skateboard ramp be constructed by the Municipality at a cost of \$1,750.00 and that this ramp be located either at the Barrington Ball Field area next to the playground or at the former tennis court area next to the Search & Rescue building in Barrington Passage.

After much discussion it was the consensus of members that further information be obtained regarding the potential location of this facility within the Municipality. It was the general consensus that the skateboard ramp be constructed, but more investigation be done into its location. This information will be brought back to a subsequent committee meeting.

NHL LEGENDS HOCKEY GAME

A summary of the proposed marketing and promotion of the NHL Legends hockey game was provided to members for their information and review. This matter will be reviewed by members and further considered at the next committee meeting.

CLEANING CONTRACT

Council had previously approved entering into an agreement for cleaning of municipal buildings with Enslow's Cleaning for either a three or five year term. The terms of the agreement were provided to members for their review.

Resolution COW140710

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality enter into a five (5) year agreement with Enslow's Cleaning for cleaning of municipal buildings.

Motion carried unanimously.

Having reached the hour of 10:00, members agreed by consensus to complete the business of the meeting.

JULY 28TH COUNCIL MEETING

Since both the Clerk and Deputy Clerk will be unavailable for this Council meeting it was agreed by members that the meeting would be held on Thursday, July 24, 2014.

Councillor El-Jakl will be away on vacation for the next month and will be unable to attend.

ORDER OF BARRINGTON

It was suggested that an Order of Barrington be considered at the next committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:19 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website July 16, 2014.