

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

July 21, 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:

- Shaun Hatfield, Chair
- Jody Crook (7:05 p.m.)
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson

Councillor George El-Jakl was absent due to vacation.

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Temporary Borrowing Resolution.
- Grant Request.
- Municipal Boundary Review.
- CIMCO Emergency Service.
- Doctor Requests.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Moved** by D. Messenger 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 meeting held July 14, 2014 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT – SOLID WASTE REGULATIONS

Correspondence was circulated to members. This correspondence was from Nova Scotia Environment indicating that the consultation on a new Solid Waste Management Strategy was being extended for municipalities to September 30<sup>th</sup>. This consultation includes a new program for extended producer responsibility for material such as printed paper and packaging. The Region 6 Solid Waste Management Committee will be submitting information on behalf of the municipalities in the region with suggestions to be included in the strategy, and how to implement the new strategy. Members were encouraged to review the strategy and provide comment to Nova Scotia Environment.

UPDATE ON TROY WAYBRET PROPERTY – CLAM POINT

Members were informed that correspondence has been received by email from Public Works and Government Services Canada indicating that they now have a written agreement to purchase the Waybret property in Clam Point. There is no scheduled date for the completion of this transaction, however, it is anticipated the property will be cleaned up by PWGSC once they have purchased it. This matter will be brought back to Committee of the Whole at a November meeting to ensure that it has been followed up.

TOURISM AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR MONTHLY REPORT

The Municipality's Tourism and Community Development Coordinator, Suzy Atwood, appeared before the meeting for the purpose of making her monthly report. She has provided a written report for the month which has been circulated to Council. She has also provided a written report for the NHL Legends Hockey Game to be held in October, and this has also been circulated to members. It was indicated that the visitbarrington facebook page now has over 800 likes. Tweets from this page have been retweeted by Nova Scotia Tourism and Canadian Tourism.

At the present time the marathon has approximately 120 runners registered and more are being registered each day. Much discussion then followed regarding the marathon and the growth of it over the years. It was suggested that ways be found to attract more runners from outside the Municipality, and more runners from outside of Nova Scotia. To this end, the Community Development Officer will collect information on previous runs and runs in other locations in order to further develop the Nova Scotia Marathon.

The Community Development Officer also indicated that she has been in communication with Argyle and YASTA regarding a motorcycle itinerary, and routes to be developed that would include parts of our municipality as well as other municipalities in Western Nova Scotia.

There then followed some discussion regarding the Nova Scotia webcam which had formerly been located at a business at the Cape Sable Island Causeway. This camera has in the past been focusing on the North East Point Beach and the activities in that area. Email correspondence was received from the Cape Sable Historical Society suggesting that the camera should be relocated to the Barrington Woolen Mill next to the Barrington River.

There then followed some discussion as to the location of the camera. It was the consensus of members that this matter be further considered and discussed again at a later meeting.

Members also discussed the need for a Visitor Information Centre presence on Highway 103 in order to give municipal employees an opportunity to attract visitors to the area. The Tourism and Community Development Officer will obtain further information on the contract for the Nova Scotia webcam, and will also obtain statistical information on visits to the present site. The Tourism and Community Development Officer indicated that she had not yet had a chance to meet with the Director of the UFO Centre in Shag Harbour, but would do so in the future.

There then followed some discussion of a continuance of this position. The Tourism and Community Development Officer was asked to develop a plan which indicated where this position would be going in the future, and what emphasis would be placed in various areas such as product development, and making the Municipality more visitor friendly, and creating a better first impression for visitors. The Tourism and Community Development Officer will compile a proposed detailed plan for the next two years. It was suggested that community members must be involved in the marketing and promotion and implementing of events within the community.

#### NHL Legends Hockey Game

Members then turned their discussion to the NHL Legends Hockey Game which will be conducted in October. A summary of the proposed promotion of the NHL Hockey Game was circulated to members prior to the meeting for their information and review. It was emphasized that the Municipality needs to know which players are coming, and what the date of the game will be. It was suggested that Saturday would be a preferable day for the event, although this has not been suggested by the promoters. It was suggested that the organizing committee should be able to make decisions regarding this event.

#### Resolution COW140711

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that authority be delegated to the organizing committee for the NHL Legends Hockey Game so that they can do the planning and implementation of this event for the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Members then continued to discuss the authority of the committee to plan and promote this event.

Members also further discussed the tourism plan to be developed by the Community Development Officer and the measures of success that should be identified in this plan.

Having completed their discussion of this matter, the Tourism and Community Development Officer retired from the meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m.

#### ORDER OF BARRINGTON

Information was circulated to members regarding a proposed Order of Barrington. This would be an award given to individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the life and culture of the community. The individuals receiving this award would be chosen by members of the community other than Council. Further details regarding the criteria of this award need to be developed. Individuals who will be determining who receives this award would need to be identified as well.

It was suggested that further information be obtained on the Order of Nova Scotia as a guideline towards implementing this plan for an Order of Barrington, and that information be obtained from other municipalities who may have such an award. This information will be brought back to the next Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Members were also informed that it has been suggested that Mr. Sandy Wickens be honored by the Municipality as he has contributed much to the community over the past years.

Resolution COW140712

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that a plaque be prepared and presented to Mr. Sandy Wickens by Council on behalf of the community for his many contributions to the Municipality over the years.

Motion carried unanimously.

COURT LEASE

Members were informed that the Province of Nova Scotia has now made an offer to extend the lease on the court room for another year. They have suggested that the rental rate remain the same. It has been suggested to the Provincial representative that the rental rate should increase by the Consumer Price Index.

Resoluiton COW140713

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that the Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to negotiate a lease with Consumer Price Index increases with the Province of Nova Scotia for the court room space.

Motion carried unanimously.

ME TO WE REQUEST

A request has been received from Shelby Nickerson asking that the Municipality donate the proceeds from a public swim at the municipal swimming pool as part of her fundraising effort for the Me to We Program.

There then followed some discussion regarding contributions to the Me to We Program.

Resolution COW140714

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that the Recreation Director and Ms. Nickerson meet to select an hour other than a public swim so that Ms. Nickerson can conduct a fundraiser effort for the Me to We Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION

Members were informed that in order for the Municipality to complete its application for a COMFIT program to construct a wind turbine generator on municipal property, it is necessary to have the required funding in place for this project. In order to do this the Municipality must put in place a Temporary Borrowing Resolution. It is recommended that the Temporary Borrowing Resolution being put in place not exceed \$300,000.00. This would be approximately half the cost of this project. The remaining funds for the project would be sourced from the Gas Tax Funds held by the Municipality.

Resolution COW140715

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality obtain a Temporary Borrowing Resolution not to exceed \$300,000.00 for the purpose of constructing a wind turbine generator under the Provincial COMFIT Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

GRANT REQUEST

The Do for Others Club in Woods Harbour has requested funds for the upkeep and maintenance of the Greenwood Cemetery.

Resolution COW140716

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by E. Nickerson that correspondence be forwarded to the Do for Others Club requesting them to have the Greenwood Cemetery apply directly to the Municipality for funding under the Municipal Grant Program, according to Municipal policy.

Motion carried unanimously.

MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY REVIEW

All municipalities in Nova Scotia are required to do Municipal Boundary Reviews every six years. 2014 is one of the years in which a review is required. The Municipality did a review in late 2011 which was approved by the URB in January 2012. As a result of that review the number of districts and councillors was reduced from seven (7) to five (5). Information was provided to councillors indicating that at the present time Council would not be changing either the number of districts, the district boundaries, or the number of councillors. It is suggested that the number of districts, district boundaries, and number of councillors be confirmed by the Utility and Review Board. An advertisement will be done, and Council will conduct a public meeting at its regular Council meeting on September 22, 2014. This information will be advertised on the municipal website, the facebook page and in the local newspaper for the information of the public.

Resolution COW140717

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality proceed with advertising a public meeting, and requesting public comment for the Municipal District Boundary Review to be done in 2014 as required by the Municipal Government Act.

Motion carried unanimously.

CIMCO EMERGENCY HOURS

Members were informed that information has been provided regarding the emergency hours option suggested by CIMCO for maintenance at the Barrington Municipal Arena and Curling Club. The emergency hours provision covers one trip to the facilities by CIMCO technicians. This would include the travel to and from, and one days' work on the equipment – one service trip. The cost of the emergency hours option is an additional \$985.32.

Resolution COW140718

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality accept the emergency service option proposed by CIMCO Refrigeration for the Curling Club and Arena.

Motion carried unanimously.

DOCTOR REQUESTS

Members were informed that requests have been received from Dr. Germanus and Dr. Baker concerning the construction of security and privacy barriers in the doctor's offices in Barrington Passage.

Dr. Baker is requesting that a security screen be provided in the reception area to separate the receptionist from the patients in the waiting area. Information is currently being obtained on the cost of providing this security and privacy screen. Once this information is obtained it will be brought back to committee for further consideration.

Dr. Germanus has also requested that she be allowed to take two of the desks from the office she currently occupies and move them to the Community Health Centre. She also is asking that a security door be constructed in the Health Centre, along with a wall which would effectively divide the waiting room in half and separate the doctor's offices on one side from the other side in the building.

There then followed much discussion regarding these two concerns.

Resolution COW140719

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that Dr. Germanus be informed that because of the uncertainty of future use of the Community Health Centre building, Council is reluctant to spend any additional funds for the purpose of reconfiguring the offices there, and is unwilling to purchase additional desks or move the desk from the Parson's Mall medical office to the Community Health Centre.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was also agreed by consensus of members that a drawing of the proposed security screen being requested by Dr. Baker be obtained and provided to members for their consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:00 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website July 22, 2014.**