

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

August 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:08 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
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Absent were members George El-Jakl who is on vacation, and Shaun Hatfield due to work commitments.

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Activities Fund Request.
- Baccaro Foghorn.
- Tax Sale Results.
- Doctor's Office Equipment.
- Baccaro Road.
- Port LaTour Wharfenger.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that minutes of the meeting held July 21, 2014 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### CAPE SABLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

#### Old Court House Heating

Executive Director of the Historical Society, Mrs. Brenda Maxwell, appeared before the meeting for the purpose of discussing the heating of the Old Court House building. She indicated that the electric heaters are running continuously, and felt that there might be a problem with the thermostats. She also indicated that there are two electric heaters in the main office, one in her office, one in the hallway, and a baseboard heater in the downstairs meeting room.

Mrs. Maxwell indicated that the Society has upgraded the flooring in the main building over the last few years, and that new lights have been installed to replace the florescent lights that had previously been there. An accessible washroom was also completed recently.

Mrs. Maxwell was informed that Efficiency Nova Scotia had suggested installing two heat pumps in the building at a cost of \$8,200.00 each. These were brought forward for consideration during budget deliberations but did not receive approval. It was indicated that the maximum grant available from Efficiency Nova Scotia for assistance in installing these heat pumps would be in the range of \$1,400.00 to \$1,500.00 each.

Mrs. Maxwell suggested that the Seniors Office as well as the South West Transit Office could be located within the old portion of the building, and in this way this would make it possible to obtain other grants for upgrading of the building.

There was some question raised as to how the Municipality can manage the increase in cost of heritage properties in the community. It was suggested that a large grant for the restoration of the Old Court House building would be required, and in order to obtain such a grant it would be necessary to find out what needs to be done to the building to restore it. In order to determine the work needed to be done it would be necessary to either hire a consultant, or have the Society complete an assessment of the building.

Mr. Boyd Scott, President of the Cape Sable Historical Society, then addressed the committee members. He indicated that there are thirteen (13) students employed by the Historical Society during the summer months, that the buildings near the Barrington River are attracting tourists to our community and that substantial funds would be required to restore the Old Court House. He suggested that the Municipality keep this operation going until "times get better".

It was also indicated that the old court room which is in the upstairs of the Old Court House was still in its "original condition". It was generally suggested that this is an important "heritage spot" around the Barrington River.

It was then suggested by Mrs. Maxwell that she assess the building together with the Municipality's Property Services Manager to determine upgrades needed for the building. She also agreed to contact the Nova Scotia Museum regarding use of their personnel for this project. Mrs. Maxwell agreed to determine what the Historical Society would like to do and to try and contact more expert advice in order to determine what is needed for an upgrade.

#### Nova Scotia Webcam

Correspondence has been received, by email, from the Historical Society suggesting that the Nova Scotia webcam previously located at the C.S.I. Causeway be relocated to the Woolen Mill. The Historical Society will pay the cost of the internet connection for this project which is estimated to be approximately \$600.00 a year. The only cost to the Municipality would then be the installation of the camera. Mrs. Maxwell suggested the cost of maintaining it at the Causeway would be more than this.

This matter will be referred to a subsequent meeting for further consideration by committee members.

Having completed their discussion of the matter, Mrs. Maxwell and other members of the Historical Society retired from the meeting.

SHELBURNE COUNTY MINOR HOCKEY REQUEST

The Warden permitted Jennifer Sears, Treasurer of the Shelburne County Minor Hockey Association, to address the meeting at this time. The request of Shelburne County Minor Hockey is to install the ice at least a week to 10 days earlier than previously anticipated so that they can begin renting the ice on Monday, September 29, 2014. She indicated that Shelburne County Minor Hockey will be having a Bantam AA team and that they have close to 40 Bantam players registered. She also indicated in a list that she had previously provided to the Municipal Office the times that will be rented beginning on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

Resolution COW140801

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality install ice for rental beginning on September 22<sup>nd</sup> so that the first rental of the ice for the season will begin on Monday, September 29, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

Shelburne County Minor Hockey through their treasurer has committed to renting the following hours during this time in order to warrant installing the ice at this early time:

- September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- October 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 4 ½ hours on Saturday and Sunday, and 3 hours on Monday for tryouts

Their regular ice schedule for the season will start later in the week of October 6, 2014.

Mrs. Sears committed Minor Hockey to renting and paying for this ice time.

Having completed her discussion with members, Mrs. Sears then retired from the meeting.

COMFIT Project – Wind Turbine Generator at C & D Landfill Site

It was suggested to members that two public consultation meetings be held in order to present the proposed COMFIT project to residents of the Municipality.

It was suggested that one meeting be held in late August and another in early to mid September. This would allow both summer residents of the Goose Lake area as well as permanent residents of the area to hear from the developers concerning the details of this project. It is suggested that representatives of Endurance Wind Power conduct and make the presentations at these meetings.

It was the consensus of members that this matter be brought before Council at the August meeting in order for it to be approved.

### SEASIDE TOURIST REST STOP

Members were informed of the progress made to date on this project. The Innovation Community Funds requires firmer quotes on the construction cost of the project in order to proceed. These are being obtained through the Property Services Manager and will be forwarded to ACOA in the near future.

On Friday, the Property Services Manager and the Clerk-Treasurer met with an Inspector Specialist from the Department of Environment. An email has been received today from the Department of Environment indicating they have no concerns with the proposed project and the Department of Natural Resources will also have no concerns with the proposed project providing that the Municipality does not infringe on the wetland area near the high water mark, and does not infringe on the area below the high water mark along the adjacent coastline.

It was suggested that the Municipality further develop the area closer to the Causeway which is on Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal property.

It was also suggested that a sketch of the project be developed as soon as possible.

The Department of Transportation and Infrastructural Renewal will be contacted regarding the use of their property as a parking area for this tourist rest stop. Contacts will be made in order to develop a sketch of the project.

### FLOATING DOCKS

There then followed some discussion regarding the purchase of floating docks as previously discussed during the budget considerations.

It is anticipated that the Municipality will purchase these docks from the Cape Sable Island Harbour Authority sometime in the near future.

### SHEROSE NATURE TRAIL

The Sherose Nature Trail was discussed briefly in order to determine the extent of the upgrade required.

It was the consensus of members that the Municipality maintain this trail as a nature trail and that the proposed upgrade suggested by the Municipal Physical Activity Leader be proceeded with. This will be started as soon as possible.

### ORDER OF BARRINGTON

Members discussed the composition and criteria to be used for the proposed Order of Barrington. It was suggested that presentation of this award be made to one individual at a time, and that it be done as a separate celebration. It was also agreed by consensus that the award be made every two years, and that there be at least three people on a committee choosing the individual to whom this would be presented, that the individuals on this committee would not be councillors and be composed of local bank managers, business owners, school principals, ministers or chairpersons of non-profit organizations.

Any resident of the Municipality may nominate somebody for this award. The award would be presented to people who are long term residents, or people from the Municipality who have gained notoriety elsewhere. The award could be presented posthumously within one year of passing.

It was the consensus of members that a draft process be provided for further consideration. This will be done in the near future.

### CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS

#### Planning Advisory Committee

Members were informed that correspondence has been received from Mr. William Malone indicating that he is willing to serve on the Planning Advisory Committee as a public member.

#### Resolution COW140802

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that Mr. William Malone of Woods Harbour be appointed to serve on the Planning Advisory Committee for a two year term.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Joint Police Advisory Board

The Municipality has previously advertised for a member to serve on the Joint Police Advisory Board. To date no applications have been received.

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality advertise again for a two week period for a public member to serve on the Joint Police Advisory Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Western Regional Housing Authority

As a result of advertisements, two applications have been received to represent the Municipality on the Western Regional Housing Authority. Applications have been received from Cecil Swimm and Cindy Nickerson.

#### Resolution COW140803

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that Mr. Cecil Swimm be nominated to the Western Regional Housing Authority as the Municipality's representative on their Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW140804

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that Cindy Nickerson be asked if she wished to serve as the Municipality's public representative on the Joint Police Advisory Board, and if so, that she be approved by Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

HOSPITAL PARKING FEES/ILLEGAL DUMPING

These two matters were deferred by consensus of members to the next meeting of the committee.

EASTLINK – INTERNET CONNECTION

The response received from Eastlink Television was provided to members for their information and review.

Resolution COW140805

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality contact the appropriate government department regarding the satellite project completed by Eastlink, and request what action will be taken by the government in regards to this matter.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTIVITIES FUNDS REQUEST

A request has been received by the Shelburne County Reds baseball team. This baseball team consists of players from various areas of Shelburne County including the Municipality of Barrington. This team is hosting the Provincial Bantam AA Baseball Championships on the 2014 Labour Day weekend.

Resolution COW140806

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that an Activities Fund Grant of \$200.00 be provided to the Shelburne County Reds to assist in the hosting of the Provincial Bantam AA Baseball Championships.

Motion carried unanimously.

TAX SALE RESULTS

Members were informed that the Municipality's Tax Sale for 2014 was conducted at 10:00 this morning in the Court Room. At this sale there were 20 properties sold for arrears of taxes. Of these 20 properties, 11 were sold to private individuals and 9 were purchased by the Municipality. It is expected that a number of the properties purchased by the Municipality will be redeemed during the six month redemption period.

MEDICAL OFFICE EQUIPMENT

A request was circulated to members for the purchase of medical office equipment for Dr. Baker's office. Members then reviewed this information and suggested that the Western Shelburne County Health Care Charitable Society also be contacted regarding the purchase of this equipment.

It was the consensus of members that this matter be further considered at the Committee of the Whole Meeting of August 18, 2014.

BACCARO FOGHORN

A petition has been received that has been signed by fishermen and residents of the Baccaro and Port LaTour area indicating that they wish to have the foghorn maintained at Baccaro Point. This petition was circulated to members for their information and review.

Resolution COW140807

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the petition provided by fishermen and residents of Baccaro and Port LaTour be forwarded to the Canadian Coast Guard Management representative.

Motion carried unanimously.

BACCARO ROADS

The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal had previously been requested to address the maintenance requirements of roads in the Baccaro area.

Resolution COW140808

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter be sent to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal asking what action has been taken as a result of a previous letter, and requesting the required repairs and maintenance be done to the roads in the Baccaro area.

Motion carried unanimously.

PORT LATOUR WHARFENGER

It was indicated that there are derelict boats that have brought up on private property at Commercial Street. It was also indicated that the sign for the Port LaTour Wharf has blown down and is also lying on private property in the area.

It will be determined who the Harbour Authority is for that particular area and the Harbour Authority will then be contacted in order to address these matters.

NHL HOCKEY GAME

Members were informed by the Warden that the NHL Hockey game scheduled for this fall will be rescheduled to be held during the winter months, some time between January and March of 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:15 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website August 12, 2014.**