

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

September 15, 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:

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

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Barrington Passage Post Office.
- Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Members then entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing legal advice received regarding the Gardiner Allen pension request, an update on the James Brannen camp lease, and an update on the former BMHS property legal action.

Members returned to Open Session after discussing the Gardiner Allen pension and the camp lease.

Conflict of Interest

Warden Nickerson declared conflict on the matter of the former BMHS property.

The Warden then retired from the meeting room while members discussed, in Closed Session, the former BMHS property.

Having completed their discussion, members then returned to Open Session again.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Gardiner Allen Pension

Resolution COW140904

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by E. Nickerson that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to Gardiner Allen explaining to him that having obtained legal action the Municipality must deny the request of Mr. Allen for the return of unvested municipal funds contributed to the Pension Plan as the Municipal Government Act does not allow such an expenditure.

Motion carried unanimously.

Camp Lease

Members were updated on the camp lease and await further response from the lessee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Hatfield that the minutes of the meeting held September 8, 2014 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

DECEMBER MEETINGS

Resolution COW140905

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that a Committee of the Whole Meeting be held on December 1, 2014, and that the Council meeting for the month be held on December 8, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

TOURISM AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT

A report from the Tourism and Community Development Officer was circulated prior to the meeting. The Tourism Officer also reviewed some statistics that were obtained from Clark's Harbour and Shelburne in relation to tourism visitors to the end of August.

Members then discussed a portion of the Tourism Officer's report regarding the establishment of cameras within the Municipality to be live streamed to the internet. This discussion centered around the location of cameras and the requirement for internet towers. It was indicated by the Warden that the cameras would cost approximately \$500 each. There was a suggestion that Mr. Rawleigh Atwood be invited to a meeting for further explanation and illustration of how these cameras might work.

It was also suggested by the Warden that the total cost of this project would be between \$2,500.00 and \$5,000.00.

It was the consensus of members that this matter be further discussed at the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting.

Having concluded her report and discussion, the Tourism Officer then retired from the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Members then continued to discuss the Tourism Officer's position and the cost of continuing this position.

Resolution COW140906

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the Tourism and Community Development Officer position be extended for a period of five (5) months, to March 31, 2015, and that continuation of this position then be further considered during budget deliberations for the coming year. Information will be obtained on how this position will be funded for the balance of this year.

Motion carried unanimously.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN

Information on projects contained in the Capital Investment Plan was circulated to members together with evaluation sheets.

Members were also asked to provide other projects which they wished to include in the Capital Investment Plan.

It was suggested that the floating dock project be further discussed and that the investment in this project be increased substantially.

It was also suggested that a Visitor Information Centre project be added and further discussed by members.

The other projects were discussed to some degree.

Resolution COW140907

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality discuss the establishment of a Community Health Centre by inviting all of the doctors in the community to a Committee of the Whole meeting for this purpose.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW140908

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by J. Crook that the Committee also discuss the location of a Visitor Information Centre at Exit 30, on Highway 103, with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal in Closed Session.

Motion carried unanimously.

Information obtained thus far for the Capital Investment Program will be summarized and circulated to members.

SKATEBOARD RAMP LOCATION

Members discussed a proposed location of a skateboard ramp for the Recreation Department. The memo from the Recreation Director regarding this matter was circulated to members for their information. There was some question regarding how many people would be using this ramp once it has been located within the Municipality.

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by E. Nickerson that the skateboard ramp be located on municipal property next to the Search and Rescue building in Barrington Passage.

AFFIRMATIVE

Shaun Hatfield
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

Jody Crook
George El-Jakl
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Motion defeated.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Hatfield that the proposed skateboard ramp be located behind the Visitor Information Centre next to the Barrington ball field.

AFFIRMATIVE

Shaun Hatfield
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

Jody Crook
George El-Jakl
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Motion defeated.

Resolution COW140909

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the skateboard ramp be located on Sherose Island at the location suggested by the Recreation Director.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by E. Nickerson that the skateboard ramp be monitored by the Recreation Department staff for the safety of users, and that a monthly report of the number of individuals using the ramp be provided by the Recreation Department.

AFFIRMATIVE

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

Jody Crook
George El-Jakl
Shaun Hatfield

Motion defeated.

Resolution COW140910

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that a Press Release be made by the Municipality to make the public aware of the location of the skateboard ramp, and that it is an unmonitored municipal recreation facility.

Motion carried unanimously.

REGULATION REVIEW BY REGION 6

The Region 6 Waste Management Committee has reviewed the document provided by Nova Scotia Environment titled *Solid Waste Resource Management Regulation Review*. In response to the Review, Region 6 has made the following motion:

Region 6 Solid Waste Management requests that a committee be struck immediately to investigate the implications of the proposed seven (7) areas under review. The Committee structure should consist of four (4) municipal representatives, two (2) industry representatives, two (2) NSE representatives, one (1) UNSM/AMA representative, and one (1) resource person (Financial Impact model).

Motion carried.

Members discussed this motion as well as the Region 6 Chairman's letter to Nova Scotia Environment regarding the funding for litter from quick serve retailers.

Members did not wish to provide a supporting letter for the litter motion made at the Region 6 meeting.

Resolution COW140911

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that a letter of support be sent to the Minister of Environment for the motion made by Region 6 Solid Waste Management Committee concerning the Solid Waste Resource Management Regulation Review.

Motion carried unanimously.

FIRE SERVICES UPDATE

Members were informed that Dwayne Hunt has resigned as the Central District Fire Chief and has also resigned from all fire services activities.

Members were also informed that Eugene Stoddard has resigned as President of the Island and Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department and resigned from the Department.

These matters will be further discussed in October when the Coordinator appears before the meeting.

MONUMENT IN WOODS HARBOUR

Members discussed the establishment of a memorial monument in Woods Harbour.

It was indicated that there have already been a number of benches placed in the Woods Harbour area along the trail and the sidewalk in memory of fishermen lost at sea. The names of the fisherman lost aboard the Miss Ally have also been added to the existing fishermen's memorial located in the centre of the community along Highway #3.

It was the consensus of members that no further action is required at this time.

SEASIDE TOURIST REST STOP

Members were brought up to date regarding this project. Engineering work is required to be done for this project. A second estimate of the engineering costs is being obtained. Once this information has been obtained it will be brought forward for further review.

BARRINGTON PASSAGE POST OFFICE

Members were informed that an architect hired by Canada Post is devising a method of traffic control at the Barrington Passage Post Office. It is being proposed that a second driveway be added on the eastern side of the Post Office so that residents will be able to drive in on the eastern side to the parking lot at the rear, and then exit on the western side of the Post Office. We are still awaiting further communication from Canada Post in this matter.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL

It was noted that there is need of maintenance being done on the shoulder of the road along Highway 330 near the ice plant at the southern end of the causeway.

Resolution COW140912

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by E. Nickerson that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting that maintenance be done on the shoulder of the road from the location of the ice plant on Cape Sable Island south of the Causeway to the Ross's house nearby.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was also noted that the Department of Transportation has yet to do any work on the shoulder of the road in Woods Harbour as previously requested.

Resolution COW140913

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that correspondence be sent to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting that maintenance on the shoulder of the road be done in the Woods Harbour area as previously requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:21.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website September 16, 2014.