

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

October 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
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
  
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- South West Health Authority Request.
- Tax Invoices.
- Barrington Dental Centre Request.
- Medical Centre Tours.
- Letters Re: Yarmouth Hospital Foundation  
Upper Clyde Road  
Post Offices.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the minutes of the meeting held September 15, 2014 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that minutes of the October 6, 2014 meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council be approved with the deletion of personal comments of Dr. Yee related to stress.

Motion carried unanimously.

### CLOSED SESSION RE: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL

Mr. Greg Newell appeared before the meeting for the purpose of discussing issues related to the Provincial Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

Members then entered into Closed Session for the purpose of this discussion.

### OPEN SESSION

Having completed their discussion, members then returned to Open Session at 7:55 p.m. at which time Mr. Newell retired from the meeting.

The Warden reported that the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal issues were discussed with Greg Newell, Area Supervisor.

### FIRE SERVICES QUARTERLY REPORT

The Fire Services Coordinator appeared before the meeting for the purpose of providing his written quarterly report. A written report was circulated to all members. Accompanying the Fire Services Coordinator was Mr. Mike Swim who is now the Central District Chief for the Barrington Municipal Fire Services.

Members were also informed that Walter Scott has been elected Station Chief for the Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department.

The Fire Services Coordinator reviewed his quarterly report in detail and discussed various aspects of it with members.

#### Resolution COW141001

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that the Fires Services Coordinator be requested to obtain information on Eugene Stoddard's and Dwayne Hunt's service in the Fire Services of the Municipality, and have an award and plaque prepared for them to be presented at the Annual Shelburne County Mutual Aid Meeting and Awards Night.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Fire Services Coordinator also agreed to identify fire service calls completed within the Municipality of Shelburne.

### MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY REVIEW

#### Resolution COW141002

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the proposed Municipal Boundary Review be returned to Council and forwarded to the Utility and Review Board as currently proposed with no changes in the districts or councillors.

Motion carried unanimously.

### CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN

This matter will be deferred to the next committee meeting in order to allow for the preparation. It was the consensus of members that the Visitor Information Centre and paving of Cat Rock Drive be added to the Capital Investment Plan.

### LANDFILL HOURS

Members were informed that a report was received from the Property Services Manager indicating that after reviewing data from the previous six (6) months it was apparent that Mondays and Saturdays are the least busy days at the Construction & Demolition Landfill.

#### Resolution COW141003

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality reduce the hours at the Construction and Demolition Landfill by closing on Mondays beginning December 1, 2014 until March 31, 2015, at which time the Landfill will again be opened on Mondays. This will produce savings in the cost of operating the Landfill and allow personnel to work in other areas during the winter months where they are needed.

Motion carried unanimously.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONIES

Members agreed to attend the following Remembrance Day Ceremonies:

- Councillor Crook, Forest Ridge Academy, Barrington Cenotaph
- Warden Nickerson, Stone Church Ceremony
- Councillor El-Jakl, Woods Harbour and ERMES ceremonies
- Deputy Warden Messenger, BMHS Ceremony

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

It was agreed by members that the Nominating Committee would meet at the October Council meeting in order to determine the committee memberships for 2015.

### BARRINGTON REGIONAL CURLING CLUB MONTHLY REPORT

#### Resolution COW141004

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that the Barrington Regional Curling Club be requested to provide quarterly reports at Committee of the Whole Council meetings, and, if possible, monthly financial statements in the interim.

Motion carried unanimously.

CAPE SABLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY RE: OLD COURT HOUSE

Correspondence has been received from the Cape Sable Historical Society indicating that they have a committee who will be working on necessary changes to the Old Court House building.

There then followed much discussion regarding the committee and the membership thereof.

Resolution COW141005

**Moved** by G. El-Jal and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Cape Sable Historical Society asking how many members are on their committee, who these members are, and who the officers of the committee are. It was also requested that the committee notify Council of their meeting dates and request that meetings preferably be not scheduled on Monday nights so that councillors may attend.

Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL THREE YEAR COST SHARE AGREEMENT

Since the current agreement will expire at the end of October it is necessary for the Municipality to enter into a new agreement for a three year term. This cost share agreement will provide for the Municipality to share with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal the cost of paving of J Class and subdivision roads on a 50/50 basis.

Resolution COW141006

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality again enter into a three year cost share agreement for J Class roads and subdivision roads with the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

Motion carried unanimously.

BARRINGTON BAY TRAIL

Email correspondence has been received regarding a complaint of excessive speeds by 4-wheeler operators on the portion of the multi-use trail between Atwood's Brook and Woods Harbour.

Resolution COW141007

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that permission be obtained from the author of the email complaint to forward this complaint to the Woodland Multi-Use Trail Association, and that the complainant be informed that the Municipality is not, and has not, been involved in this portion of the multi-use trail within the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

TRI-COUNTY WOMEN'S CENTRE

Correspondence has been received from the Tri-County Women's Centre indicating they will be hosting an event on December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> in Yarmouth. The event is entitled "Growing up in our Porn Culture: What is the problem? What can we do?". The Centre is requesting an endorsement from municipal units in the area, as well as a financial contribution to reduce the cost of the event.

Resolution COW141008

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality sponsor the event hosted by the Tri-County Women's Centre on December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, in Yarmouth, and provide a financial contribution of \$300.00 to defray its costs.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW141009

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality pay the expenses of any councillor wishing to attend this event.

Motion carried unanimously.

KATELYN ROSS REQUEST

Correspondence has been received from Katelyn Ross indicating that she will be attending a Cuba Good Will Tour with an under 13 girls baseball team from Nova Scotia. She is requesting the Municipality to provide financial assistance to help defray the cost of this tour by the baseball team of which she will be a member.

Resolution COW141010

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that \$200.00 be donated to the organization for the 2015 Canada-Cuba Good Will Tour in support of Katelyn Ross who is a resident of Stoney Island.

Motion carried unanimously.

WEB CAMS

This matter was deferred to the next meeting of Committee for further discussion.

ENGAGE NOVA SCOTIA

It was the consensus of members that more discussion needs to take place regarding *Engage Nova Scotia* and the Municipality's approach to this initiative.

Members were also informed that *Growth Starts Here* has scheduled another meeting in Eastern Shelburne County on Thursday, October 16, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Anglican Church Hall in Shelburne. This group will also be endeavoring to have Mr. Danny Graham, the Chief Engagement Officer of Engage Nova Scotia come to Shelburne County on November 4<sup>th</sup> to speak.

Resolution COW141011

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that expenses be paid for any councillors wishing to attend the meeting of *Growth Starts Here* on Thursday, October 16, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADULT MORNING SKATE

Members were informed that arrangements have been made for an adult morning skate to be held on Mondays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Barrington Municipal Arena. These skates will be followed by a pre-school age skate from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon on Mondays and Thursdays. Both of these skates have been added to the Arena schedule.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Members were informed that they need to make a decision regarding the duration of the Christmas Break for municipal employees.

Resolution COW141012

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that municipal employees be granted a day off on Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>, with full pay, and that they continue to take vacation time or overtime for the days between Christmas and New Years. As required all on call staff will work during those days, if necessary, to respond to sewer calls or snow plowing and salting calls. The Municipal Offices, including Building Inspection, will be closed on December 24<sup>th</sup>, and the days between Christmas and New Years subject to all necessary inspections being completed. Municipal Offices will reopen for business at 8:30 a.m. on January 2, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

A policy will be drafted for approval of Council so that this procedure will be more permanently established.

Motion carried unanimously.

SOUTH WEST HEALTH REQUEST

The Municipality has again received correspondence from South West Health asking for financial support to install a mechanical lift at the Yarmouth YMCA. This lift would be used by two clients currently from the Municipality which would benefit their ability to integrate more into the community and receive physical therapy.

Resolution COW141013

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that it is recommended to Council that a contribution of \$200.00 be provided to assist in the provision of a mechanical lift at the Yarmouth YMCA in view of the fact that local residents will be able to use this lift when attending the facility. This contribution is conditional on the full cost of the purchase and installation of the lift being raised from other sources.

Motion carried unanimously.

TAX INVOICES

Members were informed that tax invoices will be sent out to all municipal taxpayers on Wednesday morning, October 15<sup>th</sup>. This will still allow 30 days between the time the invoices are sent out and the time interest begins on the invoices on November 15<sup>th</sup>. More than 6400 tax invoices will be mailed. These are the second and final bills for the current taxation year.

BARRINGTON DENTAL CENTRE

Members were informed that email correspondence had been received yesterday indicating that a transaction is proposed with the Barrington Dental Centre. This transaction is dependent on the Municipality approving transfer of this lease to a new owner of the Dental Centre.

Resolution COW141014

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality transfer the lease for municipal property, which the Barrington Dental Centre is now leasing, to its new owner effective October 31, 2014, for a period of not less than five years, including a renewal option which would be contained therein.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Yarmouth Hospital Foundation

A thank you letter has been received from the Yarmouth Foundation for the Municipality's contribution towards the purchase of capital equipment at the Yarmouth Regional Hospital.

Upper Clyde Road

In this correspondence it is indicated that residents on the Upper Clyde Road from Welchtown westwards to Cobb Skutch Bridge are seeking to have that portion of the road either paved or chip sealed and they are asking for the support of the Municipality of Barrington in having this done. This group has circulated a petition and sent it to the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation as well as to their MLA. They are asking that a letter of support be provided from the Municipality of Barrington and be sent to Mr. Steven MacIsaac, District Director, Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

Resolution COW141015

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that a letter of support be sent to the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal as requested by a representative of the residents of the Upper Clyde Road in the Municipality of the District of Shelburne between Welchtown westward to Cobb Skutch Bridge for paving or chip sealing the road in the area, and that the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal also be requested to maintain the current portion of the road that has already been chip sealed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Post Offices

Correspondence has been received from Canada Postmasters and Assistants Association indicating that there will be reduced postal hours at local post offices. This includes the Stoney Island Post Office, the Barrington Post Office and the Barrington Passage Post Office. These post offices are having their hours reduced in order to reduce costs to Canada Post.

Resolution COW141016

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to Canada Post expressing Council's displeasure with the reduction in hours in the operation of local post offices, and that a copy of this letter be sent to each of the post offices affected in the area.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:30 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website October 16, 2014.**