

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

April 1, 2014

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 6:08 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Warden Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor Jody Crook
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Councillor Jody Crook

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Yarmouth Hospital Foundations' Spring Gala.
- Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department Request.

GRASS MOWING TENDER

Members discussed the tenders that were received as a result of the advertisement issued by the Municipality for mowing of the grass on municipal properties in the summer of 2014. Information was previously circulated to members indicating the appropriate cost of having municipal employees mow the grass. It was estimated that the cost of having a municipal employee mow the grass, together with all benefits and the cost of equipment maintenance, fuel and oil, was approximately \$29,122.00. Members were also informed that an estimated cost of obtaining legal advice regarding non complaint tenders would be in the range of \$600.00, plus HST.

Resolution C140401

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that the Municipality continue to have employees mow grass on municipal properties as it appears that this is the lowest cost to provide this service. It also provides the most flexibility and expediency in providing this service. It is also recommended by staff.

Motion carried unanimously.

POOL LINER

Members were informed that a new liner will be required for the pool and a tender is currently being prepared to be advertised on the Nova Scotia Government web site.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Members were informed that the Consumer Price Index for the 12 month period ending in February indicated an increase of 1.1%. It is necessary under Policy No. 8 for Council to review this each year, and to make a motion in order for councillors to receive this increase in their stipend.

Resolution C140402

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that councillors receive an increment equivalent to the Consumer Price Index increase of 1.1% similar to that received by municipal employees.

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

NEGATIVE

Jody Crook
Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

It was the consensus of members that this item be added to the next Committee of the Whole agenda, and that a draft be proposed to amend Policy 8 in regards to this matter.

PROPOSED MEETING RE: WESTERN REGIONAL AUTHORITY

Members were informed that a proposed meeting is scheduled with the Director of the Western Regional Housing Authority for April 25th. Members wish to have the meeting date changed to April 24th, if at all possible. This will be communicated to the Director of the Housing Authority.

WESLEY HERITAGE COMMUNITY SENIORS ASSOCIATION

The Wesley Heritage Community Seniors Association has applied to the Municipality under By-Law No. 25 for a tax exemption. This tax exemption has been approved by Council. The necessary amendment to By-Law No. 25 received first reading in February and second reading in late March. Unfortunately, the exemption does not take effect until the exemption has been published in the local newspaper. This will not happen until April 8, 2014. Because our year end is March 31st the exemption will not apply to the portion of the 2013/14 fiscal year during which the Heritage Association owned the property. The Heritage Association took ownership of the property August 14, 2013 and has been assessed commercially taxable from that time until March 31, 2014. In order to provide for this exemption as this is an anomaly due to the constraint of publishing the change in the by-law 8 days past the fiscal year end:

Resolution C140403

WHEREAS an exemption has been approved for the Wesley Heritage Community Seniors Association;

AND WHEREAS the exemption is meant to take effect from the time the Association obtain ownership of the property;

THEREFORE it is moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality provide a grant to the Wesley Heritage Community Seniors Association equivalent to the outstanding taxes on its property, in the amount of \$4,547.00, for the period from August 14, 2013 to March 31, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

YARMOUTH HOSPITAL FOUNDATION SPRING GALA

Correspondence has been received from the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation indicating that the Spring Gala fundraising event will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2014. The Foundation is again requesting the support of the Municipality of Barrington in this fundraising effort.

Resolution C140404

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality sponsor the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation fundraising event by purchasing all of the seats at one table at this event at a cost of \$1,200.00. The funds will be forwarded to the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation and the Foundation will be requested to sell the seats at this table to the public. In this way an extra \$1,200.00 will be raised for the Foundation.

Motion carried unanimously.

ISLAND AND BARRINGTON PASSAGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUEST

The Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department is requesting approval to purchase a new fire truck. It is proposed that the fire department will purchase a fire truck which would be a pumper/tanker, and would require borrowing of approximately \$427,000.00 for this purpose. The fire department has indicated that they would replace either 2 or 3 fire trucks with this one truck.

There then followed some discussion of the number of trucks that would be replaced and how many trucks would remain at this fire station.

Resolution C140405

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the request of the purchase of a fire truck by the IBPVFD be approved, providing identification of the 3 trucks that will be taken out of service is made by the fire department prior to purchase of the truck.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl
Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

The Fire Services Coordinator indicated, by telephone call, that the 3 oldest trucks of the fire department would be removed from service.

The Coordinator will also be asked to confirm this, in writing, with the fire department prior to the truck being ordered.

CLOSED SESSION RE: SALE OF PROPERTY

Members entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing offers received on two different properties which the Municipality has advertised for sale.

Having completed their discussion of these matters, members then returned to Open Session.

Resolution C140406

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that the Municipality sell property which Council deems no longer necessary for municipal purposes to Shana Newell for the amount of \$7,500.00, with the purchaser paying the cost of legal migration of the property.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Resolution C140407

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality proceed to have a survey done on property owned by Edward Allen in order to determine whether or not it can be donated to the Municipality. The funding for the acquisition of this property will be paid from the Capital Reserve Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 8:20 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website April 2, 2014.