

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL
BUDGET MEETING**

June 11, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chair at 7:12 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
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Absent was member Shaun Hatfield who was still away at the FCM meeting.

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of this meeting was to continue the review of the 2015/2016 fiscal year budget.

BUDGET REVISIONS

Members were informed that the wind turbine generators in Woods Harbour would generate tax revenues for the Municipality of approximately \$6,000.00 for the fiscal year.

Members were also informed that the Tourism Coordinator had obtained funding for the chairs that would be placed throughout the Municipality. The estimated funding obtained is \$6,000.00.

Members were also informed that there is a change in the Barrington/Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department budget which will reduce the deficit from the previous year by \$14,000.00, and will reduce the funds required by the Fire Department through the Area Rate in the coming fiscal year by the same \$14,000.00.

WOODLANDS MULTI USE TRAIL ASSOCIATION FUNDING

Members were presented with information regarding the Barrington River bridge. It is proposed that a new bridge be constructed over the Barrington River. The estimated cost is approximately \$290,000.00. The Municipality is being asked to provide funding for this project.

It was the consensus of members that a grant of \$15,000.00 be provided in the current fiscal years' budget for this purpose.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

Members agreed to include a provision of \$30,000.00 for physician incentive in the budget for the current fiscal year.

ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT

It was the consensus of members that the \$10,000 provided for Economic Development in the proposed budget be removed.

In the budget for Tourism Coordination, it was agreed that the “head in the hole” project be deleted from the budget in the amount of \$2,400.00.

It was also agreed that the cost of welcome banners be reduced by \$1,500.00.

Members then agreed to further discuss this budget with the Tourism Coordinator on Monday evening when she does her monthly report.

Members then discussed the Seniors Coordinator budget and the impact it has on the Municipality.

It was identified that over the past two years there has been an accumulated deficit of \$8,000.00 which is currently being carried by the Municipality. The Shelburne County Senior Safety Society supervises the activity of the Senior Safety Coordinator. It oversees her operations.

Resolution COW150603

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that correspondence be sent to the Shelburne County Senior Safety Society indicating that the Municipality will not carry any deficit for this group in the future. This deficit is to be made up in the current year’s budget, and the Society is to operate within its funding in future years.

Motion carried unanimously.

RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES

It was the consensus of members that the travel for both the Recreation Director and Physical Activity Leader be reduced to \$2,500.00 each, and that they manage their travel within that budget.

There then followed some discussed of the amount contained in the budget for the Municipal Physical Activity Leader’s wages. This matter will be further discussed at next Thursday’s budget meeting. In the meantime, the agreement with Health and Wellness will be obtained for further information.

Barrington Municipal Arena

The wages being provided in the budget for the Arena Manager are for an eight (8) month period and are included at the high end of the intended range as at present it is unknown who the Manager will be and the wages that will be paid.

There then followed much discussion regarding the Arena and the hiring of a Manager.

Members then entered into a discussion of the scheduling of employees and the productivity of employees. Discussion ensued regarding the providing of time sheets that would record the work being done by individual employees and the time taken to complete various jobs. The use of time sheets was discussed for activities in the Property Services, Arena, Recreation and Tourism departments.

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed their discussion of these matters, the meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:14 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website June 12, 2015.