

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL
BUDGET MEETING**

June 16, 2015

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:08 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 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

PURPOSE OF MEETING

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

FIRE SERVICES

David Kendrick, the Fire Services Coordinator, appeared before the meeting for the purpose of reviewing budget items and also to review the proposed amendments to Policy 54, "Fire Services".

The Fire Services Coordinator first distributed written copies of the proposed policy amendment and then proceeded to review these.

It was agreed by consensus of members that the paragraphs addressing the distribution and accumulation of surpluses and deficits be reinstated in the policy as previously contained.

It was also agreed by members that the notice would be given of amendment to this policy at the next meeting of Council.

Members then reviewed the purchases and information provided by the Fire Services Coordinator for the coming year.

Deputy Warden Messenger was then asked to assume the chair for the meeting.

Members continued to discuss budgets of the fire departments for the coming year.

Resolution C150609

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by E. Nickerson that the Municipality accept the Fire Department budgets as proposed for the coming fiscal year.

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

NEGATIVE

Jody Crook
Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

Warden Nickerson then resumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

BURSARY SELECTION

Conflict of Interest

At this time Councillor El-Jakl and Councillor Hatfield declared conflict of interest and retired from the meeting room.

The three remaining members then completed their evaluation forms for the selection of a municipal bursary.

It was the consensus of members that the forms would be summarized and brought to the June 22, 2015 Council meeting at which time the successful applicant would be publicly announced.

Councillor Hatfield and Councillor El-Jakl were then asked to return to the meeting room.

TOURISM AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

The Tourism Coordinator appeared before the meeting for the purpose of this discussion. The expenditures for Tourism and Community Development were reviewed in detail by members.

It was the consensus of members that the proposed “head in the hole” signs would be omitted from the budget. It was also agreed that the cost of banners would be reduced by \$1,500.00. As a result the Tourism Coordinator’s budget would be reduced by a total of \$3,900.00.

Having completed her discussion of these matters, the Tourism and Community Development Officer then retired from the meeting.

BARRINGTON BRIDGE

Members were informed that it is proposed that an application be submitted to ACOA on behalf of the Municipality and the Woodland Multi Use Trail Association. The Trail Association will be restoring the Barrington Bridge on behalf of the Municipality. An application is being made to ACOA for cost sharing in the funding of this restoration. At the present time an application will be made in the amount of \$100,000.00 of which 50% will be requested from ACOA. The remaining 50% will be sourced from funds already available for this project from other sources.

Resolution COW150610

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality sign and complete an application to the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency for funding of repairs to the Barrington River Bridge.

Motion carried unanimously.

SIDEWALK EXTENSION

Members were informed that an application has been proposed for extending the sidewalk in Barrington Passage to Fresh Brook. This extension would complete the sidewalk to the Atwood's Brook end of the Barrington Bay Trail and would provide for a complete loop for walking on the sidewalk and the Barrington Bay Trail through Barrington Passage.

Members then discussed this sidewalk extension in detail.

It was the consensus of members that preference would be given for completing the sidewalk at the C.S.I. Causeway rather than at this location. As a result the Municipal Physical Activity Leader will be requested to provide information on completing the sidewalk at that location instead.

MUNICIPAL PHYSICAL ACTIVITY EXPENDITURES

Members again reviewed the budget for the Municipal Physical Activity Leader and her activities.

It was the consensus of members that this budget be reduced in total to no more than \$50,000.00, and that the levels of expenditures be adjusted accordingly.

CLOSED SESSION RE: C.S.I. SCHOOL

Members then entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing a letter regarding the C.S.I. School.

Conflict of Interest

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger declared conflict of interest and vacated the meeting room prior to this discussion.

As a result of the discussion of this matter, the Municipal Clerk was directed to refer the letter to the Municipal Solicitor for his advice and response.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:47 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website June 18, 2015.

