

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

July 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:08 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 item was added to the agenda:

- Website

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that minutes of meetings held June 15, 16, and July 2, 2015, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### CLOSED SESSION RE: LEASE REQUEST

Members then entered into Closed Session together with the Tourism and Community Development Officer, Suzy Atwood, for the purpose of discussing a request for lease of municipal property by a local developer.

A written report was previously circulated to members for their information and review.

Members then discussed the proposed development and various pros and cons of leasing municipal property.

Members then returned to Open Session.

### REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

The Community Development Officer was given direction to consult with the developer regarding the proposed lease indicating that the Municipality would request the developer to provide a detailed conceptual drawing to scale the project to the size of the property available and to gain public support for the project prior to any lease being approved.

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It was also indicated to the Community Development Officer that the Municipality is not in favor of a large scale commercial development at this site and therefore the proposed development would need to be scaled to the size of the property available.

#### TOURISM AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

The Tourism and Community Development Officer circulated a written report for the month of June to members for their review.

There then followed some discussion regarding Communities in Bloom and the possible availability of tulip bulbs from Vesey Seeds.

At this time the Website was also discussed.

It was suggested that a News Release regarding the well at the former BMHS property be included on the Municipality's Website. It was the consensus of members that this not be done.

Having completed her discussion of these matters, the Tourism and Community Development Officer then retired from the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

#### CLYDE RIVER MOTOCROSS

Municipal Staff had previously been instructed to draft a letter regarding this matter to the Clyde River Motocross Group. In the interim correspondence had been sent to the Directors of the Motocross Group and they have returned a letter and members have met with representatives of the Mud Munchers 4X4 Club. As a result of these meetings and correspondence received from the Motocross Group further requests have been made. The suggested letter is now unnecessary and will not be required. The Mud Munchers Club is requesting future use of the property for their annual rally. The Motocross Group is requesting that the requirement in their deed for the use of the property as a Motocross track be removed.

It was the consensus of members that legal advice be obtained regarding the restriction currently in the deed. This will be done in the immediate future by Municipal Employees.

#### CSI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – RFP

##### Conflict of Interest

Deputy Warden LeBlanc-Messenger declared conflict of interest as her husband does work for one of the proponents who has submitted a proposal.

Deputy Warden LeBlanc-Messenger then vacated the room.

It was the consensus of members that this matter be deferred to the July 20, 2015 meeting of the Committee for further discussion.

Deputy Warden LeBlanc-Messenger was then asked to return to the meeting room.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE – RFP

Members then discussed the one proposal that had been received in response to the Request for Proposals for the Community Health Centre.

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality accept, in principle, the proposal received from Butler’s Estates Limited for the purchase of the Community Health Centre, subject to a Public Hearing that is required by Paragraph 5 of Municipal Policy No. 12 which states that “the public shall be given an opportunity to comment on the sale of municipal property at a public hearing held at a regularly scheduled Council Meeting prior to the sale of the property”.

Resolution COW150706

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that this motion be deferred until such time as the Committee of the Whole Council has had an opportunity to meet with the proponent in order to further discuss the proposal.

**For**

Donna Messenger  
Jody Crook  
Eddie Nickerson

**Opposed**

Shaun Hatfield  
George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

This meeting will be arranged for the July 20, 2015 meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council, if possible.

GOOSE LAKE ROAD – RIGHT-OF-WAY

Correspondence had previously been circulated to members concerning the Municipality’s portion of the Goose Lake Road. Members were advised that the Municipality may turn this road into a public road, but in order to do so it is required under Section 312 of the Municipal Government Act that a survey plan be filed in the Registry of Deeds Office.

It was the consensus of members that an estimate of the cost of such a survey plan should be obtained and returned to Committee for consideration.

SPEED LIMIT – WOODS HARBOUR

Members were informed that there is much traffic in the Woods Harbour area between the location of Dixon’s Boatshop and the Woods Harbour Community Centre. This is a very active section of Highway 3 that contains many businesses and local organizations.

Resolution COW150707

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal be requested to consider lowering the speed limit in the central portion of Woods Harbour between Dixon's Boatshop and the Woods Harbour Community Centre to something less than the existing limit.

Motion carried unanimously.

ARENA MANAGER – SEASONAL POSITION

Members were informed that the applicant for this position wishes to have her application stand as submitted and be considered by Council.

A motion has been made regarding this matter which will be brought forward at the next subsequent Council Meeting.

ARENA CANTEEN SERVICES

Members were informed that no responses have been received to the Request for Proposal for the provision of Arena Canteen Services.

As a result this matter will be dealt with by the Arena Manager when one is hired.

It was the consensus of members that information regarding this matter be recorded on the website and that information be sent to those 5 individuals who had attended the meeting last spring regarding the arena.

FIRE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Members were informed that attendance at the last two Fire Services Committee Meetings has been very poor. At the most recent Fire Services Committee Meeting only Councillor Crook and the Fire Services Co-ordinator had attended. As a result, this Committee is providing an inadequate communication avenue for fire services.

Resolution COW150708

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that letters be sent to the 4 fire departments indicating that the Fire Services Committee will be discontinued and that communication between the fire departments and the Municipality will be conducted through the Fire Services Co-ordinator who will be attending every second meeting of each of the fire departments.

Motion carried unanimously.

GRANT REQUESTS

Cape Sable Historical Society

A grant request has been received from the Cape Sable Historical Society for the purpose of caulking the windows at the Seal Island Light Museum. The light at the top of this building is

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actually owned by the Municipality and therefore the Municipality will have the windows caulked and sealed by Municipal Staff.

Resolution COW150709

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the request of the Cape Sable Historical Society for a grant to caulk and seal the windows surrounding the Seal Island Light be denied as Municipal Staff will complete this maintenance work as soon as possible.

Motion carried unanimously

It was noted that the Society has already received a municipal grant for the current year.

Western Counties Military Museum, Hillside Cemetery and Greenhill Seniors Club

Correspondence has been received from each of these organizations requesting grants for various purposes.

Resolution COW150710

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that a grant of \$500.00 each be provided to the Western Counties Military Museum, Barrington Hillside Cemetery Society and Greenhill Seniors Club for the current year.

Motion carried unanimously.

CHANGES TO THE LIQUOR CONTROL ACT

The Province of Nova Scotia is proposing changes to the Liquor Control Act. It is proposed that the Liquor Control Act be amended to make all of the Province a “wet” area. By doing this the Province is putting the onus on municipalities to designate areas they wish “dry” within their own boundaries. At the present time there are some restrictions in our own Municipal By-laws pertaining to the establishment of lounges, taverns and cabarets. These facilities are restricted to the Commercial General Zone within the Municipality of Barrington. Unless otherwise amended the result of this change will make the entire Municipality “wet” and permit uniform liquor control throughout the Municipality.

There was consensus of members that information on this subject be posted on the Municipality’s website.

BARRINGTON/CLARKS HARBOUR SATELLITE DIALYSIS COMMITTEE

Members then discussed the proposed actions of the Dialysis Committee. The Municipally established Dialysis Committee has yet to meet. There was consensus of members that this matter be deferred to the next meeting of Committee.

ELECTRICAL GENERATION AT THE CSI CAUSEWAY

This matter has been dormant for some time. It is the general consensus from the information obtained from the Minister of Service Nova Scotia that this type of development should be done by private business, such as Nova Scotia Power.

It was agreed by members that this matter be referred to the Community Development Officer for further investigation.

INDOOR POOL

A report on previous deliberations that had been done on an indoor pool with a recommendation was circulated to members in early July. It was suggested that a Feasibility Study be done and that all of the municipalities in the county share proportionally in the cost of this study.

Resolution COW150711

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality advertise for committee members for a Shelburne County Indoor Pool Committee and that these members be solicited from all areas of the County.

Motion carried unanimously.

REMAINING AGENDA ITEMS

It was the consensus of members that the following two remaining items on the agenda be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee on July 20, 2015:

- Amendments to On-site Sewage Disposal System Regulations.
- Proposed Administrative Penalty Program at Nova Scotia Environment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:00 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary for the Meeting