

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

June 15, 2015

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:05 p.m., in Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- George El-Jakl, Chair
- Jody Crook
- Shaun Hatfield
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
  
- Suzy Atwood, Tourism & Community Development Officer
  
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following item was added to the agenda:

- Barrington River Bridge.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by E. Nickerson that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that minutes of the meetings held June 8<sup>th</sup> and June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### CLOSED SESSION

Members then entered into Closed Session for the purpose of hearing a presentation from a private individual for the lease and use of municipal property. The Tourism and Community Development Officer also attended this Closed Session as the proposal may involve community development on municipal property.

Members then discussed a proposed project which would involve leasing of municipal property by a private individual. The presentation was completed at approximately 7:47 p.m. Municipal staff were instructed to identify issues that may be relevant to this proposal and communicate with the proponent regarding municipal concerns before proceeding with this matter.

Having completed his presentation of the leasing proposal, the private individual retired from the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

MAY TOURISM REPORT

The Tourism and Community Development Officer provided a report for the month of May which was previously circulated to all members by email.

Members then discussed the preparations being made for the Nova Scotia Marathon, Half Marathon and 10K Run.

Also discussed was the involvement of the Tourism Coordinator and the Recreation Department in this dual effort.

Members were also informed that a \$500.00 grant from the Province had been obtained for the Cape Days event which will be held in the near future.

Members were informed that the website for the Municipality is nearing completion and it is anticipated it will be launched shortly after the scheduled regular council meeting on June 22, 2015.

A copy of a petition that has been received from exhibitors at the Lobster Fest Expo recently held at the Arena was circulated to members. In this petition the exhibitors are requesting that Ms. Atwood be paid for her time conducting the Expo. The Lobster Fest Expo had been organized and conducted by Ms. Atwood on a volunteer basis on her own time, and she indicated that she had not been aware of this petition. Upon questioning it was agreed that time spent for the organizing and conducting of this Expo was estimated to be approximately 48 hours. Ms. Atwood stated that she was not requesting that she be paid for this time.

Resolution COW150604

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality pay the Tourism and Community Development Officer for two day's pay for her efforts in organizing and conducting the Lobster Fest Expo, and that in future consideration be given to having this event become a municipal event.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook  
Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Having completed her report to Council, the Tourism and Community Development Officer then retired from the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

NEXT BUDGET MEETING

Members agreed to have the next budget meeting on the following evening, Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

The Fire Services Coordinator and the Tourism and Community Development Officer will both be invited to attend the meeting to further discuss their budgets.

### CLYDE RIVER MOTOCROSS

At approximately 8:50 p.m. the meeting was moved to the Court Room. At this time approximately 40 members of the public attended the meeting in order to hear the discussion regarding the use of the Clyde River Motocross property. The correspondence received from Clyde River Motocross was read out loud for the information of the public in attendance. Mr. Tyler Nickerson and Mr. Randy VanBuskirk attended the meeting as directors of Clyde River Motocross. Mr. Nickerson spoke on behalf of that organization. They are requesting that the covenant that is currently in the deed be removed. A condition in the deed states that if the property is unused as a motocross track for a continuous period of three (3) years then the property shall be reconveyed to the Municipality. Mr. Nickerson indicated in his letter that the Motocross Park has been used during the past three years. He also wished to have the covenant removed from the deed. Mr. Nickerson also indicated that the Shelburne County Mudmunchers 4X4 Club and the Clyde River Motocross should try to work their differences out and resolve their issues between themselves. It was also indicated that under this covenant in the deed any private individual could allege that the Motocross Park was not being used for that purpose without any burden of proof to these allegations.

Mr. Andrew Chetwynd, the President of the Shelburne County Mudmunchers 4X4 Club, was then asked to come forward and speak on behalf of their organization. Mr. Chetwynd then provided a letter which he read to the committee for their information and consideration. The representatives of the 4X4 Club and the Motocross Club were requested to consult with each other and try to resolve this matter as quickly as possible.

Having completed their discussion of this matter, public members then retired from the meeting at 9:30 p.m. At this time members of the committee then returned to the Conference Room for the purpose of continuing their meeting.

### FORMER BMHS WELL ISSUE

Members then further discussed the well issue at the former BMHS property in Barrington Passage. It was the consensus of members that no further action would be taken at this time.

### BURSARY SELECTION

#### Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Hatfield declared conflict of interest in the matter as his niece has applied for a bursary.

Councillor El-Jakl declared conflict of interest in the matter as a daughter of one of his employees has applied for the bursary.

The remaining members agreed that this matter would be dealt with at the meeting scheduled for the following evening and would be forwarded to Council for approval.

COMMUNITY REQUESTS

Requests have been received from Seaside Cemetery, White Lily Cemetery and the Old Farm Cemetery for donations for those organizations.

Resolution COW150605

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by J. Crook that a grant in the amount of \$500.00 each be provided to the Seaside Cemetery, White Lily Cemetery and Old Farm Cemetery.

Motion carried unanimously.

These amounts will be included in the budget.

Dialysis Clinic

Correspondence from the Minister of Health responding to the Town of Shelburne regarding this issue was circulated to members.

It was indicated in this correspondence that a department review for Shelburne County may be premature given the work the Barrington/C.S.I. Dialysis Support Group is undertaking at this time.

No further action was recommended in this matter.

Shelburne County Health Care Professional Recruitment and Retention Committee

Correspondence has been received from this group indicating that they are requesting funding assistance. The committee is asking the Municipality to contribute towards the relocation allowance for up to 3 RNs. Funds would not be required until the nurse meets the requirements of the committee. A Return-for-Service Agreement will be in place with Roseway Hospital for nurses who have provided a relocation assistance.

Resolution COW150606

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that a grant of \$500.00 be provided to the Shelburne County Health Care Professional Recruitment and Retention Committee for the purpose of funding a relocation allowance for registered nurses.

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl  
Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

Jody Crook

Motion carried.

Woods Harbour Wesleyan Church

Members were informed that the Woods Harbour Wesleyan Church is requesting use of the ball field in Woods Harbour for a community event on June 28<sup>th</sup>. The church will be holding an open air service followed by a BBQ picnic and would like to hold it on the grounds of the Woods Harbour ball field.

Members were informed that this request would be granted as it is a low risk event to be held on municipal property.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL  
OPERATION AND SAFETY REVIEW

Members had previously been provided with information regarding comments received by a councillor from a resident of the Municipality.

Resolution COW150607

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting that concerns regarding level crossings within Shelburne County, and more particularly within the Municipality of Barrington, be addressed by his department as quickly as possible which will in turn improve safety for both residents and the travelling public.

Motion carried unanimously.

MUNICIPAL PENSIONS

Additional information was provided to members regarding pension of municipal employees.

Resolution COW150608

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that effective July 1, 2015 the municipal contributions by employees to the Municipal Plan be allowed to increase to a maximum of 6 1/2% to be matched up to that level by the Municipality as employer.

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl  
Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Eddie Nickerson

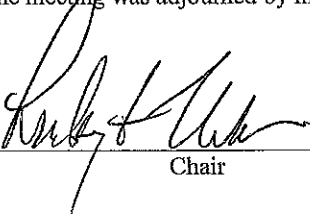
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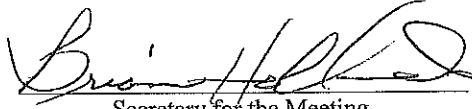
Jody Crook

Motion carried.

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 June 18, 2015.