

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

July 20, 2015

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:08 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, Barrington, N.S. with the following members present:

-Donna LeBlanc-Messenger, Chair
-Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
-Jody Crook
-George El-Jakl
-Shaun Hatfield

-Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Municipal Services Notice Letter
- Fire Inspectors Conference
- Nova Scotia Marathon
- Deer Crossing Sign

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that minutes of the meeting held July 13, 2015 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

RCMP REPORT

Sgt. Deluco appeared before the meeting for the purpose of reporting on RCMP activities for the previous quarter. Sgt. Deluco provided each member with a report of activities of the local detachment up to the end of June, 2015 with comparative figures for the same period ending June, 2014.

It was indicated that two members will soon be leaving as they have been transferred. Their replacements will be arriving in the community shortly thereafter.

Sgt. Deluco indicated that the BMHS Prom had been well supervised and was a very well conducted and organized event.

Sgt. Deluco was then asked about a “Deer Crossing” Sign being placed in the Barrington Passage area somewhere between the Temple Church and the Old School House. It was indicated that the Municipality should contact the Department of Transportation and Infrastructural Renewal for this purpose. Municipal Employees will do so in the near future.

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Sgt. Deluco indicated that four High School Students had attended the last Joint Police Advisory Board Meeting and will be invited to attend others in future.

Having completed discussion of her report, Sgt. Deluco then retired from the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE – RFP

Since the proponents were in attendance at this time, the discussion of the Request for Proposals for the Community Health Centre ensued. Sentiment was expressed, by one member, that the price offered for the Community Health Centre was not sufficient. The proponent was asked if they were willing to pay more. The proponent then compared the price offered for the Community Health Centre with that offered for the CSI School. The proponent indicated that he had followed all procedures required and was not willing to pay more than the original proposal.

Members continued to discuss this matter at length.

The proponent then retired, to the gallery, from the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

The motion that had been deferred from the July 13, 2015 Committee of the Whole Council Meeting was then brought forward for consideration of members:

Resolution COW150712

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".

The division was then taken on this motion:

For

Eddie Nickerson
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Jody Crook
Shaun Hatfield

Opposed

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

CSI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – RFP

Members were informed that no response has been received to the letter sent to Allen Fownes in regards to this issue.

AMENDMENTS TO ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM REGULATIONS

Members were informed that there are amendments being proposed to the On-site Sewage Disposal System Regulations by the Province. The Municipal Building Inspector/Development Officer has had

an opportunity to review these. In his report regarding these amendments our Development Officer indicated that the Department is recommending that a Qualified Person or even a homeowner can submit a notification of installation of an on-site sewage disposal system. The Department of Environment will indicate that they have received it, but will not be indicating that the property is approved for an on-site disposal system. They are leaving the approval up to the Qualified Person which may in fact be the same person who is installing the system in a rural area which leaves some questions regarding the protection of the property owner. The Department of Environment will provide a report to the Development Officer indicating that it is ok to proceed, so that the Development Officer can stamp and approve subdivisions.

The Department of Environment indicates that this will be simplifying and streamlining the process for approvals as all will essentially be done by Qualified Persons.

PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY PROGRAM AT NS ENVIRONMENT

Nova Scotia Environment is proposing to introduce an Administrative Penalty Program. Under this program administrative penalties will be put in place when proper reporting is not done for various purposes. This will include water and sewage treatment reports that are required by municipalities. When these reports are not completed or not completed properly an administrative penalty which constitutes a fine may be issued to the municipality. These penalties and fines may also be considered for types of approvals which may include industrial approvals, asbestos removals, dangerous goods transportation, solid waste management, registered public drinking water supplies and for approval holders who have failed to comply with requirements in any directive.

This information was provided for the comment and review of members and has been circulated to them.

BARRINGTON/CLARKS HARBOUR SATELLITE DIALYSIS COMMITTEE

This subject was deferred to this meeting from the July 13, 2015 Committee of the Whole Council Meeting.

It was the consensus of members that Mrs. Lee Goreham-Smith be invited to attend a Committee of the Whole Council Meeting in August for the purpose of discussing this matter.

SHEEP AT THE HAWK

A Summary Report which was completed by the Municipal Development Officer was circulated to members regarding the issue of sheep being kept on a property at Civic No. 164 Hawk Point Road.

Resolution COW150713

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructural Renewal be notified that the property owner at Civic No. 164, Hawk Point Road, has a fence located within the Highway Right-of-Way and the department be requested to address this matter.

Motion carried.

DERELICT VESSELS

Correspondence has been received from the Town of Shelburne regarding derelict vessels that have been abandoned in various parts of the province which include the MV Miner, in Cape Breton, as well as the MV Farley Mowatt, in Shelburne.

Resolution COW150714

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Premier with copies to our local MLAs, Transport Canada and the Mayor of the Town of Shelburne in support of the letter from the Town of Shelburne indicating that these vessels present a danger to small ports in rural communities and decisive action should be taken by the province to address this matter.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW150715

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Mayor of Shelburne suggesting that the Town of Shelburne prepare a resolution for the UNSM Conference in the fall regarding this matter.

Motion carried unanimously.

JOINT REGIONAL TOURISM MARKETING INITIATIVE

Correspondence has been received from the Municipality of Digby in which the Warden is asking if municipal units in Southwestern Nova Scotia are interested in establishing a kiosk on the Halifax Waterfront to promote tourism in Southwestern Nova Scotia.

Resolution COW150716

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by E. Nickerson that it be recommended to Council that correspondence be sent to the Warden of the Municipality of Digby indicating that the Municipality is willing to consider participation in establishing a kiosk on the Halifax Waterfront for the promotion of tourism in Southwestern Nova Scotia depending on the cost and administration needed to run the kiosk and that our Tourism and Community Development Officer be the individual representing the Municipality in further discussions of this matter.

Motion carried unanimously.

EASTLINK CAPPING INTERNET USE

Members discussed the proposal of Eastlink Cable to cap internet use for rural customers. This cap would result in adding a surcharge for those who go beyond the capped limit of 15 gigabytes per month. The fee would be \$2.00 for every gigabyte above that level, up to a maximum of \$20.00.

It was the general consensus of members that this is an unfair imposition of charges on rural internet users and that this capping policy should not be allowed.

Resolution COW150717

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by E. Nickerson that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to Eastlink Cable Limited objecting to the imposition of a cap on data usage by rural internet customers and that copies of this letter be forwarded to the Premier, our MLA and Minister Furey.

Motion carried unanimously.

GOOSE LAKE RIGHT-OF-WAY

This matter was deferred until the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES NOTICE LETTER

Correspondence has been received from the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities indicating that a letter has been received from the Minister of Municipal Affairs providing notice of possible changes for the fiscal year 2016-17 for all municipal units in the Province. This notice relates to the negotiation of the Partnership Agreement with the UNSM over the coming months in regards to the Equalization Grant and to Provincial/Municipal Fiscal Review. It also includes removing the assistance for Hazmat organizations to the Emergency Services Provider Fund which is being administered by the Office of the Fire Marshal and also proposed changes to solid waste management through the Department of Environment and finally it includes new Contaminated Sites Regulations.

These matters may all affect municipal units financially and therefore notice is being given.

Resolution COW150718

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality contact the UNSM regarding the Provincial/Municipal Fiscal Review negotiations and request an update on the progress of these negotiations and any information that may be available indicating possible future affects on our municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

FIRE INSPECTORS ASSOCIATION FALL TRAINING CONFERENCE

The Fall Training Conference for the Fire Inspectors Association of Nova Scotia is scheduled to be held at the Best Western, Liverpool, from October 19-23, 2015. This Conference is being hosted by the South Shore Local of which we are a member. All of the members of municipal units in this Local are being asked to provide a sponsorship for a coffee break at a cost of \$250.00.

Resolution COW150719

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality provide a grant of \$250.00 to the Fire Inspectors Association of Nova Scotia as sponsorship for their Conference being held in Liverpool, October 19-23, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

NOVA SCOTIA MARATHON

The 45th Nova Scotia Marathon will be held by the Municipal Recreation Department on Sunday, July 26, 2015. This event will include a Marathon, Half Marathon and 10 K Run. Members are asked to attend in order to help present medals at the finish line as well as at the Post Race Reception.

The following members will attend:

- Warden Nickerson – Post Race Reception at 12:30 p.m.
- Finish Line 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
- Deputy Warden Messenger – Finish Line 10:30 – Noon
- No one available - Finish Line Noon – 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 8:59 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting