

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

August 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:00 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 items were added to the agenda:

- CIMCO Agreement.
- Minister's Response.
- DTIR Responses.
- Tax Sale Results.
- Clerk-Treasurer Position.
- Closed Session Re: Sale of Property.
- Court House.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that minutes of the meetings held July 13th and July 20th, 2015 be approved with the following addition:

- *Councillor El-Jakl attended the Marathon from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. to present medals to runners.*

Motion carried unanimously.

BARRINGTON/CLARK'S HARBOUR SATELLITE DIALYSIS COMMITTEE

Lee Goreham-Smith and David Cleaver appeared before the meeting for the purpose of discussing this committee. Mrs. Smith first provided an update regarding the Community Dialysis' Committee meeting with Minister Glavine who is the Minister of Health for the Province of Nova Scotia. This meeting took place at Bay Side Home on July 14, 2015. The Minister indicated that there were criteria for the establishment of satellite dialysis clinics. Mrs. Goreham-Smith went through the criteria and illustrated how the Municipality satisfied the criteria. This matter has now been forwarded by the Minister to the Department of Health staff. Ms. Susan McNeil is the Manager for the Nova Scotia Renal Dialysis Program under the Department of Health and will be reviewing the program and communicating with the Community Dialysis Committee. The Community Dialysis Committee is currently waiting to hear from Ms. McNeil.

There then followed some discussion regarding the necessity of having a committee of Council in addition to the Community Dialysis Committee.

It was believed that the decision to either have a committee of Council or not would be premature until a response has been received from the Department of Health. Although the committee may not yet be prepared to proceed it may be premature to reach any decision regarding the future of the committee until a response is received.

After some discussion it was the consensus of members to hold an initial meeting of the Committee of Council. Councillors Hatfield and Crook have been designated as members of this committee. It was agreed that this committee would meet in the month of September in order to bring up to date those individuals who have volunteered for this committee.

Having completed their discussion of the matter Mrs. Smith and Mr. Cleaver retired from the meeting.

MARATHON MEDALS

The Tourism and Community Development Officer and the Recreation Director appeared before the meeting for the purpose of this discussion.

It was indicated that there was a shortage of medals at the end of the Marathon. 100 medals had been order for each category of the race; 10K run, half marathon and full marathon. Only the lanyards had dates on them. There were no dates included on the medals.

The Recreation Director indicated that runners wish to have different medals each year rather than use the same style of medals year after year.

Members were assured that next year more than enough medals would be ordered.

Having completed their discussion, the Recreation Director and Tourism Coordinator retired from the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

ARENA MANAGER JOB DESCRIPTION

Stacey Dixon, who has applied for this job, appeared before the meeting for the purpose of this discussion. It was indicated that the Municipal Solicitor advised that the job description could be changed if this was also satisfactory to the applicant for the position. Mrs. Dixon indicated that she would be willing to have the job description changed, and that she would be agreeable to having a clause contained in the job description that indicated that the Manager is to promote the Arena aggressively to both local and outside organizations in order to attract more activities to the Arena with the aim of renting more ice time.

This was agreed to by Mrs. Dixon. It was also indicated by Mrs. Dixon that she understands the job of Arena Manager is a seasonal job.

Resolution COW150801

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality add an additional clause to the job description indicating that it is part of the Arena Manager's function to promote the Arena aggressively to both local and external organizations in order to bring more events to the Arena with the aim of renting additional ice time whenever possible.

Motion carried unanimously.

Having completed her discussion of the matter, Mrs. Dixon retired from the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

PORTABLE TOILETS

Members discussed locating portable toilets at Stoney Island Beach and at the Tourist Rest Stop on Fish Plant Road at The Hawk.

It was agreed by members that the Municipality would take responsibility for any damages to a portable toilet located at the Stoney Island Beach.

Resolution COW150802

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality place a portable toilet at the Stoney Island Beach and accept responsibility for any ensuing damages.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW150803

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that a portable toilet also be placed at the tourist rest stop on Fish Plant Road at The Hawk.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was also agreed by consensus of members that the matter of permanent toilets be placed on the agenda of the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

FIRE SERVICES COORDINATOR

A request has been received from the Fire Services Coordinator that his work week be changed so that his daily hours of work will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. instead of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. as is currently the case.

CLOSED SESSION

Members entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing this request.

Having completed their discussion, members then returned to Open Session.

Resolution COW150804

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality deny the request of the Fire Services Coordinator for a change of working hours and that he continue to work the hours agreed to at the time he was hired.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
George El-Jakl
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried.

GRANT REQUESTS

Samuel Wood Historical Society

A request has been received from the Samuel Wood Historical Society for financial assistance with a project at that museum.

Resolution COW150805

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that a grant of \$500.00 be provided to the Samuel Wood Historical Society.

Motion carried unanimously.

Shelburne County Archives & Genealogical Society Resource Centre

A request has also been received from the Shelburne County Archives & Genealogical Society Resource Centre to assist with funding of genealogical research by that organization.

Resolution COW150806

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that a grant of \$500.00 be provided to the Shelburne County Archives & Genealogical Society Resource Centre.

Motion carried unanimously.

SHELBURNE COUNTY HOUSING COALITION MEMBER

During their presentation at the recent Council meeting, the Shelburne County Housing Coalition requested that the Municipality appoint a member to that organization.

Resolution COW150807

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that Deputy Warden Messenger be appointed to the Shelburne County Housing Coalition on behalf of the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

GOOSE LAKE ROAD SURVEY

Conflict of Interest

Deputy Warden Messenger declared conflict of interest as she is a property owner at Goose Lake. The Deputy Warden then vacated her seat at the meeting during the discussion of this matter.

Legal advice had previously been received on the matter from the Municipal Solicitor regarding the alternative actions that may be taken in regards to the road.

CLOSED SESSION

Members entered into Closed Session to discuss in more detail legal advice concerning this matter.

Members were informed that a survey estimate had been obtained from a local survey company. In order to have the Goose Lake Road declared a public road the Municipal Government Act requires that the road be surveyed by the Municipality. The cost of the survey is approximately \$5,900.00, plus hst.

Members then returned to Open Session.

Resolution COW150808

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that the Municipal Solicitor respond to the correspondence received from FNF Canada indicating that the Municipality has not provided any right of way as they have indicated in their letter across municipal lands.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Deputy Warden then returned to the meeting.

ICE DOGS HOCKEY TEAM

Members were informed that email correspondence has been received from the Treasurer of the Ice Dogs Hockey Team. In this correspondence, the Treasurer has indicated that as far as she knows there will be no Junior C League at all this season, and she is aware that there will be no Ice Dogs Hockey Team as there is no-one to run the team. She also indicated that a golf tournament will be held during the summer months in order to raise funds and that the outstanding bill at the Arena will be paid from these funds, and the balance of the funds received will be donated to minor hockey to help purchase equipment for children who wish to play and cannot afford it.

TAX REDUCTION APPLICATION

Conflict of Interest

Warden Nickerson declared conflict of interest as he is employed by the company making this request.

The Deputy Warden then assumed the chair.

Wm R Fisheries Limited has made an application for a tax reduction on property which they now own that was destroyed by fire on May 8, 2015. Under the Municipal Tax Reduction Policy the Municipality authorizes the reduction of taxes in the case of a catastrophic event such as a fire for the period during which assessment remains unchanged. In this case the period to be addressed is May 9, 2015 to March 31, 2016.

Resolution COW150809

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that Wm R Murphy Fisheries Limited receive the appropriate reduction in taxes for the remainder of the current fiscal year as provided for in Policy No. 46.

Motion carried unanimously.

Having completed their discussion of this matter the Warden then returned to the meeting and to the Chair.

CIMCO AGREEMENT

Members were informed that the CIMCO Agreement for equipment maintenance at the Arena and Curling Club has now been fulfilled for the previous year. A new agreement will be required to be put in place for the coming year.

Resolution COW150810

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that a new customer service support agreement for the Barrington Municipal Arena and Barrington Regional Curling Club be entered into with CIMCO.

Motion carried unanimously.

MINISTER'S RESPONSE - WELL ISSUE

Members were informed that a copy of the response to Ms. Verna Nickerson from the Minister of Municipal Affairs has been received at the Municipal Office. In this response the Minister states that while the situation is unfortunate this is a legal matter between the landlord and the Municipality of Barrington for which the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal has previously ruled. The Minister does not have the authority to overrule a court decision nor does he have the authority under the Municipal Government Act to intervene.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL RESPONSES

Responses have been received from the local Area Supervisor to matters that were previously brought up for consideration and action. These included:

1. Hole in the road at the intersection of Highway 330 and McGray Avenue.
2. Culvert blocked at 128 McGray Avenue on the western side.
3. Basement flooding at 3074 Highway #3.
4. Erosion of gravel taking place at the intersection of Olivia's Lane and Highway #3 in Woods Harbour.
5. Lack of an adequate shoulder at the side of the Sherose Island Road adjacent to the guardrail.
6. Highway flooding in Upper Port LaTour between the Greenhill Community Centre and the Seal Point Road.
7. Hole in the road near Civic #230 Baccaro Road adjacent to the former GATR Site.
8. Location of a rock near the intersection of Albenia Lane and Highway #3 obstructing traffic sight lines.

The actions that were indicated by the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal were related to members and duly noted.

TAX SALE RESULTS

Members were informed that a Tax Sale for the Municipality had been completed this morning. There were 21 properties sold at the Tax Sale of which 10 were purchased by the Municipality as a result of no other bids having been received.

CLOSED SESSION RE: SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY

Members then entered into Closed Session to consider an offer on Municipal property. The offer that was received was reviewed by members.

Members then returned to Open Session.

It was indicated that the Clerk-Treasurer had been given instruction to confer with the Municipal Solicitor regarding this matter and bring information back to the Committee of the Whole meeting.

CLERK-TREASURER POSITION

Members were requested to schedule a meeting for the purpose of discussing replacement for the Clerk-Treasurer position since the current Clerk-Treasurer has indicated he will be retiring at the end of December.

Members agreed to meet for this purpose on Wednesday, August 12, 2015, at 8:00 p.m. Information will be circulated to members in the meantime.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:22 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website August 13, 2015.