

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

November 9, 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, NS, 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:

- Clyde River Motocross.
- Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal.
- Arena.

Interview with Sgt. Deluco has been postponed due to her work commitments.

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 J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the minutes of the meeting held October 19, 2015 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

THELMA O'CONNELL REQUEST

Additional information regarding this request was circulated to members by email prior to the meeting. The information included estimated survey cost as provided by the surveyors, estimated migration cost of the property, and the cost of preparing a deed by the Municipal Solicitor.

Members were also informed in the email that East Bay Realty had indicated that a value of the property to be transferred would be a nominal value as this is a very small piece of property which is only of value to an adjacent property owner.

Resolution COW151101

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality sell a small portion of property adjacent to the parking lot at the Richard Swaine Track and Field in Barrington Passage, of approximately 2970 ft., as shown on the accompanying diagram for a nominal sum of \$500.00 to Thelma O'Connell the adjacent property owner, as one of the homes located on the O'Connell property is encroaching on municipal property and is located across the property line in the location indicated on the attached diagram, and that the property being transferred is deemed to be of no other use by the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

FIRE SERVICES – PORT CLYDE LEVEL OF RESPONSE TO MFR CALLS

This information is being provided in response to a request by the Committee of the Whole at a previous meeting. The Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department currently is registered as a Level 4 Response to Emergency Health Services. A Level 4 Response is that the Department will be notified for all emergency calls in their community. The Fire Services Coordinator suggested that this level of response be reassessed by the Department in order to confirm that they are capable of providing this level of response. If they are, then this level is satisfactory; if not, then the Department should determine what level of response is satisfactory for them. The Fire Services Coordinator will be requested to discuss the matter with the Fire Department to determine what level of response they should be registered for with Emergency Health Services.

ERMES PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Additional information was obtained from ERMES Parent Support Group to answer various questions posed by Committee of the Whole. This additional information was previously circulated to all members together with the agenda for the meeting.

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that a grant of \$500.00 be provided to the ERMES Parent Support Group in response to their request for funding of a *Learn, Play and Grow* space in the school.

Resolution COW151102

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that consideration of the previous motion be deferred until discussion of this matter could take place with the ERMES Parent Support Group representatives.

Motion carried unanimously.

A meeting will be arranged in the near future with this group for the purpose of discussing their request.

PERMANENT/PORTABLE TOILETS

A memo from the Property Services Supervisor regarding this matter was circulated to all members for their information and review.

It was suggested that the Municipality could have the same supplier who is now servicing portable toilets to also service any permanent toilets that may be established by the Municipality.

It was also suggested that the Municipality place permanent toilets in a few locations in order to determine a public reaction and to gain experience in operating these facilities.

It was suggested that three locations be included in the budget for the coming year at an approximate cost of \$15,000.00. The locations to be included would be North East Point Beach, the location at Daniel's Head on Sable Fish Packers property, and the Stoney Island Beach location. The North East Point Beach location and the Stoney Island Beach location are both on Department of Natural Resources properties.

Resolution COW151103

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the cost of construction and maintenance of providing permanent toilet facilities at North East Point Beach, Daniel's Head and Stoney Island Beach locations and that the necessary approvals be obtained so that placement of these permanent toilets can be included in the budget for the coming year.

Motion carried unanimously.

SOU'WEST NOVA TRANSIT ASSOCIATION

Information regarding the funding request of Sou'West Nova Transit was circulated to members prior to the meeting. Sou'West Nova Transit had previously asked the Municipality for a grant in the amount of \$17,700.00. At the time that Municipal Grants were considered, Council approved a grant in the amount of \$2,000.00. Sou'West Nova Transit is requesting an explanation for the decrease in support for this fiscal year so that they can better understand the Municipality's funding processes and criteria so that they can determine how to improve their future applications which will help them better forecast their future fiscal realities.

There then followed much discussion regarding the funding of Sou'West Nova Transit and the increase in various expenses of that organization over the previous three years.

It was suggested that representatives of the Sou'West Nova Transit attend a committee meeting in order to discuss the costs and benefits of their service to the community.

Resolution COW151104

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that members of Sou'West Nova Transit Association be invited to attend the next Committee of the Whole meeting, if possible, for the purpose of discussing funding of their organization by the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL

Members were informed that there is an anomaly in the shoulder of the road near the property of Loretta and Don Ilse in North East Point.

Resolution COW151105

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal be requested to place gravel on the shoulder of the road in the vicinity of Civic # 446 in North East Point.

Motion carried unanimously.

ARENA

The scheduling of minor hockey time at the Arena was brought up for the information of members. Also brought up was the use of the charging of one hour ice time which equated to 50 minutes of actual on-ice time due to the cleaning of the ice.

The Arena dedication ceremony was also discussed. Councillors El-Jakl and Hatfield expressed their regrets that due to previous commitments they would be unable to attend.

CLOSED SESSION

Clyde River Motocross

Members entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the Clyde River Motocross property since this may involve the purchase of property by the Municipality.

As a result of their discussion, members agreed to meet with the Municipal Solicitor at a future Committee of the Whole meeting in order to discuss this matter.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 8:54 p.m.