

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

November 16, 2015

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:13 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 (7:42 p.m.)
  
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Curling Club Dehumidifier.
- Centreville Ball Field.

### 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 meeting held November 19, 2015 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### RCMP REPORT

Sgt. Deluco appeared before the meeting for the purpose of providing a quarterly report for the local RCMP Detachment. Sgt. Deluco provided a written summary of actual criminal/provincial activities for the 9 months to the end of October 2015. Sgt. Deluco indicated that activity was very much on a similar level as the previous year.

Sgt. Deluco then discussed the matter of a bus stop in the Clyde River area. The location of the bus stop along the 103 is being discussed with the School Board representatives and local residents. The community wishes to find a safer location for the bus stop.

Sgt. Deluco indicated that the staff at the local detachment is currently at a low level due to transfers of personnel. At the present staff includes Sgt. Deluco, Constables Michael O'Callaghan, Leanne Wells, Phil Sauer, Laura Boland, and Jason Trites. A new member Cst. Ryan Fraser is scheduled to arrive on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Having completed her discussion of the RCMP Report, Sgt. Deluco retired from the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

#### TOURISM AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT

Suzy Atwood appeared before the meeting for the purpose of providing her report. A written report was provided indicating the tourism and community development activities during the month of October 2015. The report was reviewed in detail.

The tender responses that were received for construction on both sides of the Cape Sable Island Causeway were reviewed. During the discussion it was suggested that the Municipality budget for the purchase of lobster pots for the Christmas tree to be constructed at McGray Avenue next year. The use of used pots has become more and more of a safety issue. It is anticipated that purchasing new pots will eliminate this issue in future years.

Members then discussed the McGray Avenue waterfront project in detail. Information was provided indicating that as a result of the high cost of the tender received for reconstruction of the breakwater it may be necessary to reconsider the construction of this project. Various ways were suggested of reducing the total cost of the project. These varied from reducing the amount of paving being done to providing additional funding from the Capital Reserve Fund. Part of the increase in the cost is to have the large boulders removed from the breakwater and replaced with “rip rap” along the sides of the breakwater.

It was the consensus of members that Mr. Townsend, at ACOA, be informed that the Municipality will proceed to reconstruct the breakwater and to build the boardwalk as planned with the amount of paving being adjusted according to the funds available at the time.

Having completed her discussion of these matters, the Tourism and Community Development Officer retired from the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

#### LOCAL RECOGNITION SIGNS

Brenda Maxwell appeared before the meeting for the purpose of discussing the placing of signs to recognize the accomplishments of local residents within the community. Mrs. Maxwell was invited to attend the meeting by the committee. Mrs. Maxwell reiterated her belief that signs of recognition should be placed at various locations within the Municipality. These signs would recognize the achievements of local residents.

There then followed some discussion concerning how it would be determined which residents would be recognized and what criteria would be used in establishing this recognition.

Various suggestions were provided including constructing panels at gazebos that are owned by the Municipality as well as placing signs along the highway recognizing various achievements of local residents.

#### Resolution COW151106

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that information be obtained concerning the cost of placing a sign on Highway 103 recognizing the accomplishments of the Scott family and that this information be returned to committee for their consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was also determined that the Scott family should be consulted first prior to any such signs being placed. Mrs. Maxwell volunteered to consult with the Scott family.

Having completed her discussion of the matter, Mrs. Maxwell then retired from the meeting.

#### CURLING CLUB DEHUMIDIFIER

Information was provided to members by email prior to the meeting regarding this matter. The President of the Curling Club has indicated that the Club has experienced humidity problems in recent weeks and would like to have a new and more powerful dehumidifier installed in the Club.

There then ensued some discussion of the cost and benefit of installing a new dehumidifier.

#### Resolution COW151107

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the President of the Curling Club be invited to a meeting of the Committee of the Whole in order to further discuss this matter.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### CENTREVILLE BALL FIELD

A member indicated that it was suggested to him that the Centreville ball field be renamed the Blades Memorial Ball Field. This suggestion was made in recognition of the fact that the Blades family was instrumental in having this ball field established. Although the ball field was originally run by a community organization, it has since been taken over by the Municipality.

#### Resolution COW151108

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Centreville Ball Field be renamed the Blades Memorial Ball Field and that the ceremony renaming the ball field take place in the spring during one of the local tournaments being held there at the time, and that a sign indicating such be unveiled at that time.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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