

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

January 12, 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:

- Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.
- Senior Services Request.
- McGray Avenue Project.
- Wind Turbine Generator.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by S. Hatfield 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 G. El-Jakl that minutes of the meeting held December 1, 2014 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

RCMP REPORT

Sgt. Deluco appeared before the meeting for the purpose of providing a report for the local RCMP Detachment. A written Statistical Report for the 2014 year was circulated to members for their information. This report was briefly reviewed by Sgt. Deluco.

Sgt. Deluco also indicated that a Crime Stoppers, Shelburne Chapter, would be starting in January. For this purpose, an organizational meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m., on January 25, 2015, at the Shelburne Fire Hall. Members are invited to attend.

It was indicated that the local detachment will have a full complement of officers in March of 2015. Subsequent to that, three officers who have been here for four years or more will be transferring during the spring and will be replaced shortly thereafter.

Having completed her discussion of the RCMP Report, Sgt. Deluco retired from the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

C & D LANDFILL DISPOSAL RATE

Michael Hennigar, who is a local resident operating a construction business, has hired Harlow Construction to transport and deposit waste for him from a property he owns within the Municipality, to the Municipality's C & D Landfill Site. Legal advice was obtained regarding the charges being made for the deposit of this waste.

This advice has previously been circulated to members for their review. The legal advice received, says in part, that Harlows is acting as an agent of Mr. Hennigar for purposes of the deliveries of waste to the Municipality's C & D Landfill Site. This is the equivalent of having the waste brought to the site by Mr. Hennigar himself.

As a result, it is recommended to Council that the Municipality charge Mr. Hennigar the "resident rate" for the deposit of this waste at the Municipal Landfill Site.

Resolution COW150101

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality charge the "resident rate" to Mike Hennigar's General Contracting for waste deposited by his agent, Harlow Construction, at the Municipal C & D Landfill Site.

Motion carried unanimously.

There then followed much discussion concerning the revision of the Landfill Policy in order to incorporate the Solicitor's advice, and in order to clarify the use of the Landfill by agents of residents within the Municipality.

It was the consensus of members that further information be obtained from the Yarmouth, Shelburne and Queens C & D Landfills and transfer stations in order to determine their policies and the charges for both residents and non residents. This will be done as soon as possible and returned to Committee for their information and review.

BUTLER'S ESTATES LIMITED – SEWER CONNECTION, ALBENIA LANE

Correspondence has been received from Butler's Estates Limited requesting an additional six (6) month grace period for the connection of the sewer line at Albenia Lane. The Municipality had previously entered into agreement in February of 2014 with Butler's Estates for the connection of their buildings on Albenia Lane to the Municipal sewer line.

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality accept the request of Butler's Estates Limited with the proviso that no further extensions will be allowed in the future.

AFFIRMATIVE

Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

NEGATIVE

Jody Crook
George El-Jakl
Eddie Nickerson

Motion defeated.

COW150102

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that

1. Butler's Estates Limited be allowed an extension in their agreement to connect Albenia Lane to the Municipal sewer by April 30, 2015.
2. The Municipality will still pay 50% of the engineering costs, including the production of the video of the 8 inch sewer line on Albenia Lane, to a maximum of \$3,000.00.
3. If the connection is not completed by April 30, 2015, the entire \$10,000.00 deposit made by Mr. Hennigar will be forfeited to the Municipality.
4. That Butler's Estates agrees to allow the Municipality to enter upon their property in order to connect the municipal sewer line when deemed appropriate by the Municipality.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
Shaun Hatfield
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Motion carried.

DATA CALL DIVERSION RATE

Information was provided to members prior to the meeting indicating the amount of waste disposed of by the Municipality, as well as the current Diversion Rate as of March 31, 2014. The Municipality is currently disposing of an average of 396 kilograms per capita. The Diversion Rate goal for the Province to be obtained by 2015 is 350 kilograms per capita.

Members then discussed possible ways of further reducing the amount of waste disposed within the Municipality. It was suggested that there are two ways of obtaining sufficient reduction in order to meet the Provincial goal. The two alternatives include adopting a clear bag program for residential waste collection, or secondly requiring demolition contractors to separate waste before disposal at the Landfill so that more wood product would be diverted instead of disposed.

Members then discussed, at length, the use of clear bags in the residential waste collection. It was suggested that if this is to be done it be phased in so that residents would be allowed to dispose of waste in three opaque bags and two clear bags in the first phase of implementation. There also ensued some discussion regarding the disposal of C & D waste from the demolition of buildings.

It was the consensus of members that further information be obtained regarding the contamination contained in recyclables being sent to local landfills for disposal. This information will be obtained along with information on the use of clear bags for information and review.

TOURS OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRES

It was the consensus of members that this matter be deferred for further discussion to a committee meeting in April of 2015.

HEALTHY EATING POLICY

It was suggested that a Healthy Eating Policy be put in effect by adding various healthy eating alternatives at the Arena, and that the Municipal Physical Activity Leader be responsible for implementing the program to do this. It was suggested that a pilot project be put in place promoting healthy eating at the Municipal Arena until the end of the current season in order to evaluate its reception by the public. This would include providing healthy foods at the Arena as well as posting signs to promote healthy eating by Arena patrons.

Resolution COW150103

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that a Healthy Eating Pilot Project be instituted at the Barrington Municipal Arena by the Municipal Physical Activity Leader, and that the results of such a program be recorded to the end of season for further evaluation by Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD COURT HOUSE RESTORATION COMMITTEE

Correspondence has been received from the Cape Sable Historical Society indicating that a committee has been formed to further investigate the restoration of the Old Court House building. The first meeting of the committee will take place at 10:00 a.m., on January 16, 2015, in the Old Court House. Councillors have been invited to attend the meeting. The Warden indicated that he would be attending the meeting and the Deputy Warden also indicated she would attend the meeting if possible.

ENGAGE NOVA SCOTIA MEETING

As a result of the telephone conference call with Engage Nova Scotia representatives, members agreed to attend an approximately four hour meeting to be held with Engage Nova Scotia in February. It was the consensus of members that Engage Nova Scotia be informed that February 16th or February 23rd, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., would be the preferred dates for such a meeting. Engage Nova Scotia will be informed so that the appropriate date can be selected.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL

At a previous meeting with Department personnel, the resurfacing of Bateman Road had been discussed. There was some commitment at that time that Bateman Road would be resurfaced during the summer of 2014. This has not been done as yet.

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council correspondence be sent to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting when the resurfacing of Bateman Road will be addressed by the department.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was also discussed that there is erosion of the intersection at the end of Olivia's Lane in Woods Harbour where it meets the asphalt at Highway #3.

Resolution COW150104

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal be contacted to address the erosion of gravel at the intersection of Olivia's Lane and Highway #3, in Woods Harbour.

Motion carried unanimously.

There then followed some discussion of the drainage of water at Clam Point near Drinking Brook Park.

Resolution COW150105

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal be requested to install a larger culvert under the road at the drainage brook near Drinking Brook Park, prior to paving of the road in that area.

Motion carried unanimously.

There then followed some discussion regarding the shoulder of the road adjacent to the guardrail along the Sherose Island Road.

Resolution COW150106

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that correspondence be sent to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting the department to address the lack of an adequate shoulder on the side of the Sherose Island Road adjacent to the guardrail.

Motion carried unanimously.

SENIOR SERVICES REQUEST

A request has been received from Senior Services asking that the Municipality provide a more senior friendly environment for its offices in the Municipal building. The letter requesting more accessible office space was read to members for their information.

There then followed some discussion of possible relocation of the Senior Services Office. It was suggested that the Probation Officer be asked to switch locations with the Senior Services. The Probation Officers will be asked if this is possible prior to any other alternatives being considered.

MCGRAY AVENUE PROJECT

Members were informed that a conceptual application had been submitted to ACOA for Innovative Community Funding for a project at McGray Avenue. This project would include the paving of the parking area there, together with upgrading the breakwater so that it could be used as a waterfront walkway and could also be used as access to a floating dock for access to the water by boaters. The preliminary conceptual application has been approved by ACOA. The Municipality now needs to proceed to a full-fledged application. This will require a commitment from the Municipality. The total estimated cost of this project is \$121,000.00. This will require a commitment from the Municipality of approximately \$57,500.00, in addition to the cost of a floating dock which has already been committed to the project and purchased by the Municipality.

Resolution COW150107

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it is recommended to Council that the Municipality submit an application to the Innovative Communities Fund administered by the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency for a waterfront development project at North East Point.

Motion carried unanimously.

Having reached the hour of 10:00 p.m., members then confirmed by consensus that they would continue the meeting until 10:30 p.m.

WIND TURBINE GENERATOR UPDATE

Members were informed that additional work has been done to further evaluate the site for the wind turbine generator at the C & D Landfill. A preliminary site plan has been done indicating where the wind turbine generator will be located, where the access road for this project will be located adjoining the Goose Lake Road, and also the Nova Scotia Power power line access. Representatives of the construction company from Endurance Wind Power will consult with the “scoper” from NSPI to verify the power line connection. It will be necessary to enter into an agreement with Endurance Wind Power in the very near future to order the wind turbine generator. It will also be necessary to enter into an Interconnection Agreement with Nova Scotia Power in order to connect the wind turbine generator into their power system.

CAPE SABLE ISLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Members were informed that a representative of Harvest House Atlantic will be addressing Council on January 26, 2015. Mr. Cal Maskery will attend the Council Meeting on January 26th in order to present and explain their proposal for the development of the former elementary school. He will be speaking on behalf of Harvest House Atlantic for this purpose.

It was the consensus of members that this presentation to Council be advertised on the Municipal website, facebook page, and in the local newspaper, so that members of the public who are interested in this development would be aware and able to attend.

WOODS HARBOUR TRAIL

Members were questioned whether or not they felt the Woodland Multi Use Trail Association should take over the portion of the multi use trail in Woods Harbour that is now under licence to the Municipality of Barrington. This is the only section of the entire trail through Shelburne County through the Municipality that is now being maintained by the Municipality.

Resolution COW150108

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that representatives of the Woodland Multi Use Trail Association be invited to a Committee meeting as soon as possible in order to discuss transfer of the section of trail in Woods Harbour to their Association from the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

SEA STAR ICE DOGS

Members were informed that there has been no further communication from this organization since their last discussion with the Committee.

Resolution COW150109

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that the President of the Sea Star Ice Dogs be invited to attend the next Committee meeting for the purpose of discussing the payment of their outstanding account.

Motion carried unanimously.

BAY VISTA CROSSWALK REQUEST

Correspondence had previously been received from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding this request. This information has been circulated to members. The Department had completed a pedestrian crossing count in the vicinity of Bay Vista Apartments. The count indicated there were an insufficient number of pedestrians crossing at this point in order to warrant a crosswalk being established in this area. As a result the Department of Transportation concluded that a crosswalk is not warranted at that location.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:30 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website January 14, 2015.