

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL  
BUDGET MEETING**

**May 28, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, at 7:10 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- Jody Crook
- George El-Jakl
- Shaun Hatfield
  
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

Absent was Donna LeBlanc-Messenger who was in conflict of interest.

Deputy Warden Messenger joined the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION RE: SALE OF PROPERTY**

Members entered into Closed Session with James Brannen and Sarah Atkinson for the purpose for further negotiating the sale of the C.S.I. Elementary School property.

Members returned to Open Session at approximately 7:28 p.m., at which time the proponents retired from the meeting.

It was the consensus of members that the Public Hearing regarding this proposal for the sale of the C.S.I. Elementary School will be conducted at the regular Council meeting held June 22, 2015. The proponents will be requested to put forward their proposal at that time.

Deputy Warden Messenger now joined the meeting.

**ADDITION TO THE AGENDA**

The following item was added to the agenda:

- Eldridge Correspondence Re: Former BMHS property.

**BUDGET REVIEW**

Members continued to review the proposed budget for the 2015/2016 fiscal year.

**Fire Department Budgets**

Fire Departments Budgets were circulated to all members for their information and review. There were four various Area Fire Rates projected for the coming year. These rates included a rate for Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Fire District, Island & Barrington Passage Fire District, Barrington/Port LaTour Fire District and Port Clyde Fire District.

There was then some discussion regarding the Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Budget and the proceeds of the sale of air cylinders to the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department, as well as the potential sale of a truck.

Some discussion then ensued regarding the equipment required by the various fire departments. It was suggested that the Fire Services Coordinator provide further information on the following equipment:

- sale of air cylinders by the Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department
- thermal imaging camera being purchased by the Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department
- turnout gear being purchased by the Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department
- new truck, equipment, bunker gear, paving and uniforms being purchased by the Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department

It was also suggested that the Fire Services Coordinator provide an inventory of vehicles and equipment owned by each fire department.

#### Environmental Services

Projected costs of waste management fees including operation of the Construction & Demolition Debris Landfill Site were reviewed and discussed by members.

The cost of providing municipal sewers in the Woods Harbour and Barrington areas was also discussed. There are deficits being projected for each of the sewer systems.

There then followed much discussion regarding the raising of sewer rates in both areas as well as decreasing expenses.

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the sewer rates in both the Woods Harbour and Barrington sewer systems be increased by \$25.00 per unit.

#### AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl

#### NEGATIVE

Jody Crook

Shaun Hatfield

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Eddie Nickerson

Motion defeated.

It was then suggested that some combination of increasing rates and reducing expenditures are proposed for both systems.

Resolution COW150513

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the sewer rates in both the Woods Harbour and Barrington sewer systems be increased by \$10.00 to \$310.00 per unit, and that the expenditures in the Barrington sewer system be further reduced by \$15,000.00.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Jody Crook  
Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Eddie Nickerson

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

This completed the discussion of budget information for the evening.

**ELDRIDGE LETTER**

A letter has been received from Mr. David Eldridge regarding the provision of well water at the former B.M.H.S. property. Mr. Eldridge made some suggestion as to what could be done.

The Clerk-Treasurer was directed to respond to Mr. Eldridge.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Chair

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website May 29, 2015.**