

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

May 11, 2015

The meeting was called to order at by the Chair, at 7:08 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:

- Budget.
- Floating Dock Update.
- The Courtyard.

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 G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that minutes of the meeting held May 4, 2015 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

BARRINGTON REGIONAL CURLING CLUB REPORT

No representative of the Curling Club was available to make a report this evening.

THE COURTYARD

The Deputy Warden informed members that she had been requested to meet with the residents of the The Courtyard by Mr. Anthony. As previously stated, residents of The Courtyard are welcome to come to a Committee of the Whole Meeting, and were in fact invited to come to the Committee of the Whole Meeting this evening on at least two occasions. The residents did not wish to wait until this evening to have a meeting with councillors, however councillors were unavailable for a meeting which was requested on a Friday night.

It was the consensus of members that the Warden and Deputy Warden may meet with residents if they deemed it necessary.

FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDING REQUEST

A motion concerning the distribution of the Fire Services Fund to the fire departments was previously deferred from the May 4, 2015 meeting for reconsideration this evening.

During that meeting there was a suggestion that \$20,000.00 of the fund be provided to the Barrington/Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department and the balance of the fund allocated to the eastern fire departments be provided to the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department.

Members then discussed various distributions and reasoning for distribution and use of the Fire Services Fund.

The motion that had previously been deferred from the April 13, 2015 Committee of the Whole Council meeting was then further discussed by members. In that motion it was recommended to Council that the funding request of the Barrington/Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department, which would effectively provide \$160,000.00 for the construction of a new fire hall in the Barrington/Port LaTour Fire District, be approved.

After some discussion the division was requested on the motion.

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl

NEGATIVE

Jody Crook

Shaun Hatfield

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Eddie Nickerson

Motion defeated.

Members then considered a motion that was made at the May 4, 2015 Committee of the Whole Meeting which had also been deferred to this meeting.

After some discussion the division was requested on this motion.

Resolution COW150403

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it is recommended to Council that \$140,000.00 of the Fire Services Fund be provided to the Barrington/Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department to be paid towards construction of a new fire hall in that district.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Resolution COW150504

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that it is recommended to Council that the remaining \$40,000.00 of the Fire Services Fund be designated for the Eastern area of the Municipality for the construction of fire halls.

Motion carried unanimously.

CSI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Members had previously been informed that three (3) proposals have been received for the CSI Elementary School.

It was the consensus of members that all three proponents be invited to the May 19, 2015 Committee of the Whole Council Meeting for a 30 minute discussion of their proposals. These will be done individually beginning at 6:00 p.m.

SHAG HARBOUR STATION ROAD

Members were informed that correspondence has been received from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal informing that the Shag Harbour Station Road is an "I" Class road and not part of the 1995 Road Transfer Agreement List, therefore it is not an eligible candidate for this program.

Resolution COW150505

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that it is recommended to Council that a copy of this letter be sent to our local MLA and also to the group which is requesting paving of this road.

Motion carried unanimously.

SALARY REVIEW

Members were informed that the Municipal Personnel Policy had been amended in 2012 so that the salary review is required to be completed by March 31, 2016. The salary review will now be scheduled to be completed sometime during the following winter of this year in advance of the due date.

MUNICIPAL-PROVINCIAL PRIORITIES GROUP

Correspondence was circulated to members regarding the priorities established for waste management by this group. This is information that will be used for subsequent meetings of the Region 6 Solid Waste Management.

ARENA CANTEEN SERVICES

A draft Request for Proposal for the provision of Arena canteen services was circulated to members for their information and in advance of the meeting.

Resolution COW150506

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that it is recommended to Council that the Municipality advertise an RFP for the provision of Arena Canteen Services.

Motion carried unanimously.

2015 CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING CLUB

The Western Counties Regional Library is requesting support from the Municipality by providing ten (10) pairs of passes to the Barrington Municipal Swimming Pool for the 2016 summer season. These passes will be used to promote and reward children who participate in the Library's Summer Reading Club.

Resolution COW150507

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that it is recommended to Council that the Municipality provide swimming pool passes to the Western Counties Regional Library for the 2016 season as requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

CIVIC NUMBERING SIGN

Council had previously passed a motion to place a civic numbering sign at the end of the Villagedale Road for the information of emergency vehicles in that area. Subsequent to that time, information has been received from our Development Officer concerning the use of such a sign and the civic numbering in the Villagedale, Port LaTour and Baccaro areas. As a result of this information it was deemed that the sign will not resolve the concern that was expressed by local residents.

It was the consensus of members that in order to avoid any further confusion the Municipality should not place such a sign.

Resolution COW150508

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that it is recommended to Council that Motion No. C150424 requiring the Municipality to obtain a civic addressing sign and install it at the Port LaTour end of the Villagedale Road for the direction of emergency response vehicles, be rescinded.

Motion carried unanimously.

This recommendation will be forwarded to Council for their consideration at their next Council meeting.

POLICY 62 – BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL ARENA POLICY

This policy covers the operation of the Barrington Municipal Arena. The proposed amendments were reviewed in detail with councillors. The following additional amendments were suggested by consensus of members and will be incorporated into the document being presented to Council.

- Section 5, Promotional Rate, will be added to promote the rental of ice time hours on weekdays between the hours of 12:00 Noon and 4:00 p.m. when the Arena is open, at the discretion of the Manager.
- On page 3 the section proposed for ice time donations will be omitted.

These revisions will be made and included in the policy forwarded to Council for their consideration.

POLICY 6 – POLICY GOVERNING USE OF MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

Members then reviewed this amended policy in detail and the following additional revisions were suggested:

- On page 4 where it is indicated that the Municipal Clerk may provide for use of the municipal facilities, it will also be added that councillors will be notified by email when requests are either approved or denied so that they have been informed.
- The section that indicates that requests will be considered on an individual basis and organizers will be required to provide their own insurance coverage for the event will be amended to read: "Requests will be considered on an individual basis."

These revisions will be made and included in the policy forwarded to Council for their consideration.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS – SOU’WEST NOVA METIS ASSOCIATION

The Sou’West Nova Metis Association rents an office at the Old Court House building. They had previously been requested to provide a Certificate of Insurance that would include naming the Municipality as an insured. The amount of insurance they were required to provide was in the amount of \$3 Million. The Association currently provides for an occurrence and an aggregate limit of \$2 Million with tenants legal liability of \$1 Million.

It was the consensus of members that this was adequate insurance as this is a low risk activity.

Resolution COW150509

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that it is recommended to Council that the Certificate of Insurance provided by the Sou’West Nova Metis Association having a \$2 Million be accepted and satisfactory.

Motion carried unanimously.

TOWN OF SHELBURNE LETTER TO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Members were provided with a copy of the letter from the Town of Shelburne to the Department of Health and Wellness. In this letter the Town of Shelburne expresses support for the establishment of a Satellite Dialysis Clinic in Shelburne County.

BARRINGTO/CLARK’S HARBOUR SATELLITE DIALYSIS CLINIC COMMITTEE

Members then discussed the appointment of councillors to this committee.

Resolution COW150510

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that it is recommended to Council that councillors Crook and Hatfield be appointed to the Satellite Dialysis Clinic Committee with Councillor Messenger as an alternate.

Motion carried unanimously.

Having reached the hour of 10:00 p.m., Councillor El-Jakl then retired from the meeting.

Members then continued to discuss membership on this committee.

Resolution COW150511

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it is recommended to Council that David and Brenda Cleaver be invited to also become members of the Satellite Dialysis Clinic Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET

Members were asked to designate meeting times for consideration of the 2015/2016 Municipal Budget.

The following times were agreed by members, with all meetings to be held at 7:00 p.m.:

- Thursday, May 21, 2015
- Tuesday, May 26, 2015
- Thursday, May 28, 2015

FLOATING DOCK UPDATE

The Municipality has made application to ACOA for funding for this project. We have been trying to get local contractors to provide us with estimates of construction costs. As yet, we have received no estimates. We are continuing to try to obtain estimates so that they can be submitted for funding.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:14 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website May 13, 2015.