

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

May 4, 2015

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:27 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- George El-Jakl
- Shaun Hatfield
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
- David Kendrick, Fire Services Coordinator

Absent was member Jody Crook due to work commitments.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Members agreed to add the following items to the agenda:

- Old Court House.
- Courtyard Meeting.

REVIEW OF POLICY 54, "FIRE RESPONSE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES POLICY"

Members proceeded to review the remainder of Policy 54 from Paragraphs 8 to the last paragraph, paragraph 15.

Policy 54 was revised throughout, paragraph by paragraph. Notes were made by the Fire Services Coordinator to the review various sections. Once the review was completed, it was agreed, as previously, that the Coordinator would complete the review and provide a revised document.

BARRINGTON/PORT LATOUR AREA RATE REQUEST

The Barrington/Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department has requested that an Area Rate be established for their fire district, separately from the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Departments' fire district.

Resolution COW150501

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that it is recommended to Council that the request of the Barrington/Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department to have a separate Area Fire Rate for their fire district and a separate Area Fire Rate for the Port Clyde fire district be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

FUNDING REQUEST

Funding requests have been received from the Barrington/Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department, Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department and the Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department. These requests concern the disbursement of the Fire Services Fund which is currently held by the Municipality. This fund currently amounts to \$180,000.00. Of this fund, \$140,000.00 was accumulated in prior years and the remaining \$40,000.00 was accumulated in the 2013/2014 fiscal year and designated for use in the Eastern District of the Municipality which is now covered by the Barrington/Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department and the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department.

There then followed much discussion regarding the distribution of these funds among the fire departments in the Municipality.

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be 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 the construction of a new fire hall in that district.

There then followed some discussion of this motion.

Resolution COW150502

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that this motion be deferred for further consideration at the next Committee of the Whole Council Meeting.

AFFIRMATIVE

Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Members were informed that the insurance company will not provide insurance for firefighters who do not have a Class III driver's licence to drive fire trucks back to the fire hall from the scene of a fire. It will be necessary to ensure that all fire trucks being returned to the fire department from the scene of a fire are driven by Class III licenced firefighters.

Having completed the discussion of fire department issues, the Fire Services Coordinator retired from the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

OLD COURT HOUSE

Members were informed that there had been no responses to the Municipality's request to the Cape Sable Historical Society's Request for Proposal for engineering services to determine necessary improvements to the Old Court House building. As a result the Director of the Cape Sable Historical Society is asking permission to use an employee of the Heritage and Culture Department of the Province of Nova Scotia for this purpose.

Members agreed by consensus that more information would be required. This information would include a description of the qualifications and experience of the Provincial Government employee as well as a copy of the RFP that had been previously published.

THE COURTYARD MEETING

Conflict of Interest

Warden Nickerson declared a conflict of interest and retired from the meeting at this time as he is a personal friend of the property owner.

Members were informed that Verna Nickerson and Bonita Slevin had visited the Municipal Office this morning and requested a meeting of the residents to be held with Council. This meeting was requested to be held sometime this week, preferably prior to Friday.

Members then discussed the purpose of such a meeting and the possible discussion that may take place.

The Clerk was instructed to inform Mrs. Nickerson that individual councillors are willing to discuss the matter with the residents of the Courtyard on an individual basis. A meeting is not necessary as the discussions can take place as the residents of the Courtyard may call individual councillors and discuss the matters with them. Mrs. Nickerson is to be informed that the court has made a ruling and the Municipality has received legal advice that Council should not enter into a waiver agreement or into any form of easement regarding the soccer field well as this will open the Municipality up to legal liability in future.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:20 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting