

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

April 20, 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:

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

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Salary Review.
- Geomapix Agreement.
- WMTA Meeting.
- Court Closure.
- Education Week.
- Fountain and Fence at Library.
- Station Road, Shag Harbour.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was noted that in the minutes of April 13, 2015, under the motion concerning the distribution of fire services funds, the amount of 20% was entered in the minutes and this amount should have been 50%. The minutes will be amended accordingly.

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Hatfield that the minutes of the committee meeting held April 13, 2015 be approved together with the previously noted amendment.

Motion carried unanimously.

### MONTHLY TOURISM REPORT

The Tourism Coordinator appeared before the meeting for the purpose of providing the monthly Tourism Report for the month of March. This report also included the reports on the results of the NHL hockey game which was recently held at the Arena. A written report was emailed to councillors on Sunday evening for their information and review.

It was indicated that the NHL Legends Game was somewhat successful as a community event in spite of producing a net loss of \$13,495.00. Upon questioning, the Tourism Coordinator indicated that the loss in this event was a combination of a number of factors which caused low attendance.

Members then discussed the development of the website which is progressing slowly. New pages are being added as well as new photographs. It will be another month before the new website comes "live".

Members then discussed the Rural Host Workshop which was held during the month of March. Approximately 15 individuals attended this workshop. This workshop may be held again towards the end of May at which time it will be necessary to charge a fee.

There was a Nova Scotia Tourist Association Experiential Tourism Workshop held during the month of March at which more than 30 people from Shelburne County attended.

The Tourism Coordinator will be hosting a Lobster Expo on Friday, with the related events on Friday and Saturday evening during the Lobster Fest the first week of June. At present there are more than 30 exhibitors who have signed up for this event.

Members expressed the sentiment that more community members need to become involved in bringing events to our Municipality. There needs to be a change of attitude in the community in order to gain more community participation. The Tourism Coordinator indicated that she believes everything is going as planned in relation to tourism to this point.

Having completed her presentation, the Tourism Coordinator retired from the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

### FIRE SERVICES

David Kendrick, the Fire Services Coordinator, appeared before the meeting and circulated a written quarterly report for the months of January, February and March. The Coordinator then reviewed this report in detail together with his training report and his report of fire calls to all departments during that period.

The Fire Services Coordinator then reviewed the current status of Barrington Fire and Emergency Services and of the Fire Service Advisory Committee. He provided various recommendations for discussion by members. The recommendations that were deferred from last week's committee meeting to this week's meeting were also brought up for discussion.

Resolution COW150438

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by E. Nickerson that the recommendation to Council from the Committee meeting of April 13, 2015, to support the request of the Barrington/Port LaTour Fire Department for a separation of area rates in the eastern portion of the Municipality, be further delayed until more information on the 2015/2016 fire department budgets is available to members.

Motion carried unanimously.

Members then continued their discussion of the second motion that had been deferred to this meeting from the Committee meeting of April 13, 2015.

Councillor Crook asked the Warden to assume the chair in order that he may make a motion.

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the motion made at the April 13, 2015 meeting recommending to Council that the funding request to 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 amended to provide that the Fire Services Reserve Fund, which is now in the amount of \$180,000.00, be split evenly between the Barrington/Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department and the Port Clyde Fire Department. This would effectively provide \$90,000.00 to each of these two fire departments.

The Warden then vacated the chair in order to accept a telephone call. The Deputy Warden then assumed the chair.

Members continued with some discussion of this matter.

The Warden then returned to the meeting and assumed the chair again.

Resolution COW150439

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that consideration of this amendment and the motion it relates to be deferred to the discussion of the fire departments once budget information is obtained.

Motion carried unanimously.

Members then agreed that a meeting would be convened for the purpose of discussing fire services only, on Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. An agenda will be prepared for this meeting that includes only fire services topics.

Councillor El-Jakl then retired from the meeting at the hour of 10:00 p.m. as the normal hours provided for meetings had been reached.

Resolution COW150440

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Hatfield that remaining members continue to meet until 11:00 p.m. in order to complete as much business as possible.

Motion carried unanimously.

ROW FOR NANNY'S CURE

Members were previously informed that the *Row for Nanny's Cure* group was requesting to host various activities on municipal property at North East Point near the causeway. These activities included additional activities besides the rowing of dories. The activities would include the Scott's Timber Show as well as the row being conducted by the Dory Club. Information from our insurers was circulated to members for their review.

Resolution COW150441

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the group wishing to host the *Row for Nanny's Cure* may conduct their event as requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

BMHS ENVIRONMENT REQUEST

The BMHS Environment Club is requesting assistance from the Municipality in the form of a grant. They will be attending a week long Gulf of Maine Institute Conference at Acadia University from June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 5<sup>th</sup> and need to raise \$1,000.00 to pay for their attendance. They are requesting any support the Municipality may be able to provide.

Resolution COW150442

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality provide \$200.00 to the BMHS Environment Club to support their attendance at the Gulf of Maine Institute Conference being held at Acadia University, from the Activities Fund portion of Community Grants.

Motion carried unanimously.

COURT HOUSE CLOSURE

Members were informed that a meeting has been arranged with representatives from the Department of Justice to be held in the Court Room in the Municipal building for the purpose of discussing the procedures for closing the Barrington Court House. The meeting will be held on Friday, May 1, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. Attending the meeting on behalf of the Department of Justice will be Pam Marsh and Alan Hamilton.

PROPOSED ARENA POLICY CHANGES

Copies of proposed changes to Policy No. 62, "Barrington Municipal Arena Policy", was circulated to members for their information and review. These policies will be considered at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

WOODLAND MULTI-USE TRAIL ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the WMTA will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., at the Centreville Fire Hall on Cape Sable Island. A representative of the Barrington Municipal Council is invited to attend. Warden Nickerson indicated that he will attend this meeting.

EDUCATION WEEK PROCLAMATION

A draft proclamation was circulated to members.

Because the next Council meeting is not until after Education Week a proclamation will not be made. Instead, this matter will be mentioned at Council by the Warden. The request for the proclamation was not received until after the last previous Council meeting, and therefore was not able to be proclaimed at that meeting.

FOUNTAIN AND FENCE AT THE LIBRARY

There was some discussion brought up by a member regarding the use of the pond in front of the Barrington Municipal Library, and the possibility of rearranging the fence so that the access to the pond could be altered.

Various alternatives will be further investigated in future by Municipal Staff.

SHAG HARBOUR STATION ROAD

This matter was deferred to a future meeting of the Committee as Councillor El-Jakl had brought this matter up and was not now in attendance at the meeting.

GEOMAPIX AGREEMENT

Members were informed that the current agreement with Geomapix for the provision of digital mapping services to the Municipality will expire on May 15, 2015. This was a three year agreement and it is proposed that a new three year agreement be put in place.

Resolution COW150443

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the Warden and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to enter into a new three year agreement with Geomapix for the provision of digital mapping services to the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

RIGHT-OF-WAY AT C.S.I. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Legal advice has been obtained from the Municipal Solicitor regarding this matter.

There then followed some discussion regarding the advice provided by the Solicitor.

It was the consensus of members that this matter be deferred until after proposals have been received in response to the RFP for the C.S.I. Elementary School property.

#### GOOSE LAKE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

Information was also received from the Municipal Solicitor regarding the right-of-ways that have been contained in various deeds to private properties at Goose Lake.

Advice has been provided that it does not appear that the right-of-way is a lawful encumbrance on the lands of the Municipality, and the owners do not have a legal right to use the road. However, even though this may be the legal interpretation, what is happening in fact is that a road does exist on municipal property and it has been used by the owners to access their properties over many years.

It was the consensus of members that the Municipal Solicitor be asked to provide the simplest way to allow migration of these properties without any cost to the Municipality.

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipal Solicitor be requested to provide the simplest way possible for the Municipality to allow migration of the properties at Goose Lake without any cost to the Municipality.

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by E. Nickerson that the previous motion also include a similar provision for a right-of-way to be provided to Edward Allen for a right-of-way to access to his property over the C.S.I. Elementary School property.

The division was then taken on the amendment.

Amendment carried unanimously.

The division was then taken on the amended motion which reads as follows:

#### Resolution COW150444

“...that the Municipal Solicitor be requested to provide the simplest way possible for the Municipality to provide a right of way for the properties at Goose Lake without any cost to the Municipality, and that a similar provision for a right-of-way be provided to Edward Allen for a right-of-way to access his property over the C.S.I. Elementary School property.”

Motion carried unanimously.

#### SALARY REVIEW

Further information was provided to members indicating the approximate total cost of salaries and wages to the Municipality and the maximums and minimums of the current wage scales.

#### Resolution COW150445

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that the Clerk-Treasurer review the wage scales for all of the positions of the Municipality, except that of the Clerk-Treasurer, and make a recommendation to the Committee for its consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:55 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website April 22, 2014.**