

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

January 18, 2016

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:

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

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The Warden requested that a Closed Session be added to the agenda to deal with a personnel matter.

It was agreed that a Closed Session be added.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the minutes of the last meeting held January 11, 2016 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### REQUEST FROM ISLAND & BARRINGTON PASSAGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT RE: 4500 COMPRESSOR AND AIR PACKS

Dave Kendrick, Fire Services Coordinator, and Mike Swim, Fire Chief for the Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department, appeared before the meeting.

The Fire Services Coordinator informed members that the Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department would like to change their SCBAs and air compressor system from 2216 to 4500. NFPA standards are changing which will require all low air alarms on SCBAs to change from 25% to 33%. A firefighter using the 2216 for moderate work would only have air time of 13.34 minutes before the alarm sounds. A firefighter using 4500 for moderate work would have 20 minutes of air time before the alarm sounds at 33%. The current 2216 air packs with aluminum cylinder weighs 20.86 lbs. The proposed new air packs with carbon fiber cylinders weighs 14.61 lbs. The equipment will include a 4500 compressor, two fill stations (1 for the Fire Hall and 1 for the rescue truck), 2 cascade systems (1 for the Fire Hall and 1 for the rescue truck), 12 – 4500 air packs, 24 – 4500 carbon fiber cylinders, and 12 face masks. This system would be compatible with the other systems in the Municipality and the Fire Department will be able to fill cylinders from any of the other fire departments. The Fire Department is requesting that this purchase be financed over a ten year period and paid for through an Area Rate.

During discussion of this matter it was indicated that the old system currently used by the Island & Barrington Passage Fire Department would be offered for sale. The estimated value is between \$10,000.00 and \$12,000.00.

The Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department is a very active department with new training, new equipment, new trucks and would now like to upgrade their SCBAs. The estimated cost of this upgrade is approximately \$250,000.00. If approval is received the purchase will be put out to tender.

#### Resolution COW 160104

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Hatfield that the purchase of the 4500 compressor and air packs be approved in principle, and that the Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department include the purchase amount in their 2016/2017 budget, for consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kendrick and Mr. Swim were both thanked for appearing before the meeting and making their presentation.

#### TOURISM AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT

Suzy Atwood, Tourism and Community Development Officer, appeared before the meeting and presented her report for the month of December 2015. The Coordinator's report included the following:

- lobster trap Christmas tree
- Barrington bridge project
- Barrington municipal brochure
- Seaside Tourist Rest Stop
- Nova Scotia Marathon
- Festival & Events

At the conclusion of her monthly report she suggested that a “Meet and Greet” be held at the Visitor Information Centre with RCMP officers and municipal officials. This function would be open to the public.

Much discussion took place regarding a similar event recently held in Shelburne. Question was raised as to who held the event, attendance, etc.

The Tourism and Community Development Officer was requested to obtain additional information from the event recently held in Shelburne, and it was agreed that the matter be placed on a future agenda for further discussion.

#### Seaside Tourism Rest Stop

The Tourism and Community Development Officer informed members that an invoice has been received from Crook’s Electrical Service for the supply of 56 meters of 410 3C aluminum tech cable which was purchased by him to carry out work for Greg Smith at the Lower Causeway Plaza. The cable was cut to specific lengths for the project and therefore cannot be returned. Mr. Smith engaged Crook’s Electrical to provide underground power from the last pole located in the right-of-way at the Seaside Tourist Rest Stop property to his apartments located in the Lower Causeway Plaza.

Since the removal of the power pole and underground wiring was part of the Seaside Tourist Rest Stop project the Municipality is now being requested to pay the cost of the wire which is no longer required by Mr. Smith. The invoice from Crook’s Electrical Service also included two service calls, plus labour, for scoping the site with Nova Scotia Power.

The total cost of the invoice received from Crook’s Electrical Service was \$1,393.25.

#### Resolution COW160105

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the invoice received from Crook’s Electrical Services for the purchase of 56 meters of cable, plus service calls and labour, for scoping the area with Nova Scotia Power, be approved in the amount of \$1,393.25.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### SHELBURNE COUNTY TOURISM ASSOCIATION BEACH BROCHURE

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Shelburne County Tourism Association regarding their planned project for 2016 to create a beach brochure. All five municipal units in Shelburne County are being requested to provide financial assistance to help cover production costs, including design, content creation, high quality pictures and detailed map. The estimated cost is approximately \$2,000.00. The cost of printing 10,000 copies will be covered by advertising from businesses and other support.

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality contribute \$400.00 towards the beach brochure project.

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that the above motion be amended to require that a draft copy of the brochure be provided to the Municipality for approval prior to it going to print.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Jody Crook  
Eddie Nickerson

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl  
Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Motion defeated.

The original motion was then put to a vote.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

**NEGATIVE**

Jody Crook  
George El-Jakl  
Eddie Nickerson

Motion defeated.

**Resolution COW160106**

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality contribute \$400.00 to the beach brochure project subject to all five municipal units in Shelburne County contributing towards the cost.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

George El-Jakl  
Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

**NEGATIVE**

Jody Crook  
Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS GRANT REQUEST

The grant request received from the Shelburne County Special Olympics was once again brought back to the committee for consideration. Previously, the committee raised questions as to previous grants provided to the organization. Members were advised that a \$500.00 grant was approved in 2009 and another in 2014.

Resolution COW160107

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that a grant be provided to the Shelburne County Special Olympics in the amount of \$1,000.00 as per their request.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

At this time a Closed Session of the committee was held to deal with a personnel matter.

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was reconvened in Open Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website January 22, 2016.**