

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

February 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:05 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

- Lesa Rossetti, Acting Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was agreed that the following items be added to the agenda:

- Arena issues.
- Department of Transportation issues.
- Closed Session Re: Personnel Matters (MGA Section 22(2)(c)).
- Business Park.
- Reimbursement of expenditures – B/PLTVFD.

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 J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the minutes of the last meeting held January 18, 2016 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

RCMP REPORT

Sgt. Deluco appeared before the meeting and provided the Quarterly Report for the local RCMP Detachment. A written report was provided outlining actual criminal/provincial activities for 2015. Sgt. Deluco informed members that a ComStat program is now being used to track crime and to determine trends.

She indicated that the local detachment is currently fully staffed which includes seven (7) officers, plus one (1) school liaison worker. She advised that the Street Crime Enforcement Unit is once again up and running.

Sgt. Deluco reported on concerns relating to the school bus stop at West River Road in Clyde River. Concerns were brought to her attention in mid November and for four (4) weeks following, officers were in the area on a daily basis and speeders were ticketed every day. Officers are now in the area intermittently and continue to issue speeding tickets. The bus stop is at a suitable location by standards of the Tri County Regional School Board. Some suggestions have been made to relocate the school bus stop but no suitable alternate location has been identified.

Sgt. Deluco also made reference to the Senior Safety Program. She indicated that we are very fortunate to have this program in our area. The RCMP usually use the program on a weekly basis and feel that the program is a great asset to the community.

LETTER FROM DEBBIE SWAINE RE: CAUSEWAY CAMERA

This item was brought forward at this time to be discussed while Sgt. Deluco was present. The letter received from Debbie Swaine was read by the Deputy Warden. Mrs. Swaine is requesting that 3-way cameras be set up at the head of the causeway, 1 facing east traffic, 1 facing west and 1 facing Cape Sable Island. Sgt. Deluco supported the installation of cameras subject to good quality cameras being purchased. Concerns were raised regarding current legislation and public disclosure regarding cameras. Sgt. Deluco agreed she would check into this matter and provide information to members.

Sgt. Deluco was then thanked for appearing before the meeting and providing her report.

SAMANTHA GOREHAM RE: ARENA HEALTHY EATING PILOT PROJECT

Samantha Goreham, Municipal Physical Activity Leader, appeared before the meeting and indicated that the Healthy Eating Pilot Project at the Arena is off to a late start. Some healthier choices have been offered at the canteen which includes chili and fruit, cheese and crackers, etc. For the tournament this weekend a breakfast sandwich will be offered.

She reported that the hot dog machine is broken. There are plans in place to purchase a hamburger grill instead of replacing the hot dog machine. This will allow for a healthier choice with hamburgers being made with lean ground beef. Mushroom caps and chicken nuggets will not be reordered once the supply has been used. Fries will continue to be on the menu. A number of items will be purchased for the canteen including cutting boards, spoons, mixing bowls and a digital menu board. The menu board will show specials and will be organized in a way to list healthy choices first. Funding will be obtained from the Healthy Eating Project Committee and a funding request has been submitted to the Arena Fundraising Committee for consideration. Other items being considered for purchase would include a soup heater and a conveyor toaster.

Mrs. Goreham also questioned whether it would be possible to have a debit machine or an ATM machine installed at the Arena. It was agreed that this is something that would be investigated. During discussion with Mrs. Goreham it was indicated that there may possibly be a need for an additional fridge in the canteen at the Arena. It was agreed that this matter be investigated as well.

MPAL PROGRAM

Additional information will be obtained regarding the MPAL Program and this matter will be placed on the agenda of a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS FEDERAL PROPERTY

It was reported that correspondence has been received advising that Fisheries and Oceans Small Craft Harbours has declared property located on Smithville Wharf Road in Smithville as excess property. The property consists of land, wharf and water lot. The letter advised that should there be no federal or provincial interest in acquiring this property they will be prepared to recommend its transfer to the municipality at its appraised value.

Resolution COW160201

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that Public Services and Procurement Canada be advised that the Municipality of Barrington has no interest in the excess federal property on the Smithville Wharf Road, in Smithville, Nova Scotia.

Motion carried unanimously.

WASTE COLLECTON CONTRACT

It was agreed that the current contract with Ridge Road Waste Management and the RFP be forwarded to members for review, and that this matter be placed on the next Committee of the Whole Council agenda.

PERSONNEL POLICY

Members were advised that the Personnel Policy is due for review by March 31, 2016. It was agreed by members that this matter be put on hold until a CAO is put in place.

LETTER FROM DEBBIE SWAINE RE: CAUSEWAY CAMERA

It was noted that this matter was discussed earlier in the meeting with Sgt. Deluco.

Resolution COW160202

Moved by D Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that staff look into the cost of cameras and enforcement authority, and that this matter be further considered during the budget process.

Motion carried unanimously.

EXPIRATION OF CAMP LEASES

Members were advised that camp leases will begin to expire in 2019. Question has been raised as to whether Council will be renewing leases when current leases expire.

Resolution COW160203

Moved S. Hatfield, seconded by J Crook that it be recommended to Council that camp site leases be renewed as they come up for renewal and that lease wording be updated as required.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPT-A-BOOK CAMPAIGN

Correspondence has been received from Western Counties Regional Library advising of the 2016 Adopt-a-Book campaign and requesting a grant to purchase books for the Barrington Municipal Library. The campaign runs from April 1 to June 30, 2016.

Resolution COW160204

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Western Counties Regional Library be provided a grant in the amount of \$400.00 to purchase new books for the Barrington Municipal Library as part of the Adopt-a-Book campaign and that this amount be taken from the 2016/17 Municipal Grant budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLARK'S HARBOUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY AND BOOKS

The Warden informed members that the Clark's Harbour Elementary School Library lost all their books due to water damage.

Resolution COW160205

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality donate \$500.00 for the purchase of books for the Clark's Harbour Elementary School Library and that this amount be taken from the current Municipal Grant budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

REGION 6 2016/17 BUDGET

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of the Region 6, 2016/17 budget, in the amount of \$201,145.00.

Resolution COW160206

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that the 2016/17 Region 6 budget be accepted as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

Resolution COW160207

Moved by G. El-Jakl, seconded by J. Crook that Pamela Mehlman-Shand of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal be requested to meet with the Committee of the Whole Council to discuss various Department of Transportation issues.

Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS PARK

It was reported to members that an individual has expressed interest in purchasing a lot in the Business Park located in Barrington Passage. The best way to develop the Business Park was discussed. It was agreed that the Building Inspector/Development Officer be requested to meet with the Committee of the Whole Council on February 16, 2016 to discuss this matter in more detail.

REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENDITURES – BARRINGTON/PORT LATOUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

The Barrington/Port La Tour Volunteer Fire Department has submitted an invoice requesting reimbursement of expenditures made between January 31, 2015 and December 30, 2015. Expenditures were reviewed and it was agreed that reimbursement be made from the Barrington/Port La Tour Volunteer Fire Department budget in the amount of \$2,083.56.

ARENA

At this time question was raised regarding outstanding matters at the Arena.

Score Board

Estimates have been obtained from two (2) companies for the supply of a score board. Both companies anticipate five (5) weeks for delivery. The scoreboard will be ordered in the near future. The Arena Fundraising Committee will be providing \$4,000.00 towards the cost of the scoreboard.

Audio System

A new audio system has been ordered for the Arena. We are awaiting confirmation of the installation date.

It was agreed that information should be placed on the website and facebook informing the public of action taken regarding the scoreboard and audio system.

PROPANE HEATERS

All propane heaters are working. Coin mechanisms are worn so a sign has been placed on each unit requesting the public to insert coins slowly to prevent jams. It was agreed that the Arena Manager be requested to check the heater on a regular basis.

CLEANLINESS OF ARENA

Concern has been expressed regarding the cleanliness of the Arena, especially the washrooms. During discussion of this matter it was noted that the outside door is rusting out at the Arena. These matters will be addressed.

CLOSED SESSION

At this time a Closed Session of the Committee was held to deal with a personnel matter (MGA Section 22(2)(c).)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website February 16, 2016.