

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

June 7, 2005

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Sterling Belliveau
 - Fred Bower
 - Louise Halliday
 - Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
 - Eddie Nickerson
 - Sean Strang
 - Larry Stewart
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Hiring Policy
- Environmental Assessment
- Letter from Wood's Harbour
- C.S.I. Sewer Survey
- Road Patching

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that the minutes of the last previous meeting held May 30, 2005 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

BUILDING OFFICIALS SURVEY

Information regarding the Building Officials Survey was previously circulated to members for their information and review. The survey was reviewed by the Committee of the Whole and the following comments were provided:

1. Should Building Officials be required to have a minimum qualification? Yes.
2. Should Building Officials only be allowed to administer work for which they are trained? Yes.

3. What is the most important to you in the administration of the Building Code?
 - public safety
 - reduced potential Municipal liability exposure
 - improved accountability.
 - improved customer relations
 - reduce complaints
4. Should the UNSM has a position on the certification board? No.
5. If the minimum qualification is established is a phased in approach desirable? Yes.
6. Should the Building Code Act enable the appointment of qualified persons to administer and enforce the Building Code? Yes.
7. What kind of buildings are constructed in your municipality?
 - Houses and duplexes, fast food/coffee shops, fire halls, small apartment buildings, services garages, recreation centres, hockey rinks, restaurants, licenced bars or lounges, small industrial plants, commercial and retail buildings and churches.
8. What is a reasonable minimum qualification to be appointed a Municipal Building Official?
 - Level 1 Residential
 - Level 2 Small Buildings
 - Level 3 Large Buildings
 - All Assembly Occupancies

Resolution COW050601

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by L. Halliday that it be recommended to Council that the responses completed and discussed above be forwarded to the Nova Scotia Building Advisory Committee, Public Safety Division, Department of Environment & Labour.

Motion carried unanimously.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The local Friends of the Library group wishes to start fundraising to pay for equipment to be placed in the new library to be constructed in the Municipality. In order to do this they wish to issue receipts which may be used for income tax purposes. It is proposed that the Friends of the Library obtain donations for this purpose which will be submitted to the Municipality and that the Municipality provide corresponding receipts to donors in the amount of the donations received.

Resolution COW050602

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Halliday that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality issue receipts for donations received by the Friends of the Library for the purchase

of equipment, books, etc., for a new library to be constructed by the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

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S.W.S.DA. CELEBRATION

Correspondence has been received inviting the Municipality to send a representative to a ceremony at the Red Room at Province House on June 9, 2005. The event taking place at that time is a celebration in recognition of the accomplishments of Nova Scotia's Regional Development Authorities and their success in obtaining the ISO9001:2000 registered designation.

At the present time no interest was expressed in attending this event.

SHEROSE ISLAND PROPERTY

Members were informed that correspondence has been received from Public Works and Government Services Canada regarding the reviewing of files by the Department of National Defence on the Sherose Island property. This is as a result of correspondence with the Federal Government regarding some contamination contained on the property at the time it was turned over to the Municipality. Further correspondence will follow regarding this matter.

WASTE COLLECTION

The Municipal Waste Collector has requested that he be permitted to start the regular daily waste collection at 7:00 a.m. in the morning rather than 8:00 a.m. He wishes to do this to ensure that he has time enough to reach the Queens Landfill once he starts transporting the waste to that site. The Waste Collector will advertise this in the local newspaper and publicize it as required.

The spring clean-up was also discussed with the Municipal Waste Collector. It was generally agreed that paying for the collection of waste during the spring and fall clean-ups would be much more equitable, both to the Municipality and to the Collector, if it were done on a "fee per ton" basis. In this way the Collector would be paid for the amount of waste he collected. If more waste were collected he would get paid more. If less waste were collected he would get paid less. As a result, it is recommended to the Committee that the spring and fall clean-ups be paid for on the basis of \$100.00 per ton for the waste collected.

Resolution COW050603

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by F. Bower that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality change the hours at which the Municipal Waste Collection will begin in the morning, to 7:00 a.m., for a trial period of six (6) months.

AFFIRMATIVE

Fred Bower
Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

Sterling Belliveau
Sean Strang
Larry Stewart

Motion carried.

Resolution COW050604

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality pay the Municipal Waste Collector at the rate of \$100.00 a ton for all waste collected during fall and spring clean-ups.

Motion carried unanimously.

BURSARY SELECTION

Members were provided with twelve (12) applications received for the Municipal Bursary. These applications were summarized. A copy of the summary document was provided to all members. The applications received were circulated to all members for their review.

The members then each submitted a vote for their top three (3) choices for the bursary selection. As a result of the ballots, Courtney Nickerson received the highest number of votes for bursary selection.

Resolution COW050605

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the Municipal Bursary in the amount of \$1,000.00 be awarded to Courtney Nickerson for 2005.

Motion carried unanimously.

SOU'WESTER WIND FIELD

An invitation has been received from the Sou'wester Wind Field Group who are sponsoring a series of public meetings along the South Shore. They will be hosting a meeting at the Barrington Municipal Building, at 1:00 p.m., on Wednesday, June 15, 2005. All councillors are invited to attend to hear their proposal regarding Scotian Wind Fields and Renewable Energy Services .

PROPERTY SERVICE REPORT

The report of the Property Services Supervisor was circulated to members for their information.

RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The report of the Recreation Director was circulated to members for their information.

RECREATION CENTRE REPORT

The Recreation Centre Report for the month of May was circulated to members for their information.

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SCHEDULE OF FEES

The Schedule of Fees paid for committee meetings for the previous two weeks was circulated to members for their information and perusal.

HIRING POLICY

Some discussion followed regarding the Hiring Policy. It was felt that certain portions of the hiring function could be further delegated to Municipal employees. This delegation is already permitted in the Hiring Policy.

Resolution COW050606

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that Municipal Staff hire all part-time employees for the remainder of Council's term.

AFFIRMATIVE

Fred Bower
Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Sterling Belliveau
Larry Stewart

Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

There then followed a brief Closed Session of Council to discuss a personnel matter.

Having completed their discussion of the personnel matter, Council resumed their open session.

CAPE SABLE ISLAND SEWER SURVEY

The proposed sewer survey was previously circulated to members by memo. The survey was briefly discussed and it was the consensus of members that this survey be conducted as previously approved.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Members were informed that an environmental assessment would be required by the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency on the property located at Owaissa Park if any infilling of the pond

were to take place. This matter will be further pursued with ACOA as required.

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LETTER FROM WOOD'S HARBOUR RESIDENT

An anonymous letter has been received by the Warden. This letter is addressed to Mr. Belliveau and is not signed. On the back of the envelope it is indicated that the letter is from concerned people of Wood's Harbour. This letter addresses some issues of unsightly premises and properties in Wood's Harbour that are currently being addressed through our By-Law Enforcement Officer and through our Building Inspector. These matters will be further pursued by Municipal Staff under by-laws and regulations that apply.

HARLOW CONSTRUCTION

Harlow Construction has deposited waste at the Municipal C & D Site which originated from Acadian Sea Plants property within the Municipality. Harlow Construction has indicated that this waste was hauled by their trucks on behalf of D.M. Snow Contracting who is a contractor within our Municipality. Harlow Construction was charged for depositing this waste at our C & D Site pursuant to our Construction & Demolition Landfill Policy. Harlow Construction has indicated that they refuse to pay this bill. The committee is in agreement that Municipal Staff followed the proper procedure as required by the policy in this matter and will not consider making any changes to the policy as a result of Harlow's concerns.

ROAD PATCHING

It was indicated to members that there is need of road patching along the Villagedale Road near the home of Mr. Percy Peters Jr. The Department of Transportation will be contacted by Municipal Staff and request that this be done.

ELECTRICAL COSTS

It was suggested that a summary of the electrical costs of the Municipality be prepared for review of the committee. This will be done in the near future by Municipal Staff.

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed the business of the meeting the meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:25 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary for the Meeting

Copied for Sean Strang and Fred Bower on June 8, 2005 by Sharon Brannen and on website.

