

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

August 15, 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
 - Larry Stewart
 - Sean Strang
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- S.W.S.D.A. Request.
- Francis Perry Request.
- Wood's Harbour Walking Trail.
- Bay Side Home.
- Ferry Proposal Meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart 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 August 2, 2005 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

CAPE SABLE ISLAND SEWER PROJECT

This matter was referred to the Committee by Council for further discussion

Various proposals were made to the Committee regarding the beginning of a project for the Cape Sable Island Sewer.

It was suggested that in District 5, sewer sheds 1, 2 and 6 could be completed at an approximate cost of \$4,302,000.00. This would include 402 civic addresses at a per unit cost of approximately \$10,700.00.

It was also suggested that in District 6 a project could be completed covering the area from West Head to Corbett Heights in North East Point, which is in District 5. This area would include 545 civic addresses and cover all of the western side of Cape Sable Island. The approximate cost of this area would be \$5,792,000.00, at a unit cost of \$10,627.00.

No particular project was suggested for District 7.

It was stated that the numbers included in the estimates were exactly that, estimates only, that the variance in the various sewer charges for any particular area were minimal and not significant in determining where the project would start.

It was suggested that any project including any part of the Island would require an annual sewer charge in the range of \$300 to \$500, depending on how much assistance was provided from the general tax rate.

It was also stated that the purpose of conducting a survey on Cape Sable Island was to determine where a sewer was to be constructed. It was stated by one member that it was felt that the people on the Island have provided their opinion in this survey.

It was also suggested that the areas in most need of a sewer system were Lower Clark's Harbour, Upper South Side and Newellton.

Resolution COW050807

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality have an engineer attend a meeting of the Cape Sable Island Sewer Committee in order to determine if a study can be done on Cape Sable Island.

<u>AFFIRMATIVE</u>	<u>NEGATIVE</u>
Sterling Belliveau	Fred Bower
Louise Halliday	
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger	
Eddie Nickerson	
Larry Stewart	
Sean Strang	

Motion carried.

FAIR AND EQUITABLE FUNDING

Members were informed by the Warden that both he and the Clerk had attended an Information Session held in Halifax on August 4th regarding this matter.

Members were informed that the Fair and Equitable Funding Proposal is a discussion paper that will be used in negotiations with the Province for further service exchange.

It was the general agreement of the meeting that the effects of the present proposal on the Municipality should be quantified and circulated to members before further discussion takes place.

CED CENTRE/LIBRARY

Members were informed that a tender ad has been placed in the Coast Guard and in the Chronicle Herald as a result of the information received from the Municipal Solicitor. These ads will appear in tomorrow's newspaper.

A memo had previously been circulated to all councillors informing them of the Solicitor's advice.

It was requested at this time that waiving of policies should be placed on the agenda of the next committee meeting.

JUNIOR "C" TOURNAMENT

The local Junior "C" team, the Sea Star Ice Dogs, is applying to host the Northern and Atlantic Junior "C" Hockey Championships in April of 2006. The team is requesting that the Municipality provide a letter of support for their application to host this tournament.

Resolution COW050808

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by L. Halliday that it be recommended to Council that a letter of support be provided to the Sea Star Ice Dogs for their application to host the Northern and Atlantic Junior "C" Hockey Championships in the spring of 2006.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBNICO POINT WIND FARM

Members were informed that the Regional Assessment Appeal Court has heard an appeal of the assessments on the Pubnico Point Wind Farm properties. The Appeal Court decision indicates that the assessments will be significantly reduced. The decision of the Appeal Court will be further appealed by Assessment Services to the Utility Review Board of Nova Scotia.

WASTE REPORTS

It is requested that the Municipality now provide waste information in the form of reports to the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour. Since the Municipality will be joining Region 6 and there is no longer any value in withholding this information, it is recommended that it be provided to the Province as required.

Resolution COW050809

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality provide waste information reports to the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour as requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

ARENA DISCIPLINE POLICY

The Arena Discipline Policy was circulated to members for their information and review. This policy has been reviewed by staff at the Arena. It is proposed that the amendments be approved by Council and become part of the Arena Policy.

Resolution COW050810

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that notice be given of proposed amendments to the Arena Discipline Policy at the next subsequent Council meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

NOVA SCOTIA POLICE BOARD ASSOCIATION

Information has been received from the Association of Nova Scotia Police Boards. An application to join this group has been provided and information has been provided regarding their annual conference. At the present time the Municipality is not a member of this group and has not been a member in the past.

There was no interest expressed in joining the group or attending the conference.

SKATEBOARD PARK

As a result of previous discussions, information was provided on the potential cost of a skateboard park to be constructed by the Municipality. It is anticipated that the cost of a skateboard park would be in the range of \$30,000 to \$50,000 depending on the type of construction. Construction using an asphalt surface would be much cheaper than construction using a concrete surface. These costs are provided for the information of members so that they are aware of the potential cost of this facility when the skateboard park is to be constructed.

BUSINESS OCCUPANCY TAX

Members were informed that business occupancy tax in the amount of approximately \$170.00 is outstanding on the account of Mr. James Crowell, Clyde River. It is felt that this business occupancy tax is now uncollectible as Mr. Crowell no longer operates a business from the location to which this tax was applied. It is believed that filing a claim in Small Claims Court would be adding an unnecessary additional cost for the Municipality which would not be collected in future.

Resolution COW050811

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday that it be recommended to Council that the balance of the business occupancy tax on the account of Mr. James Crowell, in the amount of approximately \$170.00, be written off as uncollectible.

Motion carried unanimously.

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TAX SALE UPDATE

Members were informed that a Tax Sale was held by the Municipality this morning in the Court House in Barrington. The original ad for the Tax Sale listed 43 properties. There were eight (8) properties sold at the Tax Sale, of which two (2) properties were purchased by the Municipality. The two properties purchased by the Municipality were previously assessed in the name of Novagro Aquanauts Inc. and Laurie K. Goreham & Valarie E. Adams. It is anticipated that these properties will be redeemed within the six month redemption period.

LEASE AGREEMENT RE: COURT HOUSE

Members were provided with a copy of a page from the Lease Agreement with the Nova Scotia Department of Justice for the Court House in Barrington. This agreement expires on March 31, 2006. The Municipality is currently renting this property to the Department of Justice for \$1 per year. This information is provided to members so that they can review it prior to the expiry date and consider what action they may wish to take.

BACCARO LIGHT

Correspondence has been received from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans indicating that they wish to dispose of the Baccaro Light property. DFO wishes to know if the Municipality is interested in obtaining this property and if so would they like to meet with a DFO representative.

Members discussed whether or not it was advisable to obtain this property or any other lighthouse within the Municipality.

It was agreed that information regarding the cost of maintenance and operation of lighthouses within the Municipality should be obtained prior to making any decision. This information will be sought from the Canadian Coast Guard and DFO for the Baccaro Light, Cape Light, Stoddard's Island Light, Wood's Harbour Light, Cape Negro Island Light and Half Moons Light. If this information is available, it will be provided to the committee for their consideration.

CORRIDOR STUDY

Correspondence has been received from Mr. Greg Newell the engineer for this area for the Department of Transportation and Public Works. Mr. Newell has informed us that the corridor study would be conducted by consulting engineers at an approximate cost of \$30,000.00. This study would be funded 50% by the Department of Transportation and 50% by the Municipality.

If the Municipality wishes to go ahead with this study, representatives of the Municipality should meet with the Department of Transportation to determine a Terms of Reference for the study.

It was agreed by members that Greg Newell and Benny Acker, the Area Supervisor for D.O.T., be requested to meet with the committee in order to further discuss this corridor study and its subsequent effects.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

A Schedule of Fees for the previous two weeks was circulated to members for their information.

S.W.S.D.A. REQUEST

Correspondence has been received from the South West Shore Development Authority requesting the Municipality to participate in the sponsorship of the New York Islanders training camp being held in Yarmouth from September 12th to 19th. More specifically, the Municipality is being asked to contribute \$5,000.00 as sponsorship assistance towards a dinner and reception being held on the CAT on September 18th.

Resolution COW050812

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality deny the request for sponsorship received from the S.W.S.D.A. as it has not included such funds in its budget.

AFFIRMATIVE

Sterling Belliveau
Fred Bower
Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Larry Stewart
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

FRANCIS PERRY REQUEST

Correspondence has been received from Francis Perry requesting that he be permitted to connect to the sewer line in Barrington Passage. His property is located along the shore of Barrington Bay, approximately 600 feet from the sewer line.

Resolution COW050813

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that Francis Perry be permitted to connect to the Municipal sewer in Barrington at his own expense, providing all regulatory requirements are met.

Motion carried unanimously.

WOOD'S HARBOUR WALKING TRAIL

Correspondence has been received from a resident of Wood's Harbour requesting that the Municipality investigate the building of a walking trail in the Wood's Harbour area. It is

believed by residents of the area that it is necessary to establish a walking trail as it is felt by many residents that it is too dangerous to walk along the side of the road since there is so much traffic and the shoulder of the road is so poorly maintained.

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Resolution COW050814

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality initiate the process to determine if any provincial funds, or other funding is available for the establishment of a walking trail in Wood's Harbour.

Motion carried unanimously.

BAY SIDE HOME

Concern was expressed regarding the relationship between the Municipality and Bay Side Home. It was agreed by members that information should be obtained regarding the setup of Bay Side Home Corporation and how it relates to the Municipality. This matter will be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council.

FERRY PROPOSAL

The Warden informed members that he had attended a meeting of the Ferry Action Committee that was held on August 10th in Shelburne. There is also a public meeting being held tomorrow evening, August 16th, in Shelburne, to which all councillors and the public in the area are invited to attend.

Resolution COW050815

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality pay the expenses of councillors attending the public meeting to be held on August 16th in Shelburne regarding the ferry proposal for the Town of Shelburne.

Motion carried unanimously.

C.S.I. SEWER COMMITTEE

Members again discussed the further steps required for the initiation of a C.S.I. Sewer Project.

It was agreed by all three (3) members of the C.S.I. Sewer Committee that if an engineer does a study to determine where the construction of a sewer on Cape Sable Island will begin, all three councillors will accept his recommendation.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by F. Bower that the meeting adjourn at 10:42 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary for the Meeting

On Website August 16, 2005.