

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

December 19, 2005

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

- Sterling Belliveau (7:12 p.m.)
 - Louise Halliday
 - Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
 - Eddie Nickerson
 - Larry Stewart
 - Sean Strang
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

Absent was member Fred Bower.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that Louise Halliday be nominated Chairperson of the meeting.

Having heard no further nominations, the Clerk declared Councillor Halliday elected Chairperson by acclamation.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following item was added to the agenda:

- Snow removal on Cape Sable Island.

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 S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the minutes of the last previous meeting held December 5, 2005 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

CED CENTRE/LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Mark MacIsaac, the Owner's Engineer on the project, appeared before the meeting for the purpose of updating members on the construction project. He provided a written update to December 19, 2005 which is attached to the minutes.

It was agreed by consensus of members that a sign be placed on the site indicating that there would be no trespassing on the site during the construction due to safety considerations.

At this time Warden Belliveau arrived at the meeting and assumed the Chair

The Owner's Engineer indicated that the anticipated completion date of the project is now set at February 12, 2006. This date is not as yet a "firm" date. It may be changed depending on when the permanent electrical power can be hooked up to the building.

No budget update was available for the project for the meeting this evening.

It was indicated by the Engineer that the inflow pipe into the pond from the brook will be submerged when the pond is fully completed.

Having completed his review of the construction update, the Engineer then retired from the meeting.

LIBRARY FURNISHINGS

Members were informed that the Western Counties Regional Library Executive Director has indicated that the Municipality is expected to pay the balance of the cost of furnishings for the building. The balance of this cost will be the difference between what is raised by the Friends of the Library through donations, and what the cost of the furnishings will be. The estimated cost of the furnishings is just over \$63,000.00. At the present time the Friends of the Library have raised approximately \$30,000.00.

Resolution COW051212

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality order the furnishings required for the new library as listed by the Western Counties Regional Libraries Executive Director.

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

Although there has been some discussion regarding the use of the old Municipal Library, as yet no motion has been made by Council to approve its future use.

Resolution COW051213

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality lease the former Municipal Library building to the Shelburne County Learning Network for a nominal fee, and that this lease be renewed on an annual basis.

Motion carried unanimously.

FAIR AND EQUITABLE FUNDING

Resolution COW051214

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by L. Halliday that this matter be deferred to a later so that it is reviewed just prior to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Spring Workshop.

Motion carried unanimously.

LIGHTHOUSE COSTS

This matter was referred to Committee by Council.

There followed some discussion regarding the cost of maintaining and operating the various lighthouse structures that exist in the Municipality.

Resolution COW051215

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans be requested to provide operational costs of the various lighthouses within the Municipality, including Bon Portage Light, and some indication of the disposition status of these lighthouses.

Motion carried unanimously.

COURTROOM LEASE

The Municipality currently leases the courtroom to the Department of Justice at a cost of \$1.00 per year.

Resolution COW051216

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that it be recommended to Council that information about the courtroom in Barrington be provided to our MLA so that he may discuss the lease of the property with the Minister of Justice.

Motion carried unanimously.

The information provided will include what improvements have been done to the courtroom and the Municipal Lock-up, the inspections that have been done, the rent that was previously paid for the facility, and any further security measures that may be required in the future.

FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDING POLICY

Amendments to the Fire Department Funding Policy are recommended to Council. The purpose of making these amendments is so that the Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department will be dealt with on an equal basis as the other fire departments within the Municipality. In order to do this it will be necessary to delete paragraph 15(b) and paragraph 17 from the Fire Department Funding Policy. This will allow the Island & Barrington Passage

amalgamated fire department to finance vehicles and capital purchases as required and approved by the public.

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Resolution COW051217

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the requirement to advertise public meetings in the newspaper and on cable television to discuss area rates as required in paragraphs 4(b) and 11(b) of the Fire Department Funding Policy be deleted.

AFFIRMATIVE

Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson
Larry Stewart
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Sterling Belliveau

Motion carried.

The intention of this motion is to delete the requirement to advertise the public meeting for area rates in the Coast Guard Newspaper and on cable T.V. The requirement to provide individual letters to electors and property owners remains in place.

Resolution COW051218

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that the amendments proposed to the Fire Department Funding Policy for the deletion of paragraph 15(b) and paragraph 17 be approved as proposed.

Motion carried unanimously.

MUNICIPAL RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

An information letter has been provided to all councillors regarding the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund. This information is provided so that councillors are aware of what information needs to be updated prior to applying for grants under this fund.

WOOD'S HARBOUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUEST

Early in 2005 the Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department submitted a letter of request for infrastructure program funding. The Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department wishes to do repairs to its building and the paving in its parking lot, and is requesting that these repairs be funded through the Canada Nova Scotia Infrastructure Program.

Resolution COW051219

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that the request of the Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department be deferred until the application form and business plan template are received from the Infrastructure Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

TOWN OF CLARK'S HARBOUR REQUEST

The Town of Clark's Harbour wishes to discuss matters of common interest with Barrington Municipal Council. They are requesting that a meeting be held early in the new year for this purpose.

It was agreed by consensus of members that a meeting date be arranged.

SNOW REMOVAL ON CAPE SABLE ISLAND

The sentiment was expressed that some residents are unhappy with the way snow is removed from the roads on Cape Sable Island by the Department of Transportation.

Resolution COW051220

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that the Area Supervisor from the Department of Transportation, together with the staff member who is in charge of scheduling snow removal on Cape Sable Island, be requested to meet with the Committee of the Whole Council in January.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 9:09 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting

On website December 20, 2005.

