

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

February 6, 2006

The meeting was called to order by the Warden 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 AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Maria Nicole Fisheries Ltd. Request.
- Guard Rail on Sherose Island.
- Street Lights.

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 two (2) previous meetings held January 16th and January 31st, 2006 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

SEA CADET CORPS REQUEST

Allan Brannen and Trina Norman appeared before the meeting on behalf of the 327 Unicorn Sea Cadet Corps. The corps is requesting the support of the Municipality to become the sponsors of the local cadet corps. Mr. Brannen indicated that the Cadet Corps needs an active sponsor and that the Legion who has been the sponsor in the past has not been active.

Resolution COW060201

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality become the sponsor of the 327 Unicorn Sea Cadet Corps.

Motion carried unanimously.

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CED CENTRE/LIBRARY UPDATE

Mark MacIsaac, the Project Engineer, appeared before the meeting and provided a written update on the project to date. Mr. MacIsaac confirmed that the estimate for adding the eaves troughing and down spouts to the building is approximately \$2,000.00, and that it will be necessary to add another \$400 - \$600 to change the color of the baseboard in the building.

Resolution COW060202

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that an additional \$2,600 cost be added to the CED Centre Library Project for the purchase of and installing eaves troughing and downspouts and changing the color of the baseboard.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed by consensus of members that the columns at the front of the building will be painted white once weather permits. After this is done these columns will be further evaluated to see if additional cosmetic work will be required. Mr. MacIsaac indicated that the completion date for the building is now February 24, 2006. Even though the inside of the building will be completed as of that time, there will still be much work to be done on the outside of the building which will have to wait until weather permits for paving and landscaping to be done. It is anticipated that it will be May or June before the tenants and library will be able to move into the building and the building will be opened to the public.

Having completed his update of the project, Mr. MacIsaac retired from the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

ENTEGRITY WIND SYSTEMS INC.

Mr. Terry Thibideau appeared before the meeting on behalf of Entegritiy Wind Systems Inc. Mr. Thibideau made a power point presentation regarding Entegritiy Wind Systems and their wind turbine generator system. He indicated that these turbines are for commercial use where three phase power is required. Mr. Thibideau indicated that "consistent" wind is required for the efficient generation of power from wind turbines. The wind turbines Mr. Thibideau is selling have 15 metre blades and extend between 60 and 120 feet in the air.

Mr. Thibideau was thanked for making his presentation to Council and will be contacted for further information as necessary.

ISLAND & BARRINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Eugene Nickerson and Dwayne Hunt appeared before the meeting on behalf of the Island and Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department. The fire department will be holding a public meeting requesting that an area rate be put in place for the purpose of purchasing new vehicles. This public meeting will be held on Thursday, February 23, 2006 at the Fire Hall in Centreville.

A report of the activities of the fire department was provided to members prior to the meeting. Also provided to the members of the meeting was a draft letter to the electors and property owners in the district. It is estimated that the area rate required to be put in place will be 3.8 cents per \$100.00 of assessment. The fire department wishes to purchase a new pumper at a cost of \$245,000.00 and a new tanker at a cost of \$225,000.00 and a chassis which will be used as their rescue vehicle at a cost of \$85,000.00. As a result, it will be necessary to finance \$575,000.00 towards these purchases which will be repaid through an area rate.

There then followed much discussion regarding the business occupancy tax. Business occupancy assessments that will be reduced over the next five years. This will have some effect on the area rate being proposed by the department.

Having completed their presentation, the representatives of the Island & Barrington Volunteer Fire Department retired from the meeting.

SHAG HARBOUR/BEAR POINT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ricky Banks and Jason Shand appeared before the meeting on behalf of the Shag Harbour/Bear Point Volunteer Fire Department. The Fire Department wishes to hold a public meeting in order to have an area rate put in place. At present they have a 1986 truck and a 1991 truck. They wish to replace the 1986 vehicle with a new truck at a cost of approximately \$195,000.00. The Fire Department will borrow \$70,000.00 from the Royal Bank, and they have \$30,000.00 which they have saved which they will use towards this purchase. They are requesting an area rate to be put in place to raise the additional \$95,000.00 required. This financing will require an area rate in the range of 3 to 4 cents per \$100.00 of assessment. The Fire Department wishes to hold a public meeting on Wednesday, March 1, 2006 to discuss the area rate with ratepayers and electors.

Having completed their presentation, the Fire Department members then retired from the meeting.

OLD FURNITURE

This matter has already been reported on by Councillor Halliday in her School Steering Team Report at the last Council meeting.

TAX WRITE-OFFS

The business occupancy taxes in the name of Roland L. and Rhonda L. Brannen are deemed to be uncollectible. This account has been taken to Small Claims Court and a judgement obtained.

Resolution COW060203

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Halliday that it be recommended to Council that the balance of the business occupancy taxes in the name of Roland L. and Rhonda L. Brannen, who operated a business in Barrington Passage called Northern Pro Outfitters, be written off as uncollectible.

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

Motion carried.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAW NO. 13 “TRADE AND LICENCING”

Proposed amendments to By-Law No. 13 were circulated to members prior to the meeting for their consideration.

There followed some discussion regarding the proposed amendments and the proposed charges for companies selling automotive vehicles in the Municipality.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that the fee for vehicular sales in the Municipality be raised to \$1,000.00.

Resolution COW060204

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that consideration of these amendments be deferred until further information can be obtained regarding similar fees in other municipal units in the area.

Motion carried unanimously.

MUNICIPAL GRANTS POLICY & COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL POLICY

Resolution COW060205

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that these two matters be deferred to a future meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

B.M.H.S. FACILITY USE AGREEMENT

A draft Facility Use Agreement was circulated to members for their information and consideration. This agreement has previously been reviewed by the Municipal Solicitor. The agreement was drafted by Municipal Staff in consultation with the School Principal.

Resolution COW060206

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality approve the draft B.M.H.S. Facility Use Agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

CLOSED SESSION

Conflict of Interest

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger declared conflict of interest and left the room until the completion of the Closed Session.

Members entered into Closed Session in order to discuss a legal matter.

Having completed their discussion, members then returned to Open Session and Councillor Messenger was asked to return to the meeting.

SOUTH WEST WIND RESOURCE ASSESSMENT

A disc received from the South West Shore Development Authority was shown to members. This disc contains the South West Shore Wind Resource Assessment that has been completed by consultants. The assessment indicates that favourable conditions exist on Cape Sable Island, at Baccaro Point and on the Blanche peninsula, within the Municipality of Barrington, for the establishment of wind turbine generators. Members were made aware of this information so that it can be used when considering the establishment of wind turbine generators in the Municipality.

C & D LANDFILL WORK SCHEDULE

Members were informed that the staff at the C & D Landfill have drafted a schedule so that the landfill can be open from Monday to Saturday each week. The open hours would be Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

It was the consensus of members that they would like to see the C & D Landfill open every day of the week from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except Sunday.

Staff will redraft the schedule to accommodate this.

MARIA NICOLE FISHERIES REQUEST

Maria Nicole Fisheries wishes to infill along the shore on its property. This property is located next to the UFO Site in Shag Harbour. It was suggested that the Municipality be sure that the sewer outflow from the Wood's Harbour Sewage Treatment Plant not be interfered with by such infilling. This matter will be brought up and directed to the Federal Government Department requiring comment.

GUARDRAIL ON SHEROSE ISLAND

Residents are requesting that a guardrail be placed on the Department of Transportation Road to Sherose Island at the sharp turn when approaching the Island. It is suggested that the guardrail be placed on both sides of the road at this point. The road floods somewhat in this area when there are tidal surges.

Resolution COW060207

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that it be recommended to Council that the Department of Transportation assess the situation at the Sherose Island Road to determine whether or not a guardrail or other corrective action is required in the area where tidal surges encroach on the road, and that the Municipality be informed of what action the Department of Transportation intends in this matter.

Motion carried unanimously.

STREET LIGHTS

It was requested that the street lights in District 5 be checked to ensure that they are operational.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:48 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary for the Meeting

On website February 8, 2006.