

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

**April 18, 2006**

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 (7:09 p.m.)
- Larry Stewart
- Sean Strang
  
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
- Andrew Goreham, Building Inspector
- Brian O'Connor, Property Services Supervisor
- Rodney Shand, Sewage Treatment Plant Operator
- Diane Smith, Visitor Information Centre Manager
- Cameron Whiteway, C & D Landfill Manager

### ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- RDA Meeting.
- Spring Clean-Up.
- Old Post Road.
- Long Term Care Committee.
- Mileage Rate.
- Sidewalk Estimates.
- CED Centre.
- B.M.H.S. Property.
- Tax Clerk Vacancy.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the minutes of the last previous meeting held April 3, 2006 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

The managers of the various departments presented their proposed budgets for the 2006/2007 fiscal year to the committee for their information and review. During these presentations, committee members asked various questions regarding these budgets in order to obtain explanations for various points.

The budget presentations were continued until 10:00 p.m. at which time they were completed and the managers then retired from the meeting.

### LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN

The Continuing Care Steering Committee has requested that Council support a letter writing campaign from residents of the Municipality for the expansion of Bay Side Home. The Municipality is being requested to provide 1000 copies of a form letter so that residents can send copies of this letter to the Minister of Health. Council is also being requested to support the letter writing campaign.

Members were also informed at this time that Janet Simm, who has been working with the Steering Committee on behalf of the Department of Health, has resigned her employment with the Province.

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by F. Bower that it be recommended to Council that a form letter to the Minister of Health supporting expansion of Bay Side Home be supported by Council and that 1000 copies be provided to the committee by the Municipality.

### Resolution COW060411

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Strang that consideration of this motion be deferred until the next subsequent Council meeting, and that a copy of the letter be requested from the chairman of the Steering Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed that Warden Belliveau would request a copy of the letter from the chairman.

### AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 10, POLICY NO.8

Section 10 of Policy No. 8 deals with the rates paid to municipal employees and to municipal councillors for meals while travelling on municipal business.

Resolution COW060412

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by F. Bower that the proposed rates to be paid for meals be amended to be the equivalent of the rates paid by the federal government to their employees, and that no receipts be required. Federal government rates are:

- Breakfast - \$12.50
- Lunch - \$12.00
- Dinner - \$33.60

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Fred Bower  
Eddie Nickerson  
Donna Messenger  
Larry Stewart

**NEGATIVE**

Sterling Belliveau  
Louise Halliday  
Sean Strang

Motion carried.

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE**

It was agreed by consensus of members that the Council meeting scheduled for April 24, 2006 would be rescheduled to Wednesday, April 26, 2006. On Monday, April 24, 2006, the Municipality's Volunteer Dinner is being held and councillors wish to attend that dinner.

Eastlink will be informed of the change in date of the meeting.

**SCHEDULE OF FEES**

The Schedule of Fees for the last two weeks was circulated to members for their information and review.

**OLD POST ROAD**

It was suggested to a councillor by a resident of Old Post Road that Old Post Road be closed to traffic by 18-wheelers.

Members were informed that signs have recently been posted at Old Post Road imposing weight restrictions on vehicles for that road. The resident will be informed of this by the councillor.

**ERMES SUPPER**

Members were informed that there will be a supper at the Evelyn Richardson Memorial Elementary School on Friday, May 5, 2006. Members are invited to attend this supper at no cost. Members are requested to inform Councillor Halliday if they wish to attend.

#### SOUTH WEST SHORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING

There is a South West Shore Development Authority meeting being held at the Clare Social Club tomorrow. This is their regular monthly meeting. The Warden was uncertain whether or not he would be able to attend and requested that another member attend in his place. He will make arrangements with an alternate councillor to attend if he is unable to be there.

#### TAX CLERK VACANCY

Municipal Policy requires that the Tax Clerk vacancy be posted internally for a period of two weeks. It was agreed by consensus of members that this posting will be done in the immediate future.

#### CED CENTRE

Members were brought up to date on the progress at the CED Centre/Library. At the present time the permanent power is still not connected to the building. It is expected that this will be done on Friday, April 21, 2006. This has been confirmed by Germain Mechanical & Electrical.

The contractor informed the Municipal Clerk that site work will again be started during the current week and should be finished over a period of the next six weeks, and will be completed by the proposed June 15<sup>th</sup> completion date.

#### B.M.H.S. PROPERTY

Members were brought up to date regarding the high school property that will be returned to the Municipality on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The following items are of concern:

1. Many of the classrooms are locked and there are no keys presently available. It is anticipated that the exterior doors will be re-keyed and a master key will be provided to the Municipality which will operate all exterior doors. It is also anticipated, and this will be confirmed with the School Board, that the interior doors will not be locked, and therefore keys will not be required.
2. There are 100 to 150 used computers in the building that are no longer of any use. The School Board will have to dispose of these computers prior to turning the building over to the Municipality.
3. There are many chemicals in the chemistry lab. These chemicals together with specimens contained in bottles in the labs must be disposed of by the School Board prior to turning the building over to the Municipality.
4. There are many books and old papers both in the new building and in the old building. These will also have to be disposed of by the School Board prior to turning the building over to the Municipality.
5. Security may be a concern at the site. It will be necessary for the Municipality to board up the windows, at least the windows on the ground floor of the building, and to block off traffic access to the property so that access is restricted. This will be necessary in order to prevent any vandalism to the exterior of the building.

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It will be necessary to take these measures as soon as possible once the building is turned over to the Municipality.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 11:00 p.m.

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Chairman

Secretary for the Meeting

**On website April 19, 2006.**

