

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

May 1, 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
- Louise Halliday
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Eddie Nickerson
- Larry Stewart
- Sean Strang

Absent was Deputy Warden Bower due to work commitments.

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Library
- Wilson's Award
- Walking Trail
- Sea Cadets
- Black Watch Paintball

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 L. Stewart that the minutes of the last previous meeting held April 18, 2006 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

INTERVIEW RE: CAMPAIGN FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE FORESTRY

Mrs. Joanne Cook appeared before the committee on behalf of the Ecology Action Centre in order to inform members of their campaign for Environmentally Responsible Forestry. Mrs. Cook made a slide presentation and requested a letter of endorsement for the proposed policy of the Ecology Action Centre which will be forwarded to the Department of Natural Resources. She also informed members that the Ecology Action Centre representatives will be speaking to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities next week regarding this policy. The Department of Natural Resources is currently developing a ten (10) year plan on forestry strategy for the

province.

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Having completed her presentation, Mrs. Cook retired from the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Ray Green, our Recreation Director, appeared before the meeting for the purpose of presenting his proposed budget for the coming year. Mr. Green reviewed the revenues and expenditures for the Recreation Department and also the proposed capital purchases required for the Department for the coming year.

At 8:10 p.m. Mr. Green retired from the meeting.

SPRUCE DRIVE

The proposed upgrade of Spruce Drive was referred to the committee by Council. Mr. Steven Devine and Mr. Jim Nickerson appeared before the committee in order to discuss this matter. Engineering estimates have been received in the amount of \$7,200.00 for the topographical survey and design work for the upgrade of Spruce Drive.

After much discussion it was agreed that a draft petition would be prepared and circulated to the residents of Spruce Drive to determine if they are willing to pay an amount up to \$600.00 per year for a period of ten (10) years in order to have Spruce Drive road taken over and upgraded by the Municipality. This petition will be prepared by Municipal Staff and circulated to members with the assistance of Mr. Devine.

Having completed their discussion of this matter, Mr. Devine and Mr. Nickerson retired from the meeting.

SIDEWALK ESTIMATES

Members were informed that estimates to continue the present sidewalk in Barrington Passage have been received. To construct the sidewalk from the end of the present sidewalk up to and across the front of the new library building will be in excess of \$54,000.00. To continue the sidewalk from that location to the end of the Barrington Bargain Centre property would be an additional \$50,000.00.

Resolution COW060501

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that the construction of sidewalks be referred to the budget process for further evaluation.

Motion carried unanimously.

SOCCER FIELD AT B.M.H.S.

Correspondence has been received from Mr. David Atwood the President of the Barrington Area Soccer Association. In his correspondence Mr. Atwood informs members that it will be necessary to maintain the soccer field at the Barrington Municipal High School for the use of the

Soccer Association. Because of the number of children playing soccer in the area it will be necessary to maintain the use of this field even after the field at the new high school is put in use.

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POLICE ACT AND REGULATIONS

Members were informed that the new Police Act and Regulations require that an Advisory Committee be put in place. This Advisory Committee will provide input and information to the local R.C.M.P. Detachment Commanding Officer. At the present time Council meets with the local detachment Commanding Officer for this purpose, and will continue to serve as the Advisory Committee to the local R.C.M.P. Detachment.

TRI COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

As yet no representative has been put forward by Council for the Tri County Housing Authority.

CAPITAL PURCHASES

Two of the capital purchases that are proposed by the Property Services Department should be addressed prior to the beginning of summer. The first is the need for an additional truck. It is felt by the Property Services Manager that an additional truck is necessary as soon as possible. This truck would be used in the Property Services Department and would allow the Property Services Department to give the half ton truck to the By-Law Enforcement Officer for his continued use. The second purchase that is necessary is a ride-on lawnmower. The lawnmower should be purchased as soon as possible as the grass is now growing and the lawnmower will be required in the very near future.

After much discussion it was agreed by committee that the purchase of a truck would be included in the budget considerations, and that further information regarding the need for an additional lawnmower should be provided to the committee. This information should include the reasons why a second ride-on lawnmower of commercial quality is required, and how many hours is spent mowing each week. This will help determine the need for the additional lawnmower.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Information was circulated to members on the requests for Grants to Organizations which will be included in the coming budget and also on Community Grant requests to be included in the coming budget.

Members discussed and reviewed many of these grant applications. It was agreed that the grant applications would be further discussed during the budget process.

Resolution COW060502

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that a minimum of \$21,000.00 be included in the coming years' fiscal budget for community grants.

Motion carried unanimously.

PROPERTY SERVICES AND WASTEWATER SERVICES

A memo was circulated to members suggesting that the Wastewater Services Group become part of the Property Services Department and report to the Property Services Manager.

Having the Wasterwater Services operate as a part of the Property Services Department would provide for more cooperation and coordination in the scheduling of staff and use of vehicles in both departments.

There was general consensus that this would provide better use of municipal employees and better provision of services to taxpayers.

This matter will be further discussed at a subsequent meeting of the committee.

GOVERNANCE STUDY

This matter was referred to committee by Council. The Governance Study for Team Shelburne has been a matter of continuing discussion and review by municipal units. After much discussion it was the general consensus of members that the present proposals for the Governance Study provided by Team Shelburne are unacceptable. It was the consensus of the committee that the Warden suggest to Team Shelburne that:

1. There is a need for a County-Wide Economic Development Agency
2. The County-wide Economic Development Agency should be initiated and organized by, but not limited to, the businesses of the County through the Shelburne & Area Chamber of Commerce and the Barrington & Area Chamber of Commerce.
3. The municipal units should be invited to participate when required and should be invited to have representatives if they so wish on the Development Agency.
4. Any proceeds from the sale of the Shelburne Youth Centre should be divided among the municipal units on a per capita basis for the use of municipal councils as they deem necessary.

This information will be communicated by the Warden to Team Shelburne at their next meeting.

NORTH EAST POINT WHARF

Correspondence has been received from the Municipal Solicitor indicating that in Section 355 of the Municipal Government Act, it is stated that: "all docks, quays, wharfs, slips, breakwaters, and other structures connected with the shore of any part of a municipality are within the boundaries of the Municipality". As such, the wharfs at North East Point are therefore subject to the Dangerous and Unsightly Premises Provisions of the Municipal Government Act. This matter will be further pursued by the Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer in order to have the state

of these wharfs addressed by the owners.

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ENERGY CONFERENCE

The Nova Scotia Chambers of Commerce is hosting an Energy Conference on May 12th and 13th, 2006, in Yarmouth. Members have been invited to attend this conference at no charge. Unfortunately, the timing of this conference conflicts with the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Spring Conference being held at Digby Pines. As a result no interest has been expressed in this conference.

LIBRARY

There was some discussion among members regarding the lighting to be installed at the Library. It is felt that more lighting will be required along the pond in front of the Library. The engineer has been requested to appear before the Committee of the Whole Meeting on May 15, 2006, at which time lighting will be further discussed with him.

WILSON'S AWARD

A local business, Wilson's Shopping Centre Limited, has received the Walter Hachborn Award from Home Hardware Stores Ltd. This award is given to a store that is deemed to be the #1 Home Hardware Store in Canada. Wilson's Shopping Centre received this award for the 2005 fiscal year.

SEA CADET REQUEST

The Unicorn Sea Cadet Squadron is having its closing ceremonies on May 27th. The Sea Cadets are requesting the use of the Barrington Municipal Arena for their closing ceremonies.

Resolution COW060503

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the request of the Sea Cadets to hold their closing ceremonies at 11:00 a.m., on Saturday, May 27, 2006, at the Barrington Municipal Arena, be granted as requested, and that Councillor Messenger attend on behalf of the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

BLACK WATCH PAINTBALL

Correspondence has been received by email from Black Watch Paintball indicating the cost of insurance coverage for a paintball field. It is proposed by the proponents that they have insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.

Resolution COW060504

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality accept the proposal of Black Watch Paintball for coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for the paintball field which will be located on municipal property provided to the proponents.

AFFIRMATIVE

Sterling Belliveau
Louise Halliday
Donna Messenger
Eddie Nickerson
Larry Stewart

NEGATIVE

Sean Strang

Motion carried.

WALKING TRAIL

The nature trail located at Sherose Island needs to be trimmed and have windfalls removed. This will be done by Property Services Staff in the very near future.

FIRE DEPARTMENT STATEMENTS

A summary of Fire Department Statements was circulated to all members by email today. The financial information on fire departments is provided for councillors to review.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:40 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary for the Meeting

On website May 2, 2006.

