

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

September 18, 2006

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson at 7:05 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Louise Halliday, Chairperson
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Eddie Nickerson (7:10 p.m.)
- Larry Stewart
- Sean Strang

Vacancies in Districts 1 and 4.

- Brian Holland, Clerk-Treasurer

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Reverse Trade Show
- Medical Students
- Request for Tables
- Tenders Re: BRCC Insulation and Barrington Passage Sidewalk Extension.
- Fall Clean-up
- Paying for Doctor's Lunch
- Risk Management Course - September 21, 2006
- UNSM Resolutions
- Clerk's Evaluation.
- Curling Rink
- Cheque Presentation

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the minutes of the last previous meeting held September 5, 2006, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### PHYSICIAN INCENTIVE PROGRAM

A draft of a proposed Physician Incentive Program was previously circulated to members for their perusal and consideration. The draft was discussed at length by members. It was suggested that rather than providing a residence for prospective physicians an alternative may be to provide a living allowance.

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It was also suggested that a committee be set up to deal with physicians. It was also suggested that alternatives should be listed in the program.

Resolution COW060910

**Moved** by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that the Community Health Care Advisory Committee be requested to provide a number of alternative proposals for a Physician Incentive Program for Council to act on.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Physician Incentive Program had been previously circulated to members of the Community Health Care Advisory Committee and this Committee will be informed by Councillors sitting on the Committee what is being requested by Council.

It was also suggested in the subsequent discussion that a substantial high school scholarship be provided to students who are interested in medicine when entering university.

There was much discussion regarding the graduating doctors and doctors who may be visiting the area in the near future.

As a result of this discussion, the Warden agreed to speak to Dr. Lee and Dr. O'Connor and to Earl Sears who is a graduating doctor. She will speak to these people as soon as possible in the near future. Mayor Stoddard and Warden Halliday will be taking Dr. Lee to lunch and discussing his role in our community.

Resolution COW060911

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality pay the cost of providing lunch for Dr. Lee.

Motion carried unanimously.

CSI SEWER

Members requested that further financial information be calculated for alternatives for Cape Sable Island Sewer. These alternatives would include the funding of the sewer system in the following manner:

- \$400,000.00 from the Gas Tax Funds being provided to the Municipality over the next period of years.
- \$85,000.00 per year from the General Tax Revenues and the remaining cost through the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Works Program.

Using these sources of financing a charge per unit will be calculated for each alternative being considered by members.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT SURVEY

The Recreation Department survey will be further addressed as part of the Capital Investment Planning Program that must be devised in the very near future by the Municipality.

To this end, the Clerk-Treasurer will be attending a meeting in Halifax, tomorrow morning at 11:00 a.m. which is being hosted by the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation. This meeting will be introducing a Capital Investment Planning Pilot Project for Municipalities.

MIKE HENNIGAR REQUEST

Correspondence has been received from the Municipal Solicitor providing advice in regards to the various questions relating to the request of Mr. Hennigar.

The Clerk-Treasurer summarized the advice received for members. Members then agreed to further discuss the matter in closed session.

WRITE OFFS

Due to the accounts being deemed uncollectible, the following write-offs were considered by the Committee.

Resolution COW060912

**Moved** by L. Stewart and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the balance of business occupancy tax assessed to Tracey Vallis be written off as uncollectible.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW060913

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by E. Nickerson that it be recommended to Council that the invoice in the name of Loran Smith (Clyde Riverside Carpentry) outstanding in the amount of \$517.48 for the deposit of waste at the C. & D. Landfill site be written off as uncollectible.

Motion carried unanimously.

Both Tracey Vallis and Loran Smith have declared bankruptcy.

KEVIN HOLLAND REQUEST

Members were informed that the Tri-County District School Board has previously given the opportunity for all schools in the School Board area to salvage whatever materials they wished out of the former Barrington Municipal High School. Some of the local schools had already taken advantage of this offer.

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Members were also informed that the Shelburne County Learning Network damaged one of their “white boards” in the process of moving to their new location and as a result wish to obtain a white board from the former Barrington Municipal High School.

Resolution COW060914

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that three white boards be provided to Lockeport Regional High School, Teacher Kevin Holland, for use in the school and that another white board be provided to the Shelburne County Learning Network.

Motion carried unanimously.

BLANCHE BALLFIELD

Members were informed that the Blanche Ballfield located on the Cape Negro Road is no longer being used for recreational purposes and as such should be removed from the Tax Exemption By-law.

Consideration of this matter will be further deferred until after a new Councillor is elected in District 4.

PUBLIC SAFETY LIAISON COMMITTEE

Correspondence has been received from Emergency Health Services suggesting that a Public Safety Liaison Committee be set up in Shelburne County.

Resolution COW060915

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that this request be referred to the Joint Emergency Measures Co-ordinator for evaluation to determine whether or not this committee is necessary and how it should be set up and whether or not the Joint EMO should participate in it. Correspondence will also be forwarded to the Town of Clarks Harbour.

Motion carried unanimously.

NATIONAL FIRE CODE

Members were informed that the 2005 National Fire Code will be adopted by the Province as of October, 2006. This Fire Code will apply to construction in the Municipality of Barrington.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

The Schedule of Fees for the previous 2 weeks were circulated to members for their information.

It was noted by a member that Deputy Clerk, Lesa Rossetti, takes time off rather than being paid for meetings fees.

### CURLING RINK

It was suggested by a member that the wall between the ice surface and the lounge area should be checked for insulation to determine whether or not insulation is required there. This will affect the price of the tender.

### REVERSE TRADE SHOW

Members were informed that a request has been received to participate in a Reverse Trade Show at the Nova Scotia Community College in Shelburne. At the present time there are no municipal staff available nor are there any props available for participating in this Trade Show and as a result the Municipality will not be participating.

### MEDICAL STUDENTS

A representative from Dr. Yee's office has called indicating that he will be hosting medical students from Dalhousie University again at his office. Dr. Yee is requesting the Municipality to once again pay the cost of lodging for these medical students while they are in the area.

The medical students who will be attending at his office are: Aaron McCarvill from February 12<sup>th</sup> to March 2, 2007 and Sarah Conrad from June 25<sup>th</sup> to August 23, 2007.

#### Resolution COW060916

**Moved** by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality pay the lodging for medical students practicing at Dr. Yee's Office during the 2007 fiscal year.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Resolution COW060917

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality inform Dr. Yee that Councillors would like to informally meet with the medical students while practicing out of his office during 2007, and obtain information concerning their hobbies, interests, etc. as well as e-mail addresses in order that the Municipality may contact them in regards to their possible relocation to this area.

Motion carried unanimously.

### REQUEST FOR TABLES

Correspondence has been received from the Wesleyan Church in Woods Harbour requesting 4 tables from the Municipality. The Municipality salvaged 4 tables from the former Barrington Municipal High School when the school was returned to the Municipality.

Resolution COW060918

**Moved** by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that 4 tables from the former BMHS be donated to the Woods Harbour Wesleyan Church Sunday School.

Motion carried unanimously.

SIDEWALK TENDER

Only one tender had been previously received for the construction of the sidewalk in Barrington Passage. The Municipality had budgeted \$54,000.00 for this project and the most recent estimate received from the engineers for the project was \$76,000.00. The tender received was in excess of \$196,000.00. Due to the cost of the tender, an alternative method of proceeding with the project must be pursued.

Resolution COW060919

**Moved** by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the tender received from Harlow Construction Limited in the amount of \$196,875.00 for the extension of the Barrington Passage Sidewalk not be accepted since it far exceeds funds budgeted for the project.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW060920

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality re-tender the Barrington Passage Sidewalk Project requesting three separate prices for three difference sections of the project and that the project be advertised on the Construction Association Website and the Nova Scotia Government Website and the Vanguard and Coast Guard Newspapers.

Motion carried unanimously.

FALL CLEAN-UP

Correspondence has been received from the Municipal Waste Collector indicating that he will be conducting the Fall Clean-up during the week of October 16<sup>th</sup> - 20, 2006. There then followed some discussion regarding this clean-up and its completion within the specified time.

Resolution COW060921

**Moved** by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the Municipal Waste Collector be thanked for his co-operation in the Spring and Fall Clean-ups and advised that Council agrees to the Fall Clean-up being carried out during the week of October 16-20, 2006, providing the Clean-up is actually completed during the specified time and that if necessary a different approach will be done during the next Clean-up.

Motion carried unanimously.

RISK MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

Members were reminded that there will be a Risk Management Seminar held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2006, in the Municipal Building for Councillors and Staff.

UNSM RESOLUTIONS

The UNSM Resolution 6A being considered at the Fall Conference deals with health care costs. This resolution was discussed at length by members and it was the consensus of members that representatives of the Municipality should vote in the negative on this particular resolution as it may affect the ability of the Municipality to co-operate with the District Health Authority in funding local health care costs.

CLERK'S EVALUATION

It was agreed by members of the Committee that the Clerk's evaluation would be completed by the middle of November using the format previously used. Forms will be sent out for this purpose in the near future.

RBC CHEQUE PRESENTATION

The Royal Bank of Canada will be presenting a cheque for \$1,000.00 to the Friends of the Library on Thursday, September 21, 2006. The Warden will attend the presentation on behalf of the Municipality.

PREMIER

Members were informed that the Premier will be in the local area on Friday, September 22, 2006, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. visiting local businesses.

CLOSED SESSION

Members entered into closed session for the purpose of discussing the potential sale of municipal property in Oak Park and property on Highway 103 near Clyde River and for the purpose of discussing a possible legal agreement with Hennigar Construction.

Members then reentered open session having completed their discussion in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was then adjourned by mutual consent of members at 11:10.

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Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting

