

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

October 2, 2006

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

- Louise Halliday
 - George El-Jakl
 - Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
 - Eddie Nickerson
 - Larry Stewart (7:05 p.m.)
 - Sean Strang
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department
- Sick Leave Policy
- Community Grant Request

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl 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 September 18, 2006 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

R.C.M.P. INTERVIEW

Sgt. Bill Mooney and Cst. David Toope appeared before the committee for the purpose of discussing policy services in the Municipality.

Various items were discussed with the R.C.M.P. officers, including, the upcoming Halloween at the end of the month, the D.A.R.E. program normally conducted at the High School, and the September Report that was provided by Sgt. Mooney. This is a written report of monthly statistics for R.C.M.P. calls in the Municipality. The various increases and decreases in different categories of calls were noted and discussed by members with the R.C.M.P. members.

Also discussed were other matters brought up by the residents of the Municipality, including, speeding in the Barrington area and the presence of small electrically powered scooters on the road in the Barrington area.

It was also indicated by members that a new Cpl, Mr. Doug Brannen, who is a native of Wood's Harbour, is scheduled to arrive in the area not later than November 23rd.

Having completed their discussion of these matters, the R.C.M.P. then retired from the meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INTERVIEW

Mr. Benny Acker, Area Supervisor for the Department of Transportation appeared before the committee for the purpose of discussing Department of Transportation issues. Issues that were discussed with Mr. Acker included:

1. Pope's Road in Wood's Harbour is in need of grading.
2. There is a hole in Post Office Road and water is laying in the ditches. The hole in Post Office Road is near Civic #6530.
3. The old Oak Park Road that extends from Barrington to Wood's Harbour through the woods is not maintained in the Barrington area. Mr. Acker indicated that this road is considered a "K" class road in Shelburne County, but it is considered an "I" class road in Yarmouth County. The difference is that "I" class roads are roads that are normally maintained by the Department of Transportation and "K" class roads are Department of Transportation roads that are not normally maintained. Mr. Acker indicated that he will have the bushes cut back along the Old Oak Park Road within Shelburne County.
4. It was indicated to Mr. Acker that the shoulder of the road is in need of repair between the Old School House Restaurant and the Rebecca Lodge in Barrington Passage. Mr. Acker will look at this section of shoulder to determine what is necessary.
5. Mr. Acker was informed that Council has received a request to place a crosswalk at Bay Vista Apartments. Mr. Acker provided Council with the guidelines from the Highway Operations Manual of the Department of Transportation. These guidelines indicate how the Department of Transportation determines where and when crosswalks are required.

Resolution COW061001

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to Mr. Greg Newell, the Area Supervisor for the Department of Transportation, requesting that a crosswalk be considered for the area immediately adjacent to Bay Vista Apartments, and that Mr. Newell be informed that new apartments and a new facility are being constructed at the former I.O.O.F. Hall adjacent to the Bay Vista Apartments.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Mr. Acker was informed that a phone call had been received from a Mrs. Victor Ross requesting that gravel be placed at their driveway. Mr. Acker has spoken with Mrs. Ross in the past and will further investigate this matter to determine what course of action should be taken.
7. Mr. Acker informed members that the road sign that was down in Port LaTour has now been installed again in its proper location.

8. Mr. Acker was informed that the Municipality had received a call from a resident indicating there are holes in the road at the end of the Cripple Creek Road near where it meets the wharf. Mr. Acker will investigate this matter to determine what action is necessary.
9. Mr. Acker was informed that there is a hole in the pavement in North East Point near the intersection of the Stoney Island Road. Mr. Acker again will inspect this and determine what action is required.

Having completed his discussion of transportation issues, Mr. Acker retired from the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

TEAM SHELBURNE

The most recent copy of the Governance Study for Team Shelburne was circulated to members for their information. This is the study that contains the Governance Plan that was approved by Team Shelburne at their most recent meeting. Members were advised that it will be necessary to appoint a councillor to Team Shelburne.

It was the consensus of members that a councillor would be appointed at the same time as a public member is appointed, which will not be done until after applications have been received in response to the appropriate advertisement.

COMMUNITY GRANT REQUEST

A Community Grant Request has been received from the Stoney Island Community Hall. They wish to do renovations which include installing a new front door and repairing the sills in the vicinity of the front door.

Resolution COW061002

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality provide a grant in the amount of \$1,100.00 from the District 5 Community Grant Funds to the Stoney Island Community Hall for the purpose of repairs to the Hall.

Motion carried unanimously.

SICK LEAVE POLICY

Section 4.05 of the Sick Leave Policy indicates that: “where no other persons other than the employee can provide for the needs during illness of a dependent child or parent not living in the same household, that employee shall also qualify for the same entitlement”. The entitlement that is provided is a maximum of five days accumulated sick leave per annum which may be used for this purpose.

Members were informed that an employee has requested permission to take two days off in order to transport a parent to Halifax and back for a medical appointment. The employee wishes to transport his stepfather for this purpose and has indicated that no other member of the family wishes to take time off work to do so.

It was the consensus of members that the employee qualifies for this time off to do so. The employee will be informed accordingly.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by consensus of members at 9:15 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting

On website October 3, 2006.