

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

October 16, 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, Chairperson
- George El-Jakl
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Eddie Nickerson
- Larry Stewart
- Sean Strang

Town of Clark's Harbour Members:

- Russell Atkinson
 - Cecil Brannen
 - David Beaulieu
 - Matt Swim
 - Sherry Atkinson
 - Irene Baker
 - Brian Crowell
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- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
 - Lesa Jackson, N.S. Department of Justice
 - Bill Mooney, R.C.M.P. Staff Sergeant

R.C.M.P. POLICE ADVISORY BOARDS

Lesla Jackson appeared on behalf of the Department of Justice, together with Mr. Bill Mooney, Staff Sergeant and CO of the local R.C.M.P. Detachment, in order to make a presentation regarding R.C.M. Police Advisory Boards. This presentation was made both to Municipal Councillors and Town Councillors. A copy of the power point presentation was also provided for each councillor present.

CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Jackson requested that the presentation be made in Closed Session as she would be discussing how Police Advisory Boards have proceeded in other communities, and this was a matter still under negotiation as agreements have not been signed with the Province regarding this matter.

The presentation regarding Police Advisory Boards lasted approximately one hour after which time Ms. Jackson and Sergeant Mooney retired from the meeting.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Department of Transportation
- Councillors
- Halloween
- B.M.H.S. property
- Duck Pond
- Recreation Director's Salary
- Physician Agreement
- Tender for Plumber

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 G. El-Jakl that the minutes of the last previous meeting held October 2, 2006 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MIKE HENNIGAR INTERVIEW

Mr. Hennigar appeared before the Committee for the purpose of discussing the extension of the sewer system up Butler's Road, and the extension of the sewer system at the I.O.O.F. Hall in Barrington Passage.

Mr. Hennigar informed members that he did not recognize the Municipality's voting against the cost sharing in these installations. He informed members that he did not accept this rejection and that he felt that it was inappropriate to discuss these matters behind closed doors and make decisions behind closed doors in regards to his requests. Mr. Hennigar said he received no information from Gary Saunders or the Municipal Solicitor. He stated very emphatically that he has not acknowledged that Council discussed anything. He stated that it simply "did not happen". Mr. Hennigar also suggested that the Municipal Planning should be edited to his satisfaction.

Mr. Hennigar stated that he still had a question regarding the financial feasibility as stated in the letter of October 25, 2006. He also stated that he had not received answers to his questions that were contained in his letter of August 29, 2006. Mr. Hennigar requested answers, in writing, to the questions contained in this letter of August 29, 2006. He also requested that he be informed when the private road standards were put in place in the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law. Mr. Hennigar also wished to know what fixtures and equipment were necessary to be installed at the I.O.O.F. Hall location in order to make it financially feasible for the Municipality to extend the sewer system across the road at that location.

Resolution COW061003

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by E. Nickerson that the Municipality refer the possibility of providing financial incentives to developers to the Planning Advisory Committee for further research, review and advice.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hennigar indicated that he would like to have the following questions answered:

1. When were the private road standards incorporated into the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law and Subdivision By-Law?
2. What answers were provided by the Municipal Solicitor to the questions contained in his August 29, 2006 letter?

Having completed his discussion of these matters with the members, Mr. Hennigar retired from the meeting at approximately 10:05 p.m.

STARCI BLADES REQUEST

This matter was referred to the Committee by Council. Starci Blades is going to attend a Model and Talent Search Canada interview in Montreal, from November 10 - 12, 2006, and is requesting funding for this purpose.

Resolution COW061004

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the request from Starci Blades and her parents for funding to attend a Model and Talent Search Canada interview in Montreal on November 10 - 12, 2006 be denied. Council is empathetic towards their need for funding for this purpose and wishes Starci the best of luck in her trip to Montreal, however, at the present time Municipal Policy does not provide for such donations. Council wishes to extend its congratulations to Starci in having been chosen for this event, and wishes her the best of luck in her participation.

Motion carried unanimously.

HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX PROPERTY

Resolution COW061005

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality exchange a portion of Municipal property in Oak Park with the Tri-County Regional School Board for the High School Annex property in Barrington Passage, which is currently being used by the School Board. By exchanging this property, the Municipality will obtain the Annex property which can be included with the former Barrington Municipal High School property, as one property to be sold for development within the commercial district of Barrington Passage. The Annex property, because of its location in the centre of the commercial district, is deemed to be of greater value than the property being provided to the School Board. The property being provided to the School Board is believed to be of use to them because of its proximity to the new high school.

Motion carried unanimously.

SHELVING REQUEST

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality provide shelves as requested by the Cape Sable Historical Society from the former library building in Barrington Passage.

Motion withdrawn.

Resolution COW061006

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality follow already established Municipal Policy in disposing of shelving and other excess equipment and fixtures owned by the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

WOOD'S HARBOUR WALKING TRAIL

Members were informed that two estimates have been received from the engineers for the construction of a walking trail in Wood's Harbour. This walking trail will include a gravel trail along the former CNR right of way, and a sidewalk along Highway #3 between Cemetery Road and Post Office Road. Two estimates have been received from the engineers. The first estimate is in the amount of approximately \$1,000,000.00 which includes a cement sidewalk along Highway #3. The second estimate is for approximately \$623,000.00 which includes an asphalt sidewalk constructed along Highway #3. It is necessary to submit a revised application to the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund, today, in order to meet their application dates.

Resolution COW061007

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality submit the revised estimates to the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund of \$623,000.00, for an asphalt sidewalk and walking trail along the former CNR right of way in Wood's Harbour.

Motion carried unanimously.

PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT

There was some discussion regarding the use of the Bay Side Home van to provide a vehicle for a tour of the area to visiting physicians. It was deemed by consensus of members unnecessary to use the van at this time.

There was also some discussion regarding physician concerns regarding a proposed agreement with a doctor interested in coming to the area.

RECREATION DIRECTOR'S SALARY

Although the Hiring Committee and Council had previously agreed by consensus on the salary of the new Recreation Director, this matter had not been formally approved by Council.

Resolution COW061008

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by E. Nickerson that it be recommended to Council that the new Recreation Director begin at a salary of \$36,000.00 per year and follow the established salary scale with five (5) equal annual increments over the next five years.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 11:05 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting

On website October 23, 2006.