

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

October 30, 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 (7:12 p.m.)
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

PRESENTATION BY TRUDY AMIRAULT

Trudy Amirault, Executive Director of the Western Counties Regional Library, made a presentation regarding a program entitled *Project for Public Places*. This program is an attempt to enhance the presentation of public places for the entertainment and use of the communities. This program was previously presented to the Western Counties Regional Library Board after which time it was suggested the program be presented to Council for their information.

Information on the program was circulated to all members for their review.

Having completed her presentation, Mrs. Amirault retired from the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

INTERVIEW WITH ERVIN AND AMELIA OLSEN

Ervin and Amelia Olsen appeared before the meeting in order to discuss their business relationship with the Municipality. The Olsens have been renting portable toilets to the Municipality since 1998 when they entered this business. The Municipality's business is an important part of their overall business and they do not wish to lose it. Mr. Olsen indicated that he has provided very good service to the Municipality and has absorbed costs of vandalism and repairs to his rental units over the years without additional charge to the Municipality. This was verified by the Municipal Clerk and can also be verified by the Deputy Clerk. The Olsens have provided good service to the Municipality on a continuing basis since 1998. In order to maintain the business of the Municipality, they would be willing to reduce the cost of rental to the Municipality from \$110.00 per unit to \$75.00 per unit, for six units rented each summer to the Municipality.

The Olsens completed their presentation to the committee and retired from the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

PURCHASE OF TOILETS

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by E. Nickerson that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality meet the Olsens halfway in their proposal of suggested rental fees.

After some discussion this motion was then withdrawn.

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that a letter be sent to the Olsens indicating that the Municipality would continue to rent portable toilets as in the past.

After much discussion this motion was also withdrawn.

It was the consensus of members that Municipal Staff inform the Olsens that the current operation would be continued as it is currently being done, and that no decision is made regarding any tendering of this business in future.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- C.S.I. Sewer.
- Grant Request.
- Invitations.
- Community Health Centre.
- Agendas.
- Closed Session Re: Physician Agreement.

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 G. El-Jakl that minutes of the last previous meeting held October 16, 2006 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

ARCHELAUS SMITH HISTORICAL SOCIETY REQUEST

The Archelaus Smith Historical Society has requested the Municipality to provide a portable toilet to the Society at their museum location for the coming tourist season.

Resolution COW061009

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality provide a portable toilet to the Archelaus Smith Historical Society at their museum for the coming tourist season.

Motion carried unanimously.

FORMER B.M.H.S. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

In response to a Request for Proposals advertised by the Municipality, two envelopes containing proposals were received. These sealed envelopes were opened by the Warden in the presence of members of the Committee.

The first envelope contained a proposal from Anthony Properties Ltd. for the development of the former B.M.H.S. property, including the Annex property.

The second envelope contained a proposal with three options submitted by K. B. Anthony for 3021386 Nova Scotia Limited.

These proposals were read to members and circulated to them for their information.

It was the consensus of members that they would prefer to have some time to review the proposals and further examine them before making any decision regarding acceptance of a proposal.

The proposals will be considered at a subsequent meeting after having been reviewed by members.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN

Information was provided to members regarding the pilot project being conducted by the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation for capital investment plans. It is necessary that municipal units throughout Nova Scotia complete capital investment plans by the end of 2008 in order to continue to obtain the gas tax funds that are being provided by the federal government. Service Nova Scotia also wishes municipal units to complete capital investment plans so that infrastructure funding can be better coordinated throughout the municipal units within the province.

As a result Municipal Staff has begun preparing information for a municipal capital investment plan for our Municipality that will cover the period 2007-2011.

Resolution COW061010

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality adopt a resolution for developing and piloting a capital investment plan that will be coordinated by the Municipal Clerk-Treasurer, and that will follow the model suggested by the Capital Investment Plan Committee chaired by the Municipal Finance Corporation.

Motion carried unanimously.

TMR COVERAGE

This matter was referred to the Committee by Council. Correspondence has been received from Aliant indicating that there will be very little further development of TMR coverage and cellular coverage in certain areas of the Municipality in the very near future.

It was the consensus of members that no action can be taken in this matter at this time.

JOB DESCRIPTION

A job description for a proposed Solid Waste Manager/By-Law Enforcement Officer had previously been circulated to members for their review and discussion.

There was much discussion regarding the proposed changes to this job description. It is now necessary to replace Cameron Whiteway who recently resigned from this position.

It was suggested that the C & D Landfill and Municipal Sewer Services be supervised in future by the Property Services Manager to better coordinate the use of personnel in all of these departments.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that the C & D Landfill responsibilities be removed from the job description for the Solid Waste Manager and By-Law Enforcement Officer.

Resolution COW061011

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that the previous motion be deferred to the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for November 20, 2006.

Motion carried unanimously.

HALLOWEEN

Members were informed of precautions being taken at the former Barrington Municipal High School property.

DUCK POND

There was some question raised as to who will be feeding the ducks over the course of the winter.

The ducks that tend at the duck pond in front of the CED Centre are wild ducks. As a result they fend for themselves and are not harboured by the Municipality or any other public organization. As in previous years, the ducks are able to take care of themselves over the course of the winter.

TENDER FOR PLUMBER

The Municipality does not currently tender for the services of a plumber because in the past when tenders for a plumber have been done there has been no response, and because there is very limited interest in providing this service to the Municipality. At the present time the Municipality obtains services through Brian Lamrock Plumbing and continues to do so whenever necessary.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

It was agreed by consensus of members that a Nominating Committee Meeting would be held on November 20, 2006.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES

It was agreed by consensus of members that the following would attend Remembrance Day Services as listed:

- Barrington Municipal High School, Warden Halliday
- Town of Clark's Harbour, Deputy Warden Nickerson
- Stoney Island Church, Councillor Stewart
- Barrington Cenotaph, Councillor LeBlanc-Messenger
- Wood's Harbour Cenotaph, Councillor El-Jakl

PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT CHART

This matter was deferred to a subsequent meeting of the Committee.

SCHEDULE

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

GRANT REQUEST

This matter was deferred to a subsequent meeting.

INVITATIONS

Correspondence had been received by the Warden regarding several invitations to several meetings and events, one of which was the opening of the new Tri-County Regional School Board offices in Yarmouth on November 3, 2006.

It was deemed by members that it would not be necessary to send any representative to this opening. Municipal Staff will communicate the regrets of Council that no one is able to attend this function. Other seminars and conferences were reviewed by members without pursuing attendance at any.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

A member indicated that water leaking around the front door of the Community Health Centre had been brought to his attention. This matter has previously been addressed by Municipal Staff. It will again be brought up with the Property Services Manager to ensure that it has been corrected.

AGENDA

It was suggested that the Council agenda be revised to indicate that councillor reports will be provided at Council meetings and not committee reports.

The appropriate change will be made.

CLOSED SESSION RE: PHYSICIAN AGREEMENT

Members entered into a Closed Session in order to discuss a proposed physician agreement.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 11:14 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting