

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

August 7, 2007

The meeting was called to order by the Warden 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
  - Wilford Smith
  - Larry Stewart
  - Sean Strang
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- Brian Holland, Municipal

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Landfill.
- Dr. Covington Request.
- Arena Issues.

### 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 MINTUES

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that the minutes of the last previous meeting held July 30, 2007 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### LANDFILL

A member questioned if Harlow Construction had taken the waste from the former McGray Boat Shop to the Municipal C & D Landfill Site and whether or not they had been charged for this waste.

This information will be obtained and provided to members.

DR. COVINGTON REQUEST

Correspondence has been received from Dr. Nancy Covington requesting the Warden to join the Mayors for Peace campaign. Mayors for Peace is an international network of mayors organized for the purpose of abolishing nuclear weapons.

It was the general consensus of members that no action would be recommended on this request at the present time.

R.C.M.P. MONTHLY REPORT

Cpl Doug Brannen appeared before the meeting for the purpose of providing the R.C.M.P.'s monthly report for the month of July.

A written report was submitted and subsequently circulated to members after the meeting.

Cpl Brannen highlighted that there were 15 family relations cases during the month. This is a significant increase. There were also 22 provincial traffic cases which included parades, trailer inspections and other similar events. There were 6 impaired driving offences, one of which resulted in an impounded vehicle. For the month of July 2007 there were 170 total cases compared to 208 for the same month in the previous year.

In Clark's Harobur there were 12 cases compared to 29 for the same month in the previous year.

At the Barrington Municipal High School the parking issue has been resolved with the cooperation of Mr. Joe Crowell, the Traffic Officer with the Department of Transportation, and Constable Dave Toope. The wide shoulder in the area near the school has been eliminated by the Department of Transportation, and a "No Parking" zone has been instituted in the area near the bus turns so that vehicles will not park within a given distance from the bus entry to the high school.

Cpl Brannen indicated that a large number of criminal reference checks are now being done. During the month of July there were 28 criminal record checks completed. He suggested that the Municipality should charge for these checks being done by businesses as is done in other municipal units.

Resolution COW070801

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that Municipal Staff obtain further information regarding the fees charged by other municipal units for criminal records checks.

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl  
Louise Halliday  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Wilford Smith  
Larry Stewart  
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

Having completed his presentation, Cpl Brannen then retired from the meeting.

LABOUR STANDARDS

This matter was referred to committee from a previous meeting.

Information was previously provided to members by email indicating the provisions in the Personnel Policy and the job descriptions for the hours of work for Property Services employees. This information indicated that the Property Services employees would work 40 hours a week, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., each day, Monday to Friday. These hours have been included in the job descriptions prior to the Labour Standards Code changing on April 1, 2007.

Resolution COW070802

**Moved** by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that Property Services employees work an 8 hour day, with a one half hour unpaid break, except for those employees who are required to be available for work on a continuous basis.

AFFIRMATIVE

Louise Halliday  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Wilford Smith  
Larry Stewart  
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl  
Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

As a result of this motion amendments will be made to employee job descriptions.

C.S.I. SEWER

Information was provided to members regarding two additional alternatives for different phases of development of the sewer on Cape Sable Island.

Resolution COW070803

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality submit “the Newellton alternative” (sewer sheds 5, 6, 10 and 11) as Phase I of the Cape Sable Island Sewer Project to the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund for future consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW070804

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that up to \$866,218.00 of Gas Tax Funds be designated for “the Newellton alternative” as Phase I for the C.S.I. Sewer Project, and that this project be submitted to the Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Secretariat for approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW070805

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality contribute from General Tax Revenues towards any sewer projects in any district the equivalent of the commitment made by a previous Council to the Wood's Harbour Sewer System. The contribution from General Tax Revenues will be up to \$300.00 per household for any sewer project in order to maintain the maximum charge per sewer unit at \$300.00 per year in any area.

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl  
Louise Halliday  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Eddie Nickerson  
Larry Stewart  
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Wilford Smith

Motion carried.

BEULAH BURMAN MEMORIAL ANIMAL SHELTER SOCIETY

The information provided by the Society was reviewed by councillors during the previous week. It was indicated during discussion of this matter the various information to be provided to the Society, however, the Society would not be replacing the present service provided by the Yarmouth S.P.C.A. and by our By-Law Enforcement Officer.

Resolution COW070806

**Moved** by S. Strang seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality notify the Beulah Burman Memorial Animal Shelter Society of the program that is currently being followed in the Municipality of Barrington for animal control, and provide them with any information that is available which they have requested.

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl  
Louise Halliday  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Wilford Smith  
Larry Stewart  
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

CLEANING OF HEADSTONES

After much investigation and input from residents both inside and outside the Municipality, it has become apparent that the cleaning of headstones is far more complicated than originally expected.

Having investigated the matter it has been determined that the Municipality does not have the expertise required to provide this service.

Resolution COW070807

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that Municipal Staff contact Elias Huskins and the local Legion to inform them of the information obtained by Municipal Staff, and to determine if it is acceptable to make an annual contribution to the Legion for the purpose of cleaning these headstones, over the next several years.

Motion carried unanimously.

WOOD'S HARBOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

No further information has been brought forward in this matter at this time.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING WITH FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Members agreed to schedule a semi-annual meeting with the fire departments for Wednesday, September 12, 2007, at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

Discussion followed regarding the expansion of the Community Health Centre.

It is the general consensus of members that they wish to expand the Community Health Centre, and they wish to expand only what is required at this time, with the least amount of disruption possible to the current tenants and the public. A draft plan will be prepared by Municipal Staff for this proposed expansion.

SEAL HARVEST

A member indicated that the number of grey seals in the local area is becoming a significant problem which affects the local fishery and as a result the local economy of the area.

Resolution COW070808

**Moved** by W. Smith and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that correspondence be sent to the Provincial and Federal, Ministers of Fisheries, in support of a grey seal harvest because the number of grey seals in the area is now becoming detrimental to the local fishery and to the economy of the area, and that all other municipal units in the province also be requested to send similar letters of support.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

ARENA ISSUES

Scheduling Conflict

Members were informed that the Walk for a Cause event which has been approved for the Arena parking lot on September 28<sup>th</sup> may be in conflict with a proposed Junior C Tournament to be held the same week-end. Members were unaware that the Junior C Tournament was being proposed to be held on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Municipal Staff will attempt to resolve this scheduling conflict in the near future.

Discipline

Members were again shown pictures of the dressing rooms in which teams apparently partied after the end of B League Play-offs at the end of the previous hockey season.

Members discussed how this incident should be dealt with by Municipal Staff.

It was the consensus of members that the Property Services Supervisor be requested to provide a recommendation to the Committee for their review as to how this matter should be dealt with. This will be done in the near future.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 11:07 p.m.

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Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting

**On website August 8, 2007.**