

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

August 20, 2007

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
- Eddie Nickerson
- Wilford Smith
- Larry Stewart
- Sean Strang (8:15 p.m. due to work commitments)

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger was absent due to an illness in the family.

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Port Clyde Fire Department Request.
- Loyalist Landing 2008.
- Closed Session Re: Legal Matter.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by W. Smith that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the minutes of the last previous meeting held August 7, 2007 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

LOBSTER SCULPTURE

Information was provided to members regarding the cost of purchasing a lobster sculpture of approximately 6 feet in height. The information was provided by James MacKay. Additional information on the construction of a lobster sculpture is still to be received from another supplier.

Resolution COW070809

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the committee when more information is available.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Accident insurance was recently put in place for municipal councillors. This accident insurance states that in the event of death, if the deceased person is survived by a spouse, indemnity for death is payable to such spouse, otherwise to the deceased person's estate.

WOOD'S HARBOUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

No further information has been received from the fire department regarding their building.

Correspondence has been delivered this evening by Councillor El-Jakl. In this correspondence the Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department is requesting the Municipality to provide \$2,449.81 in the form of a grant for the purpose of reimbursing the fire department for construction of a wet hydrant in the Wood's Harbour area.

Resolution COW070810

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality provide \$2,449.81 to reimburse the Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department for the construction of a fire hydrant in the Wood's Harbour area, and that these funds be provided in the 2008/2009 municipal budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW070811

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that a grant of \$500.00 be provided from the District 1 Community Grants Fund to the Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department for the purpose of paying the cost of constructing a fire hydrant in the Wood's Harbour area.

Motion carried unanimously.

SOFTWARE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS

It is proposed that the Island & Barrington Passage and Shag Harbour/Bear Point fire departments are currently using record keeping software for their departments. This software provides detailed records on all fire fighter activities verifying the amount and substance of training provided to them.

It is suggested that this software be provided by the Municipality at Municipal expense to all of the fire departments.

Resolution COW070812

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by G. El-Jakl that provision of record keeping software for the fire departments be placed on the agenda for the next meeting with the fire departments, and that all fire departments be informed that this matter will be discussed.

Motion carried unanimously.

DISCOVER SHELBURNE COUNTY ADVERTISING

Discover Shelburne County wishes to determine whether or not the Municipality is interested in placing an ad in the Doers and Dreamers Guide. This ad would be part of a full page to be taken up in the Doers and Dreamers Guide for all of Shelburne County.

Resolution COW070813

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Discover Shelburne County be informed that the Municipality has already contributed \$2,000.00 to Destination Southwest Nova Scotia in support of tourism initiatives, and at this time will not be placing additional advertising in the Doers and Dreamers Guide.

Motion carried unanimously.

FCM ACCOMMODATIONS

The 2008 FCM Conference will be held from May 30th to June 2nd, in Quebec City. Four rooms will be booked as soon as possible.

Members will confirm their attendance as soon as they are able.

WASTE FROM MCGRAY'S BOAT SHOP

The McGray Boat Shop was recently torn down. The waste from the boat shop was deposited at the C & D Landfill Site. Mr. Angus Goodwin went to the site and deposited the waste on behalf of McGray's Boat Shop. Mr. Goodwin is a resident of the Municipality.

FEES FOR CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK

Information was obtained from other municipal units indicating that some of them charge fees for the R.C.M.P. to complete criminal records checks for residents. The fees normally charged are \$20.00 for an adult and \$5.00 for students. These fees are charged when the criminal records checks are done for the purposes of employment, but are not normally charged when done for purposes of volunteer work.

At the present time members did not express any interest in adding these fees.

GRANT POLICY REVIEW

Members were asked to provide information for the reviewing of the Grants to Organizations Policy and Community Grants Policy. Members did not wish to address these particular policies. Members wished to address policies regarding the provision of funding for individuals and groups attending sporting and other similar events outside of the province.

The Deputy Warden assumed the Chair in order to give the Warden an opportunity to address this matter.

The Warden then resumed the Chair.

Resolution COW070814

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that Municipal Staff be requested to draft a policy to deal with requests from groups representing the Municipality outside of the province, with the intention that funding for these individuals and groups be provided up to a maximum of \$2,000.00 per year.

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson
Wilford Smith
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Louise Halliday
Larry Stewart

Motion carried.

CAPE LIGHT

Eddie Nickerson will arrange for members to take a trip to the Cape Light for the purpose of viewing it. This will be done on Saturday, September 8th.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

The Schedule of Fees was circulated to members for their information and review.

ARENA DISCIPLINE

This matter was deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

PORT CLYDE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUEST

The Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department is requesting the Municipality to provide a letter of support for their application for a grant to obtain funding to improve their hall. The Fire Department had previously applied for an ACCESS-ability Grant from Service Nova Scotia for the purpose of constructing an accessible washroom. This grant has already been approved to a maximum of up to \$10,000.00. The Fire Department now wishes to apply to the Department of Economic Development for funding to improve the remainder of their hall.

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that a letter of support be provided to the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department as a place for residents to use in time of emergency.

There then followed much discussion regarding the use of the hall as an emergency location.

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that the words “EMO and” be inserted in front of the word “residents” in the previous motion.

Amendment carried unanimously.

The main motion as amended now reads:

Resolution COW070815

“...it is recommended to Council that a letter of support be provided to the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department as a place for EMO and residents to use in time of emergency.”

Motion carried unanimously.

LOYALIST LANDING 2008

An email was received by the Warden from Susan Mahaney, Secretary of Loyalist Landing 2008, thanking the Municipality for a donation of funds to be used for the purpose of purchasing retail materials.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

Correspondence has been received from Dr. Blair indicating that schedules have been rearranged at the Community Health Centre in order to accommodate Dr. Chaloner, Dr. Vanast and the VON. Dr. Blair has also asked that \$600.00 be paid toward the electrical bill which increased during the previous February when repairs were made to the building.

Resolution COW070816

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality pay \$600.00 to Dr. Blair towards the electrical bill for February 2007.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW070817

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that a letter be sent to Dr. Blair thanking him for his efforts in rescheduling hours at the Community Health Centre and thanking him for his cooperation which is much appreciated by Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

Members then discussed the potential expansion of the Community Health Centre. A diagram was provided to members for their review.

It was agreed by consensus of members that Dr. Blair would be consulted regarding the size of the rooms proposed for the addition.

CLOSED SESSION RE: LEGAL MATTER

Members entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing a legal matter.

Members then returned to Open Session upon completion of their discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by E. Nickerson that the meeting adjourn at 9:29 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting

On website August 22, 2007.