

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

May 5, 2008

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

Absent was member Donna LeBlanc-Messenger who is on vacation.

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Department of Transportation.
- Dangerous & Unsightly Premises.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by S. Strang 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 S. Strang that minutes of the last previous meeting held April 21, 2008 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Recreation Department

Anna Kenney, Recreation Director for the Municipality, appeared before the meeting for the purpose of giving her report for the month of April. A written report was circulated to members for their information and review.

Mrs. Kenney reviewed the report and completed her review at 7:10 p.m.

Property Services Department

Brian O'Connor, Property Services Supervisor for the Municipality, appeared before the meeting for the purpose of reviewing his report. He also provided a written report and reviewed various aspects of it. In particular, he reviewed the sewer lateral break that occurred at the property of Joanna Goreham in Wood's Harbour. This matter has been addressed "without prejudice" by Municipal Staff in order to rectify the matter as best as possible.

At this time it was proposed that there be a discussion regarding the public drop-off station at the Construction & Demolition Landfill Site.

Resolution COW080501

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Stewart that further discussion of the public drop-off site at the C & D Landfill be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole being attended by the Property Services Supervisor, since there is a delegation waiting to make a presentation to committee this evening.

Motion carried unanimously.

Having completed his discussion with the committee, the Property Services Supervisor then retired from the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

SCALLOP FISHERY

Wayne Smith, together with Clyde Snook and Joseph Larkin, appeared before the committee on behalf of a group of fishermen in order to discuss the affects the local scallop fishery is having on the lobster fishery. There were over 40 fishermen also in attendance for this portion of the meeting. In order to accommodate the number of people attending, the meeting was moved to the Court Room for this particular presentation.

Wayne Smith acted as spokesperson for the group. He indicated that the scallop fishery in the local area is not a sustainable fishery and that it is affecting the sea bottom where many local fishermen fish for lobsters. He indicated that the local fishermen believe the scallop draggers are going to have a detrimental affect on the lobster fishery in this area. The fishermen present are asking for an immediate closure of the scallop fishery on the lobster fishing grounds in this area. Council is being asked to approach the Department of Fisheries & Oceans to disallow the scallop fishery until proof is provided of the affects of scalloping on the lobster fishery. An email received from Mr. Ian Marshall was read to the meeting. It is unclear what exactly was being said in this email.

There then followed much discussion regarding the scallop draggers that are fishing in the local area.

Mr. Smith indicated that they have contacted both the local MLA and the local MP, but have yet to receive a response from either. The group is asking Council to have someone in DFO come to talk to the local lobster fishermen, and to stop the scallop fishing from being conducted in the areas where it was not being conducted more than three years ago.

Further information will be provided by Mr. Smith and by Councillor Wilford Smith regarding the boundaries of the local scallop fishery. Wayne Smith will again attempt to contact our Member of Parliament tomorrow.

Resolution COW080502

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality request the Minister of Fisheries to meet with Barrington Municipal Council, and representatives of local fishermen, as soon as possible, in order to discuss the affect that the scallop fishery is having on the local lobster fishery, and that this be done in the immediate future as the scallop fishery in this area is due to start in early June.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW080503

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by W. Smith that it be recommended to Council that a copy of this request to the Minister be also sent to our Member of Parliament, Mr. Gerald Keddy, and to our MLA, Mr. Sterling Belliveau, and to the other municipal units in Southwestern Nova Scotia.

Motion carried unanimously.

Having completed their discussion of this matter, the fishermen then retired from the meeting and the meeting was reconvened in the Conference Room.

BARRINGTON BAY TRAIL

Members were informed that a local resident has again called the Municipal Office and registered a complaint regarding dogs on the Barrington Bay Trail. The feces being left behind by dogs who are being walked by their owners on the Barrington Bay Trail is believed to be unnecessary and unsavory. This is a continuing problem. The Municipality has erected 8 signs along the Barrington Bay Trail indicating that animal owners should clean up after their animals.

BARRINGTON REGIONAL CURLING CLUB

Members were informed that a budget had been prepared for the coming year by the Barrington Regional Curling Club. This budget was circulated to members together with the agenda for this meeting. A copy of the statements to April 14, 2008 was also provided by the Curling Club and circulated to members.

There then followed much discussion regarding the statements and the budget that had been provided. The statements indicated that the Curling Club currently earned a net income of approximately \$7,000.00. It was indicated by the Curling Club representative that there were further bills of approximately \$4,000.00 yet to be received by the Club. The Curling Club budget for the coming year also indicated that there would be a surplus of \$2,200.00.

There then followed much discussion regarding various revenues and expenditures contained in the statement and the budget.

Resolution COW080504

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality pay the outstanding principal and interest costs on the Barrington Regional Curling Club debenture, and that the Curling Club itself will continue to operate the facility without any further assistance from the Municipality, with the exception that Municipal employees will assist with start-up and shut-down of equipment, if possible, in order to further reduce expenditures.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW080505

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by E. Nickerson that it be recommended to Council that a councillor be appointed to the Barrington Regional Curling Club Board of Directors.

AFFIRMATIVE

Louise Halliday
Eddie Nickerson
Wilford Smith
Larry Stewart

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl
Sean Strang

Motion carried.

Councillor Stewart agreed to sit as the Municipality's member on the Board of Directors of the Curling Club. The Curling Club Board will also be requested to change its meeting night as it conflicts with Municipal Council's meeting night.

UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA MUNICIPALITIES TAX RELIEF POLICY

Information was circulated to members regarding this policy and the position of the Municipality of Lunenburg in regards to it.

CORRESPONDENCE RE: PESTICIDES

Correspondence from the NDP Caucus has been received regarding Bill C37 which addresses the use of pesticides in the Municipality. The NDP Caucus is requesting the Municipality's support in having this bill passed by the Nova Scotia Legislature.

CODE OF CONDUCT

A draft Code of Conduct for municipal councillors has been circulated by the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities. This Code of Conduct will be further discussed at the UNSM Spring Conference which is being held in Antigonish at the end of this week. Various aspects of the Code of Conduct were discussed by members. The Warden will be attending the UNSM Spring Conference and will inform members thereafter of the resulting discussions.

JOANNA GOREHAM PROPERTY

Members have already been informed of the progress regarding this property by the Property Services Supervisor in his report.

RECOGNITION PLAQUES

It was suggested that recognition plaques be placed in the Barrington Regional Curling Club and the Barrington Municipal Library similar to the one that has been placed at the Barrington Municipal Arena. These plaques recognize the councils that have put these facilities in place in the Municipality. Before anything further is done, Municipal Staff will determine the cost of placing such plaques.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Concern was again expressed regarding the condition of the bridge at the intersection of the Forbes Point Road in Wood's Harbour. There was some concern expressed regarding the Department of Transportation's plans for repairing this bridge.

Resolution COWS080506

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by W. Smith that it be recommended to Council that the Department of Transportation be contacted and requested to indicate what plans they have for the repair of the bridge at the intersection of Highway #3 and the Forbes Point Road.

Motion carried unanimously.

DANGEROUS AND UNSIGHTLY PREMISES

A member indicated that he has received a complaint regarding Stanley Greenwood's Boat Shop in Newellton. This matter will be referred to the By-Law Enforcement Officer for investigation.

SEA CADET CORPS

An invitation has been received from the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet 327 Unicorn Corps. This is an invitation to attend their Annual Review Parade which is being held on Saturday, May 24, 2008, at 10:45 a.m., at the Barrington Municipal Arena. A copy of this invitation has been circulated to all members.

CLOSED SESSION

A Closed Session was then convened for the purpose of discussing a legal matter.

ADJOURNMENT

Members returned to Open Session, and having completed the business of the meeting, the meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 9:44 p.m.

Chairperson	Secretary for the Meeting
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On website May 6, 2008.