

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

June 30, 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
 - Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
 - Eddie Nickerson (7:03 p.m.)
 - Wilford Smith
 - Larry Stewart
 - Sean Strang
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- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following item was added to the agenda:

- Wayne Perry Memorial Park.

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 L. Stewart and seconded by W. Smith that minutes of the last previous meeting held June 18, 2008 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

DANGEROUS AND UNSIGHTLY PREMISES COMPLAINT

An anonymous complaint had previously been received regarding premises owned by Mr. Richard Nickerson at the corner of Petticoat Lane and Highway No. 3 in Barrington. Although the By-Law Enforcement Officer's Report has yet to be received, it has been indicated that the property has not been found to be dangerous and unsightly. The property is currently locked and secure and there are no tenants at the present time. No tenants have used the building since November of 2007. The owner has been contacted by telephone and has indicated that he will have the remainder of the tree that has been cut up on the property removed in the near future, and will cut the grass around the building. The last previous complaint that was received at the Municipal Office was in July of 2007.

B.M.H.S. CONCERNS

Members were informed that an email has been received from David Buckland, the Principal of Barrington Municipal High School. In this email Mr. Buckland states that: “at our June 16th session the S.A.C. members unanimously decided to retain the gate policy as is. Formal communications are being sent to the Municipality and the Ryers”. This means that the school is not taking any action to address the problems regarding vandalism and littering on the highway in front of the school.

There then followed much discussion regarding this matter. It was indicated that the “closed campus” is intended only for the Junior High School students. It was also indicated that the Junior High School students do in fact leave the school grounds when they wish.

Resolution COW080616

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Tri-County Regional School Board requesting them to deal with the concerns regarding students in the area of Barrington Municipal High School and that a copy be sent to the School Board representative.

Motion carried unanimously.

CARPENTRY AND PLUMBING TENDERS

Members were informed that carpentry and plumbing tenders had not been issued in the previous year and were requested to indicate whether or not these tenders should be issued this year.

There then followed much discussion regarding the use of carpenters and plumbers.

Resolution COW080617

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality hire licenced tradesmen, when, and as required.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT

A Claims Audit Report has recently been received from our insurance agents, Bell & Grant. The Audit Report indicates that since May of 1999 there has been incurred \$60,004.00 of cost through insurance claims. These results were duly noted by members.

COMMUNITY GRANT REQUEST

The Community Grant requests that had been received were circulated to members by district for their review and recommendation.

Resolution COW080618

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that a grant of \$500.00 for the Wood's Harbour Days Committee, and a grant of \$1,000.00 for the Samuel Wood Historical Society be approved from the District 1 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW080619

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that grants of \$500.00 to the Woodside Cemetery Committee, \$500.00 to the Society for the Preservation of the Greenhill Community Church, and \$500.00 to the Greenhill Senior Citizens Club be approved from the District 4 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Deputy Warden was asked to assume the Chair while the Warden addressed this matter after which the Warden resumed the Chair.

Resolution COW080620

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that grants in the amount of \$600.00 to the Riverdale Cemetery, \$600.00 to the Villagedale Cemetery, \$500.00 to the Military Museum, and \$500.00 to Cape Sable Historical Society be approved from the District 3 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW080621

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that a grant of \$500.00 from the District 3 Community Grants Fund be approved for the Barrington Municipal Exhibition for the purpose of deferring the cost of installing lighting for the grand stands.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW080622

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that a grant of \$500.00 from the District 4 Community Grants Fund be approved for the Barrington Municipal Exhibition.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW080623

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that it be recommended to Council that a grant of \$250.00 from the District 6 Community Grants Fund be approved for the Barrington Municipal Exhibition.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW080624

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by W. Smith that it recommended to Council that grants of \$1,000.00 to the Chapel Hill Museum, and \$1,000.00 to the Shag Harbour Incident Society, and \$250.00 to the Barrington Municipal Exhibition be approved from the District 2 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW080625

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that grants of \$750.00 to the Archelaus Smith Historical Society and \$1,000.00 to the Newellton Community Hall be approved from the District 6 Community Grants Fund.

SHEROSE ISLAND PROPERTY

This matter had been deferred from a previous meeting in February for consideration of the Committee. At the time the Department of Education was considering moving Barrington Municipal High School to Sherose Island, a report was completed by the Department of Transportation regarding the property at Sherose Island. As a result it was indicated that there were three locations at which furnace oil was located on the property. This matter had been brought up on previous occasions and had been deferred for later consideration.

Resolution COW080626

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by E. Nickerson that this matter be further deferred for consideration by the Committee until April 15, 2009.

AFFIRMATIVE

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson
Wilford Smith
Larry Stewart

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl
Louise Halliday
Sean Strang

Motion carried.

CLERK'S EVALUATION

The last previous evaluation was completed on January 17, 2007. The Warden informed members that at the recent CEO/CAO Workshop there had been circulated information regarding the evaluation of CAOs. It was suggested that the form from this workshop be circulated to members and be used in their evaluation. The form will be copied and circulated to members.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

WAYNE PERRY MEMORIAL PARK

Correspondence has been received from Chastity Shand on behalf of the Wayne Perry Memorial Park Committee. The committee is currently in the process of obtaining funds for the purpose of upgrading and revitalizing the park. The park was established in 1991 and it is estimated that the cost of adding equipment and setting up the park so that it can be used again will be in the range of \$10,000.00. At the present time the Committee has \$1,000.00 and is requesting financial help in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the Municipality. The committee is also seeking help from the Provincial Office of Health Promotion and Protection.

This request will be considered along with other requests for parks when a policy has been approved by Council.

CLOSED SESSION

A Closed Session was held in order to consider a legal agreement for the purchase of property by the Municipality.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at mutual consent of members at 8:49 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting

On website July 2, 2008.