

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

July 7, 2008

The meeting was called to order by the Deputy Warden at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Eddie Nickerson, Chairman
- George El-Jakl
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Wilford Smith
- Larry Stewart
- Sean Strang

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
- Anna Kenney, Recreation Director

Absent was Warden Louise Halliday who is on vacation.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following item was added to the agenda:

- RRFB Application.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by S. Strang that the minutes of the last previous meeting held June 30, 2008 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Anna Kenney, Recreation Director, appeared before the meeting for the purpose of presenting the Recreation Director's Report for the month of June 2008.

Mrs. Kenney submitted a written report and reviewed it for the benefit of members. This year at the end of June there were 61 participants registered for the marathon. Last year at this time there were 46 registered.

Having completed her report, Mrs. Kenney was thanked for her information and then retired from the meeting.

BARRINGTON 7E VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUEST

The Barrington 7E Volunteer Fire Department is requesting donations to be made to their fundraising event to be held August 2nd and 3rd, in Barrington. This event is their annual Show and Shine Car Show. Municipal Staff will provide appropriate donations to the fire department.

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION POLICY

A draft proposed Certificates of Recognition Policy was previously circulated to members for their review and comment. There ensued much discussion regarding this policy. The following changes were suggested:

- birthday recognition be for 75 years of age and older
- fire department recognition be for 10 years, and then for each subsequent 5 years of service thereafter

It was also suggested that Council be notified of all certificates being issued.

Resolution COW080701

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that Council be given notice at the next subsequent meeting of consideration of the proposed Certificates of Recognition Policy.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPEAL OF POLICY NO. 17

Because a new Certificates of Recognition Policy is being put in place, it will now be necessary to repeal Policy No. 17 which recognizes volunteer fire fighters and volunteer emergency service providers. This recognition will be included in the Certificates of Recognition Policy.

Resolution COW080702

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that consideration of repealing Policy No. 17 will be given at the next subsequent meeting of Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

PLAYGROUND FUNDING POLICY

A draft Playground Funding Policy was circulated to members for their discussion and review.

Much discussion ensued regarding this policy. It was suggested that the policy include organizations and groups wishing to establish or enhance existing playgrounds located throughout the Municipality.

It was also suggested that Council match any funds that are raised by these groups or organizations up to \$5,000.00. It was also suggested that an initial contribution be made of \$2,500.00 before this matching would begin. It was suggested that a deadline to apply for funding under this policy be put in place. There was a suggestion that “in kind contributions” would also be recognized for purposes of this policy. It was suggested that a written proposal which would include the type of playground being proposed also be included in the application for funding under this policy.

After much discussion it was the consensus of members that this policy should be given further consideration by members and would be discussed again at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

RRFB APPLICATION

During the budget deliberations the proposal to build a public sorting station at the C & D Landfill had been deferred for further consideration. It is now proposed that the Municipality apply to the RRFB for funding for a public sorting station at the C & D Landfill Site. This application will need to be made before October of this year so that it can be considered for funding in next years' budget. The total funding required for the project will be \$61,000.00. Of this funding, 50% will be requested from the RRFB, and 50% will be provided by the Municipality.

Resolution COW080703

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality make an application for funding to the Resource Recovery Fund Board in the amount of \$61,000.00 for a public sorting station to be located at the C & D Landfill Site.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN

A list of Capital Investment Plan projects was circulated to members for their evaluation.

The Warden has completed the evaluation and has returned her evaluation form to the Municipal Office as requested. As yet, other councillors have not completed their forms. The evaluation forms will be completed by members for the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

In addition, it was agreed by consensus of members that the following items would also be added as capital projects:

1. Finish the sidewalk in Barrington Passage from the Old School House to the former B.M.H.S. property.
2. Expand or build a Community Health Centre.
3. Enclose the Municipal Swimming Pool for year round use.
4. Put lights on the Sherose Island Ball Field.
5. Build gazebos at The Hawk and Fort Creek Tourist Rest Stops.
6. Complete the remainder of the Wood's Harbour Sidewalk.
7. Pave the Sherose Island Road on Municipal Property.
8. Build a playground in the Port LaTour area.

These items will be circulated to members on an additional evaluation sheet and evaluated for the purposes of determining a Capital Investment Plan.

CLOSED SESSION

Members then entered into Closed Session for the purposes of discussing an agreement for the acquisition of property.

Having completed their discussion of this matter the Committee returned to Open Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 8:52 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary for the Meeting

On website July 8, 2008.