

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

September 29, 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 (7:10 p.m.)
 - Wilford Smith
 - Larry Stewart
 - Sean Strang
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- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Cats and Dogs.
- Department of Transportation.
- Jim Amos Letter.
- German Exchange Students.
- Community Grants.
- Closed Session Re: Legal Matter.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart 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 September 15, 2008 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

NORTH EAST POINT WHEELCHAIR RAMP

Members were informed that Mr. Art Lynds who is an engineer working for the Department of Natural Resources was contacted regarding the construction of a wheelchair ramp at the North East Point beach. Mr. Lynds works for the Parks Division of the Department of Natural Resources and advises the local office. The local office operates under Regional Services and administers crown lands which includes the North East Point beach area. Mr. Lynds stated that any ramp system installed at the beach should address the entire beach system and not just any handicapped access.

It was the consensus of members that Mr. Lynds should be requested to attend, with Municipal Staff, at the North East Point Beach in order to further explain what is desired to be done at that location.

The Municipal Clerk will contact Mr. Lynds and request the appropriate meeting.

BY-LAW NO. 8 "COLLECTION, STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF WASTE"

This by-law was referred to committee by Council for further review and discussion. Members discussed the by-law in relation to the presentation made to Council by Mr. Jim Swimm. It was agreed that no further action would be taken regarding the Waste Collector's fees.

Resolution COW080912

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to Mr. Swimm indicating that the by-law was felt to be satisfactory, and that if Mr. Swimm believes there were individuals collecting waste illegally within the Municipality he should send the names of those individuals to the Municipal Office, in writing, so that they can be investigated by the By-Law Enforcement Officer.

Motion carried unanimously.

DR. JOHN O'CONNOR INTERVIEW

Dr. John O'Connor appeared before the committee for the purpose of reviewing his past years medical services in the Municipality. Dr. O'Connor has now been here for an entire year as of mid September. Dr. O'Connor indicated that he sees 40 - 50 patients a day. He has made an arrangement with Dr. Kinsley to do locums beginning in November of 2008. These locums will be done while Dr. O'Connor is away in Alberta. Dr. O'Connor also indicated that there is a nurse practitioner who he knows in Alberta who may be interested in coming to this area. Dr. O'Connor indicated that the tele-health practice that he is running out of the Yarmouth Regional Hospital is very busy and that he is attending a conference in Ottawa this coming Friday in regards to tele-health. Dr. O'Connor also informed members that as of a month and a half ago he has stopped taking new patients.

There then followed much discussion regarding nurse practitioners.

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the District Health Authority asking what portion of time is spent by the Nurse Practitioner in Barrington and will this time still be covered and a new practitioner provided should the current nurse practitioner move to another job.

Resolution COW080913

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that this motion be tabled until later in the meeting after the discussion with Dr. O'Connor is completed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Some discussion followed regarding transportation of seniors by bus to medical and other appointments in the community. At the present time there is no initiative to provide this service.

It was also indicated that Dr. Chris Murphy will begin to have consultations with patients in the Community Health Centre in the very near future.

Resolution COW080914

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by W. Smith that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to Dr. Chris Murphy welcoming him to the Community Health Centre and informing him that Council is very pleased that he is beginning to provide services there.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. O'Connor was then presented with a cheque for \$10,000.00 in payment of his agreed upon bonus for the first year of service, and he then retired from the meeting having completed his discussion with the committee.

WOOD'S HARBOUR TRAIL COMMITTEE

Marilyn Goreham and Opal Malone appeared before the committee on behalf of the Wood's Harbour Multi-Purpose Trail Committee. Mrs. Goreham spoke on behalf of the committee and thanked Council for their efforts in having the trail and sidewalk completed in Wood's Harbour. She informed members that the community is very pleased with the results of this effort and will pursue having the sidewalk continued through the Wood's Harbour area as far Cemetery Road in the future as funds permit.

Having completed their discussion with the committee the ladies then retired from the meeting.

GRANTS TO SPORTS TEAMS

Resolution COW080915

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by E. Nickerson that this matter be deferred to the end of the agenda of the meeting this evening.

Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS PARK ACCESS

Members were informed that the Department of Transportation has indicated its requirements for access to the Business Park through Stirl's Road in Barrington Passage. The Department of Transportation is requesting that a traffic study be completed and that an engineering design of the proposed intersection with Highway #3 be provided to them prior to access approval being granted.

It is suggested that the South West Shore Development Authority be requested to fulfil these requirements as they are our development agency.

Resolution COW080916

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that the South West Shore Development Authority be requested to have a traffic impact study completed and an engineering design completed for the proposed intersection with Highway #3, for access to the proposed business park in Barrington Passage, as required by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

Motion carried unanimously.

EXIT 30 ACCESS

Correspondence has also been sent to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding access to owner unknown property at Exit 30. The Department of Transportation has indicated that they will allow an extension of the connector road to serve as access to properties to the north of Highway 103. The Department will not allow any access to the extended connector road for a distance of 60 meters from the right of way limits of Highway #103. The Department will require that this be a public road built to the standards established by the Municipality.

Resolution COW080917

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Stewart that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality proceed to obtain the owners unknown property at Exit 30 to Highway 103 as soon as possible.

Motion carried unanimously.

NURSE PRACTITIONER

The previous motion was then brought forward for further consideration of the committee. The correspondence being sent to the District Health Authority will also state that Council still expects to receive the same services from any new nurse practitioner as was received in the past.

The division was then requested on the motion.

Resolution COW080918

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the District Health Authority asking what portion of time is spent by the nurse practitioner in Barrington, and will this time still be covered and a new practitioner provided should the current nurse practitioner move to another job.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT WEBSITE

The Municipality's website for physician recruitment is due for renewal.

There then followed much discussion regarding the Municipality partnering with other municipal units in Shelburne County for recruitment of doctors.

It was also brought up by the Chairperson that information was requested by the Recruitment Committee in Eastern Shelburne County regarding our experience in recruiting doctors.

Resolution COW080919

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Warden and Clerk draft a letter of response to the Recruitment Committee for Eastern Shelburne County suggesting to them that our Municipality is interested in combining recruitment efforts with them for doctors for all of Shelburne County.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW080920

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality renew its domain name for the physician recruitment website for another year.

Motion carried unanimously.

CATS AND DOGS

There was some discussion regarding the Dog By-Law and the Animal By-Law as they relate to the disposition of animals that are obtained by the Municipality.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

A member indicated that repairs requested by the Department of Transportation to the Port LaTour Road have not yet been effected.

Resolution COW080921

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Department of Transportation asking when and if the repairs requested to the Port LaTour Road will be done.

Motion carried unanimously.

JIM AMOS LETTER

A letter received today from Mr. Jim Amos of Wood's Harbour was circulated to members for their information. In this letter Mr. Amos appealed to Council for various adjustments to be made to his property as a result of the sidewalk construction in that area.

Resolution COW080922

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that Municipal Staff deal with the request of Mr. Amos and the issues raised in this letter.

Motion carried unanimously.

GERMAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

It was noted that a reception was held at the Barrington Municipal High School for 23 German exchange students who had arrived the previous Friday evening.

Resolution COW080923

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that municipal pins and two promotional DVDs be provided to the German exchange students to be taken home to Germany when they leave.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Members were informed that Community Grant applications will still be received at the Municipal Office, however they will not be dealt with until after the Municipal Election on October 18th.

DEMOCRACY 250

Members were informed that the local essay contest is now being held in the local elementary schools. The essays will be submitted and judged sometime subsequent to the municipal elections.

ACTIVITY FUNDS

The proposed Activity Fund Policy which was deferred from earlier in the meeting was now considered and discussed by members.

Resolution COW080924

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that Municipal Staff draft an Activity Fund Policy to sponsor teams or groups going to provincial competitions or higher, in the amount of \$2,000.00 per year, to be distributed at \$1,000.00 during the months of June to November and \$1,000.00 during the months of December to May, with no more than \$200.00 going to any one team.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Louise Halliday

Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

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

Conflict of Interest

During the Closed Session Eddie Nickerson declared a conflict of interest and vacated the room until the subject for which he declared conflict was completely discussed.

After the discussion of this subject was completed Eddie Nickerson then returned to the meeting room.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:45 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting

On website October 1, 2008.