

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

October 5, 2009

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

- Louise Halliday, Chair
 - Murray Atkinson
 - George El-Jakl
 - Shaun Hatfield
 - Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
 - Cecil O'Donnell
 - Cathy Stoddard
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- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Nuisances.
- Lobster Pot Tree.
- BCF Agreement.
- Clerk's Evaluation.
- Meeting Times.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by M. Atkinson that minutes of the last previous meeting held September 21, 2009 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Barrington Municipal Arena

Shelly Blinkhorn, Manager, Barrington Municipal Arena, presented a written report of Arena activities for the month of September. She also reviewed a request by Bantam AAA parents for ice time at the Barrington Municipal Arena.

Recreation Department

Anna Kenney, Recreation Director, submitted and reviewed a written report of activities of the Recreation Department for the month of September.

Property Services

Cameron Whiteway, Property Services Manager, provided and reviewed a written report for the Property Services Department for the month September.

The area of the sidewalk in Wood's Harbour in front of Mr. George Belliveau's property will be further investigated to determine whether or not additional drainage is required at this location.

The metal crusher will be at the C & D Landfill Site beginning tomorrow to remove and recycle metals.

Having completed their reports, the department managers retired from the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Building Inspection Department

A written report was provided for the month of September by Glen Muise for the Building Inspection Department. Mr. Muise was unable to attend the meeting this evening as he is away on a training course for fire inspection.

R.C.M.P. REPORT

Staff Sgt. Forbes appeared on behalf of the local R.C.M.P. Detachment to present reports of their activities for the months of August and September.

Sgt. Forbes informed members that Mario Ross would be stationed at the local detachment in the very near future as the new Corporal for the Detachment.

An audit review of R.C.M.P. services for the local detachment will be done during the month of November.

Sgt. Forbes also informed members that one officer may be enlisted for service at the Olympics over the course of the winter if additional officers are deemed necessary for that purpose.

Sgt. Forbes also informed members that domestic violence crimes are the largest time consumer of R.C.M.P. services in the local area.

The "nuisances" item was discussed during the R.C.M.P. report.

Having completed his review of operations, Sgt. Forbes retired from the meeting.

PROCESSING AGREEMENTS FOR RECYCLABLES AND ORGANICS

Members were informed that the processing agreements for recyclables and organics that are currently in place with the Region of Queens Municipality expire on March 31, 2010. We will be contacting the Region of Queens in the very near future to discuss renewal of these agreements. This matter will be further discussed by members once additional information is obtained.

PUBLIC SORTING STATION TENDERS

The two tenders that were received for the construction of a public sorting station at the C & D Landfill were discussed with the Municipal Solicitor. Both of these tenders when combined with the cost of purchasing steel for the project, and the Municipality's cost of excavating and preparing the property for the project, have increased the cost of the project to more than what had previously been budgeted for. As a result the project cannot be completed as presently structured within the funds allotted for.

Resolution COW091001

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that both tenders that have been received for the public sorting station project at the C & D Landfill Site be rejected because when the cost of these tenders is combined with other costs for this project, they exceed the funds that are available.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMERCIAL INSPECTIONS

Mr. Carl Smith had previously been appointed by the Municipality to do commercial inspections in the interim until our own Building Inspector is qualified to do these inspections. Mr. Smith has taken a three month leave of absence for health reasons and will therefore no longer be able to do these inspections. As a result, the Municipality of Argyle has been contacted and are currently preparing an agreement to which they will provide the required commercial inspections. Once this agreement has been negotiated, it will be provided to Council for its approval.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO POLICY NO. 52 RE: COUNCIL MEETINGS AND PROCEEDINGS POLICY

The proposed amendments to Section 6(2) of Policy No. 52 was circulated to members for their review and consideration. The proposed amendments will require that a brief written summary of any presentations coming to Council be provided prior to any presentation so that members may have the opportunity to review it. Council will be given notice of the proposed amendments at the next subsequent Council meeting.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

LOBSTER POT TREE

It was suggested by a member that the Municipality construct a "lobster pot Christmas tree" for the coming Christmas season since this year has been designated the Year of the Lobster. This lobster pot Christmas tree will be constructed near the boardwalk at North East Point in the same location where a Christmas tree is usually erected.

The Recreation Director and Property Services Manager will be contacted in order to make arrangements for this tree.

BUILDING CANADA FUND AGREEMENT

The Building Canada Fund Agreement for the construction of the Cape Sable Island Sewer System has been received. It is now necessary that this agreement be signed by the Warden and the Municipal Clerk and returned to Service Nova Scotia within twenty-five (25) days.

After some discussion, it was the consensus of members that this would be done.

Also, members discussed the proposal of Mr. Eddie Nickerson to sell property to the Municipality for the purpose of establishing a sewage treatment plant on Cape Sable Island.

Resolution COW091002

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality contact Mr. Eddie Nickerson to obtain a selling price for his property and that he be requested to get approval from the Department of Natural Resources for an effluent pipe across their property to the Atlantic Ocean, and that he be requested to do this within thirty (30) days due to the time constraints the Municipality is under in having this project started.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLERK'S EVALUATION

Members were informed that an evaluation of the Municipal Clerk must be done on an annual basis. This evaluation has not been done as yet this year and is now overdue.

MEETING TIMES

It was suggested that meetings could be started earlier and thus would end earlier.

There then followed much discussion regarding the starting time of meetings and the length of meetings.

Resolution COW091003

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that for a period of thirty (30) days all meetings start at 6:30 p.m. instead of the current starting hour of 7:00 p.m. This start time will be used on a trial basis for thirty (30) days and then evaluated toward the end of that time.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Louise Halliday
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 9:25 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website October 6, 2009.