

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

April 6, 2009

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
 - Shaun Hatfield
 - Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
 - Cecil O'Donnell
 - Cathy Stoddard
 - Sean Strang
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- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Low Income Property Tax Exemption.
- By-Election.
- Tri-County Regional School Board.
- Stoney Island Beach.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Strang that the minutes of the last previous meeting held March 30, 2009 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

WOOD'S HARBOUR MULTI-PURPOSE TRAIL COMMITTEE

Marilyn Goreham, together with two other ladies from the Wood's Harbour Multi-Purpose Trail Committee, appeared before the meeting for the purpose of requesting that the portion of the sidewalk that forms part of the multi-purpose trail in Wood's Harbour needs to be completed. The members of the Committee would like to see this sidewalk completed as soon as possible. The total trail, together with the sidewalk and the portion of the walking trail that is constructed along the former CNR right of way, is approximately three quarters complete, and requires the completion of the sidewalk in order to form a complete loop for walking.

Mrs. Goreham felt that since the “blueprints” or engineering drawings are already complete for the rest of the sidewalk, that this information could be used and would help defray the cost of completing the rest of the project. She stated that the economy seems to be at a low at this time which means it may be a good time to get bids from local contractors to do the remaining job.

Resolution COW090401

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Strang that the completion of the Multi-Purpose Trail in Wood’s Harbour be added to the budget for additional consideration, and that information be obtained on the possible cost of completing the project and the sourcing of funding for the project.

Motion carried unanimously.

Having completed their discussion of this matter, Mrs. Goreham and the other ladies retired from the meeting at approximately 7:35 p.m.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Recreation

The Recreation Director, Anna Kenney, submitted a written report for the month of March and reviewed it for the information of members.

Building Inspection

The Building Inspector, Glen Muise, provided a written report and reviewed it for the information of members.

Property Services

The Property Services Supervisor, Cameron Whiteway, provided a written report and reviewed it for the information of members.

Barrington Municipal Arena

The Arena Manager, Shelly Atwood, provided a written report and reviewed it for the information of members.

Resolution COW090402

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that a letter of congratulations be sent to the Barrington Sea Star Ice Dogs congratulating them for winning the Maritime Hockey North 2009 Championship, and also that a letter be sent to the Shelburne County Minor Hockey Association congratulating the Bantam “A” hockey team for winning the 2009 Nova Scotia Provincials.

Motion carried unanimously.

RANDAL SMITH RE: MUNICIPAL LANDS AND WOOD CUTTING

Randal Smith appeared before the meeting for the purpose of discussing municipal lands and wood cutting on municipal property.

Mr. Smith reviewed some of the history of Barrington Township and how the lands that are currently owned by the Municipality came to be owned. He suggested that Council should be more stringent in selling this land and “not give away the land”. He stated that he is not against camp leases on the property or wood cutting permits, but felt that there should be more restrictions on those who purchase any property from the Municipality.

Mr. Smith indicated that he only has two more cords of wood to cut in the area adjacent to the Municipal Landfill and suggested that the wood on Sherose Island needs to be cut off. He also indicated that he has not received any letter regarding his previous appearance at Council even though a letter has been sent. He also indicated that he did not wish to receive any letter now regarding the matter. Mr. Smith did provide his current mailing address.

Having completed his discussion of the matter, Mr. Smith retired from the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

SHELBURNE LONGBOAT SOCIETY

Email correspondence has been received from the Society wishing to know if any Council members wish to become rowers with the Society during the coming year.

Resolution COW090403

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Shelburne Longboat Society thanking them for their invitation for any municipal councillor to become a dedicated rower for the longboats, and responding that the schedule of councillors for the coming year does not allow for the time for them to commit to this obligation.

Motion carried unanimously.

OCEANS FIRST TASK FORCE

Information has been received by Councillor El-Jakl regarding membership on the Ocean First Task Force. An invitation has been received from Mr. Brian Giroux for Mr. El-Jakl to become a member on the Task Force, and a copy of an agenda for their next meeting to be held on April 7th has also been received.

Resolution COW090404

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that George El-Jakl be designated the Municipality’s member on the Ocean First Task Force and attend their meetings.

Motion carried unanimously.

RULES OF ORDER

Four of our councillors have recently attended the two day course on Meetings and Rules of Order which was conducted by Eli Mina, a registered parliamentarian.

The Chairperson then reviewed a dozen of the more salient points regarding the Rules of Order that were discussed at the seminar.

It was the consensus of members that this item be added to the agenda for the next committee meeting for further discussion. In the interim, members will review and determine what amendments to policy may be required in order to incorporate some of these rules into the Municipality's proceedings.

PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE

Correspondence has been received from the Chair of the Physician Recruitment Committee in Shelburne County. In this correspondence municipalities are being asked to contribute towards an engineering design study for the conceptual drawings of a new clinic, or revisions to the existing clinic next to the Roseway Hospital in Shelburne. Also attached was a proposal circulated by Warden Sherman Embree of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne for the funding of the \$20,000.00 required for the design study. It is suggested in the Warden's proposal that the cost be distributed to the municipal units on a per capital basis.

Resolution COW090405

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by S. Hatfield that Municipal Staff determine whether or not funds are available from any current years surplus for the funding of this study.

Motion carried unanimously.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This matter has been referred to the committee for consideration by Council which has suggested that the committee consider the value of establishing an Environmental Advisory Committee which will allow for public members, including the possibility of representation from the B.M.H.S. Environment Club, that such consideration of establishing an Environmental Advisory Committee also include exploring the purposes and benefits that such a committee might bring to the Municipality of Barrington.

There then followed much discussion regarding the mandate that would be provided for such a committee and its advisory role to Council.

Resolution COW090406

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the concept of an Environmental Advisory Committee be presented to the public by advertising in the local paper to determine if any public members are interested in such a committee and that they make their interest known by contacting the Municipal Office.

AFFIRMATIVE

Louise Halliday
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell
Cathy Stoddard
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

MARINE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

This matter has been raised by external sources for consideration again by municipal units in Shelburne County. The Feasibility Study that was done in 2001 was completed for the South West Shore Development Authority, and was to determine the potential impact of establishing a Marine/Aquatic Centre of Excellence in South West Nova Scotia, and to identify the role of such a centre in supporting the regions marine industries. Local councils are being asked if they are still interested in having this type of facility established, in particular, if the municipal units in Shelburne County are interested in having it established within the County. There was a general consensus of members that this concept is supported by them and that when this matter comes up for discussion at Team Shelburne County, the Warden should support the establishment of such a centre in our County.

327 UNICORN CADET CORPS

The 327 Unicorn Cadet Corps has provided invitations to councillors to attend a dinner theatre being held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 18, 2009. This dinner theatre will be held at the Lions Hall in Barrington. All members were given a ticket to the dinner theatre provided by the Cadet Corps, free of charge.

SHELBURNE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

Correspondence has been received from the Chairman of the Shelburne County Industrial Commission requesting Council to answer five (5) questions in regards to the Commission. This matter had been referred to the committee by Council for further consideration. Prior to the meeting a report with recommended answers to these questions had been circulated to members. The documents a "Strategic Implementation Plan for the Shelburne Area Industrial Commission" and a "Governance Study for Team Shelburne" had been circulated along with the report. These documents had been prepared for Team Shelburne County and for the Industrial Commission in 2006/2007.

Resolution COW090407

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that the responses to the Shelburne County Industrial Commission suggested in the report prepared for councillors be approved and sent to the Chair of the Commission.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

LOW INCOME PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

Resolution COW090408

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by C. Stoddard that the limits for the Low Income Property Tax Exemption for 2010/2011 be reviewed during the budget considerations.

Motion carried unanimously.

BY-ELECTION

It was suggested by members that there may be a by-election in the very near future. In the interim the electors list for District 5 should be corrected so that residents living on Goodwin's Lane, and residents previously listed in District 5 that should be listed in District 6, be informed of who their councillor is and what district they are properly registered in.

Resolution COW090409

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that those residents who will be moved from the improper electoral district in District 5 to the proper district in District 6 be notified as soon as possible so they are aware of who their councillor is and that they are listed in the proper electoral district.

Motion carried unanimously.

TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD

Correspondence concerning the elementary schools on Cape Sable Island has been forwarded to the Tri-County Regional School Board as a result of a previous motion of Council. A response has yet to be received from the School Board in regards to this matter. In addition, the funding for the Tri-County Regional School Board is the subject of email correspondence that has been received by councillors.

The funding for the School Board will be further discussed at the next meeting of Council to be held on April 14th.

Resolution COW090410

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by C. Stoddard that the local School Board member, Andrea Huskilson-Newell, together with Mr. Steven Stoddard the Property Supervisor for the School Board, be invited to attend a meeting of the committee for the purposes of discussing the future of the schools on Cape Sable Island.

Motion carried unanimously.

STONEY ISLAND BEACH

Various matters were discussed regarding the illegal dumping that has recently taken place at the Stoney Island Beach.

It was noted that in By-Law No. 8 the initial fine provided under this by-law is \$100.00. It was suggested that the fine be increased. The level of fines permitted in municipal by-laws is regulated by provincial legislation. It was also suggested that the Beaches Act might be another piece of legislation that may be used to prevent illegal dumping. Municipal Staff will further investigate the level of fines that is permitted under By-Law No. 8 and the posting of signs regarding illegal dumping.

Resolution COW090411

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that Municipal Staff contact the Department of Natural Resources requesting permission to place “No Dumping” signs, together with the amount of the appropriate related fine, at both ends of the Stoney Island Beach, and that Municipal Staff further investigate the possibility of increasing the fines under By-Law No. 8.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

Members then entered into a Closed Session in order to evaluate purchasing agreements for the purchasing of non-alcoholic refreshments at the Municipal Arena.

Having completed their discussion of this matter, members then returned to Open Session.

Purchasing Agreement

Resolution COW090412

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Strang that it be recommended to Council that having received proposals from both Pepsi Maritimes and Coca Cola Bottling Co. Ltd.

WHEREAS proposals have been received from both Pepsi Maritimes and Coca Cola Bottling Co. Ltd. for the supply of soft drinks at the Barrington Municipal Arena for the next five (5) years;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed that the proposal from Coca Cola Bottling Co. Ltd. is the most economically advantageous to the Municipality;

THEREFORE IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council accept the proposal from Coca Cola Bottling Co. Ltd. for the next five (5) years for the supply of soft drinks and refreshments to the Barrington Municipal Arena.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:52 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary for the Meeting

On website April 8, 2009.