

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

August 3, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., by the Chairperson, in the Jury Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- George El-Jakl, Chair
- Murray Atkinson
- Shaun Hatfield
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Cecil O'Donnell
- Cathy Stoddard

Absent was Councillor Louise Halliday who is on vacation.

- Don Harding, Municipal Solicitor
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

CLOSED SESSION

Members entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the Waste Collection Agreement, the Business Park Engineering Agreement and a Land Purchase Agreement.

During the discussions the Municipal Solicitor was given direction to prepare a letter regarding the Waste Collection Agreement.

The Municipal Clerk was also given instruction to consult with the engineers on the Business Park Project and request them to meet with Committee for the purpose of discussing their fees.

Having completed their discussion of these matters, members then began the regular committee meeting.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Purchase of land for a Sewage Treatment Plant.
- Invitation.
- Physician Recruitment Meeting.
- Lighthouse Road at Baccaro Point.
- Crow's Neck Beach.
- Sign.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by C. O'Donnell that minutes of the last previous meeting held July 19, 2010 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

CAPE SABLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY REQUEST

This matter was deferred to further in the meeting in order to obtain further information regarding the approval of Community Grants to date.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING WITH FIRE DEPARTMENTS

It is necessary to set a date for the upcoming semi-annual meeting with the fire departments.

Resolution COW100801

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that a letter be sent to the fire departments indicating that the semi-annual meeting would be deferred until the Fire Services Study has been completed.

Motion carried unanimously.

NORTH EAST POINT BEACH SIGNS

It was brought to the attention of members that the sand bar at the end of the North East Point Beach drops off very significantly into the water so that the water becomes very deep, very quickly. This presents somewhat of a hazard to children using the beach. The beach is owned by the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources.

Resolution COW100802

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that the local Department of Natural Resources Office be informed that recently there was an incident on the beach which resulted in a "near drowning" and that the Department of Natural Resources be requested to place signs at both North East Point Beach and Sand Hills Beach indicating that there are no lifeguards on the beaches and that there may be a significant drop-off at the end of the sand bar.

Motion carried unanimously.

DUCKS

It was brought to the attention of members that there are many wild ducks that frequent the pond in front of the Library in Barrington Passage, and at times these ducks may present somewhat of a traffic hazard as they are frequently crossing Highway #3 in front of the pond.

Resolution COW100803

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality contact the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation regarding the duck population in Barrington Passage and request that "duck crossing" signs be posted in the area and that a photo of ducks crossing Highway #3 accompany this request and that Municipal Employees investigate further deterrents to having so many ducks frequent the pond in Barrington Passage.

Motion carried unanimously.

MINK FARM

Members were informed that a complaint had been received from a resident in the area of the Mink Farm regarding odor from that location. This complaint has been forwarded to the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture. Members were informed that the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and owners of the mink farm have taken corrective action as a result of the complaint which appears to have addressed the matter.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN

A revised list of capital projects was circulated to members prior to the meeting for their review. Members then discussed the proposed changes to the Capital Investment Plan. Members also discussed which project should receive priority under this plan.

Resolution COW100804

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality add the paving of the lower portion of McGray Avenue to the Municipality's Capital Investment Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed by members that the plan be redrafted by the Clerk in order to reflect the priorities of Council.

It was the consensus of members that construction of a Community Health Centre would be the number one priority on the proposed Capital Investment Plan. The Plan will be redrafted indicating the priorities and again circulated to members.

NOVA SCOTIA RACE BOAT ASSOCIATION REQUEST

Correspondence has been received from a local group indicating that they wish to host a Fun Day in the municipal parking lot at the North East Point Beach for the purpose of raising funds for the Nova Scotia Boat Racers Association. It is anticipated that boat races will be held during the day and the auxiliary events will take place in the municipal parking lot adjacent to the North East Point Beach.

There then followed much discussion regarding this type of event being hosted on municipal property and the resulting liability.

Resolution COW100805

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality grant permission for the Fun Day event to be held on the Labour Day weekend at the municipal parking lot at North East Point with the condition that the organization provide a waiver to the Municipality saving the Municipality harmless from all liability and recommending to the organization that they have their own insurance coverage for the event.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

PROPOSED FALSE SECURITY ALARM BY-LAW

A draft of the False Security Alarm By-Law that is in place in the Region of Queens was circulated to members for their information.

It was indicated by members that some had only received a portion of this by-law. As a result, the complete by-law will be forwarded to members and it will be considered at the next meeting of the committee.

DRAFT MUNICIPAL GRANTS POLICY

Since Councillor Halliday is unavailable this evening this matter will be deferred to the next meeting of the committee.

REVIEW OF BY-LAW NO. 9 “PEACE, ORDER, MISCHIEF NUISANCES”

The model by-law provided by the Association of Municipal Administrators and Service Nova Scotia was circulated to members for their information prior to the meeting.

There then followed some discussion regarding updating of the Municipality’s current by-law and the use of the proposed model by-law.

Resolution COW100806

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality update By-Law No. 9 to revise the language, terms and equipment referred to so that it can be more easily understood by members and the general public.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

PURCHASE OF LAND FOR A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

Resolution COW100807

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality purchase land in Stoney Island from Mr. Bob Frelick and others at a cost of \$120,000.00 pending approval from the Municipal Engineering Consultants for the construction of a sewage treatment plant on the site.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
George El-Jakl
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

Cecil O'Donnell

Motion carried.

INVITATION

Members were informed by the Warden that the Warden, the Clerk and Councillor Halliday had received invitations to attend a supper tomorrow evening and that Dr. Premachandra and Dr. Abud would be attending the supper.

PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT MEETING

Members were informed that both Shirley Watson-Poole, the Physician Recruiter for the District Health Authority and Jodi Ybarra, the Supervisor of Nurse Practitioners for the District Health Authority, would be available to attend the meeting with municipal councillors on August 11th, at 7:00 p.m., in the Municipal Administration Building, in Barrington, for the purpose of discussing further physician recruitment.

LIGHTHOUSE ROAD

Members were reminded that the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation has been requested on a number of occasions to upgrade Lighthouse Road at Baccaro Point by placing gravel on it. In spite of several promises to do this, to date no upgrading has been done.

Resolution COW100808

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Nova Scotia Minister of Transportation, Mr. Estabrooks, requesting that due to the extreme poverty of the Department of Transportation in Shelburne County he be asked to find funds in his Department's budget for the purpose of paying for the graveling of Lighthouse Road at Baccaro Point.

Motion carried unanimously.

CROW'S NECK BEACH

At a recent meeting attended by our MLA, Sterling Belliveau, it was brought to his attention that access to Crow's Neck Beach may be possible now that an adjacent property owner is selling their property. This matter was brought to our MLAs' attention both by Council and by a local resident.

Resolution COW100809

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to Minister Belliveau reminding him of the request by local residents of the Province to provide access to Crow's Neck Beach.

Motion carried unanimously.

SIGN

It is indicated by a member that there is a sign at the C.S.I. Causeway that is in need of repair. This sign is on the right hand side exiting the island. The ownership and repairs to the sign will be investigated by Municipal Staff.

It was also indicated that the Bateman Road sign owned by the Department of Transportation is also in need of repair.

It was also brought to the attention of members that the sign at Barrington Woolen Mill has "Cat Rock" painted across it for some time now and is in need of repair.

It was also suggested by a member that signs be placed on the highway indicating that there are white sandy beaches in the Municipality. It was suggested this would be an attraction for tourists passing through the area.

Resolution COW100910

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that Municipal Employees investigate the cost of posting additional signs on Highway 103 indicating white sandy beaches at the exits to the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW100811

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that correspondence be sent to the Department of Natural Resources indicating that they should remove and cut the bushes next to the Sand Hills Beach Park sign in Villagedale.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was suggested also that the Municipality provide signs on private roads. This matter will be further investigated during the next budget year.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY COMMUNITY GRANT REQUEST

The Community Grant request from the Historical Society will be forwarded to Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 9:07 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website August 5, 2010.