

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

October 18, 2010

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

- Shaun Hatfield, Chair
 - Murray Atkinson
 - George El-Jakl
 - Louise Halliday
 - 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:

- Department of Transportation.
- Logs at Brown's Pit Road.
- Department of Justice.
- Mink Farm Visit.

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 C. O'Donnell and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the minutes of the last previous meeting held October 4, 2010 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

BARRINGTON REGIONAL CURLING CLUB

Mr. Elwin Smith, President of the Barrington Regional Curling Club, appeared before the committee for the purpose of discussing their progress for the previous month. He indicated that the drain at the outside of the curling club has now been completed. The curling ice will be ready this coming weekend, after which time it will be used.

It is anticipated that membership will be good for this year. At present, the Club has indications they will have seventy (70) or more members which is comparably higher than last year. \$6,400.00 was raised from the Fall Fling which was held in September.

Mr. Smith brought up the following three matters requiring maintenance by the Municipality:

1. One of the exterior lights on the back of the building needs to be repaired.
2. The fan in the men's washroom is "shorting out" and needs to be repaired.
3. The motors need to be replaced in the air exchangers in the lounge.

Having completed his presentation, Mr. Smith then retired from the meeting.

RCMP MONTHLY REPORT

The RCMP has now put in place a Joint Police Advisory Board for the Municipality of Barrington and the Town of Clark's Harbour. This Board has already held their first meeting and will be holding their second meeting on Thursday, October 21st. Since this Board has been put in place it is the proper channel to address issues regarding policing in the community. The RCMP monthly meeting with Council now becomes redundant. Members asked that the monthly statistical reports from the local detachment continue to be sent to councillors for their information.

Resolution COW101008

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by L. Halliday that it be recommended to Council that the RCMP monthly statistical reports continue to be circulated to councillors by email.

Motion carried unanimously.

SOUTH WEST HEALTH INTERVIEW

The representative from South West Health was unable to attend this evening for the purposes of their interview. As a result, the interview has been rescheduled for the committee meeting of November 1, 2010.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

This matter was deferred to this meeting from a previous meeting of the committee.

There followed some discussion regarding the potential of hiring an Economic Development Officer for the Municipality.

Resolution COW101009

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that Municipal Staff determine if there is any funding available for an Economic Development Officer for the Municipality and further investigate the hiring of such an officer.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The holding of committee meetings in the Council Chambers has been done for a trial period. This trial period is now ending. Members were asked if they wished to continue to hold the committee meetings in the Council Chambers.

Resolution COW101010

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that committee meetings now be held in the Conference Room as they have been done in the past.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Louise Halliday
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl
Cecil O'Donnell

Motion carried.

BARRINGTON PASSAGE BUSINESS PARK

This matter has been deferred to the meeting from a previous meeting of the committee.

There followed some discussion regarding the promotion of the park. It was agreed by consensus of members that the printing of any promotional brochures for the park be deferred until some further decision is taken on the employment of an Economic Development Officer for the Municipality.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES

It was agreed by members that councillors be designated as follows for laying of wreaths at various Remembrance Day services in the Municipality:

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| - Clark's Harbour | - | Councillor Stoddard |
| - Wood's Harbour | - | Councillor Halliday |
| - Stoney Island | - | Councillor O'Donnell |
| - Barrington | - | Deputy Warden Messenger |
| - BMHS (both services) | - | Councillor Hatfield |
| - Forest Ridge | - | Councillor O'Donnell |

Members will be contacted regarding the time and place of the services once they have been communicated to the Municipal Office.

MEETING WITH MINISTER OF EDUCATION

Representatives of the Municipality will meet with the Minister of Education at 3:00 p.m, tomorrow afternoon, in Halifax, to discuss the future of Cape Sable Island schools. It was agreed that Warden El-Jakl, Councillor Stoddard and Councillor Hatfield will meet with the Minister.

Resolution COW101011

Moved by G.El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that expenses of those attending the meeting with the Minister of Education be reimbursed by the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENTS TO THE POLICE ACT

Members were provided with a letter indicating that amendments are being proposed to the Police Act. A public meeting will be held in Yarmouth, on October 21st, at which representatives are asked to provide their input for these amendments. It is proposed the amendments will be made to put in place an independent investigative body that will review incidents where death, serious injury, and other serious incidents have resulted from the actions of a police officer.

At this time there was no commitment by any members to attend.

AMENDMENT TO BY-LAW NO. 25 "TAX EXEMPTION BY-LAW"

In 2005, when municipalities in Shelburne County agreed to purchase the Barrington Ground Search & Rescue building for that association, a motion was passed at Council to provide that organization with a tax exemption on their property once the purchase had been completed. The purchase of this property has now been completed and the Barrington Ground Search and Rescue has been provided with a deed for the property.

Members are being informed tonight that the proposed change in By-Law No. 25 to put a tax exemption in place for the Barrington Ground Search and Rescue property will be brought forward for first reading at the next subsequent Council meeting.

There also followed some discussion regarding full exemption of other charitable organizations within the Municipality.

Resolution COW101012

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that the Municipal Clerk determine the cost of providing a full exemption to the remaining charitable organization properties covered by By-Law No. 25, and determine the Municipal Government Acts' limitations on these exemptions.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

It was agreed by consensus of members that appointment of members to various committees for the coming year would not be done until after Mr. Novack has presented his report on the Administrative Review of the Municipality. Mr. Novack is scheduled to present his report on October 25, 2010. A Nominating Committee meeting will be deferred until November as a result.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

It was noted by a member that there is gravel along the edge of the pavement near West River Road. This is in a location where children are picked up and dropped off by school buses from local schools.

Resolution COW101013

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality send a letter to the Department of Transportation asking them to sweep the crushed stone off the edge of the asphalt near the West River Road.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was also noted by a member that a guardrail has been placed at Twinkie's Corner in Wood's Harbour, and that maintenance work has been done on Cemetery Road in Wood's Harbour, for which residents are grateful.

Resolution COW101014

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Department of Transportation requesting that they cut grass at the guardrail along the Sherose Island Road.

Motion carried unanimously.

A member also wished to thank the Department of Transportation for placing guardrails at various locations in Newellton.

Resolution COW101015

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that the Department of Transportation be reminded of the Municipality's request to have a guardrail installed at Cape Sable Island Causeway.

Motion carried unanimously.

LOGS AT BROWN'S PIT ROAD

A member informed members that there are logs on the property of D. M. Snow Ltd. located at Brown's Pit Road. The member indicated that the logs had been buried there for some time and felt that it would be acceptable to have the logs left there as long as they were covered with fill.

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that if the owners of property on Brown's Pit Road were willing to cover the logs that were located on their property then they be permitted to do so and not have to remove the logs.

Members were informed that the Municipality's By-Law Enforcement Officer has been investigating this site as a result of a complaint received.

Resolution COW101016

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the previous motion be deferred until information has been received by the Municipality's By-Law Enforcement Officer.

Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Members were informed that a letter has been received from the Deputy Minister of Justice. This letter was received by email and indicates that the government has asked all provincial government departments to identify options to reduce spending by 5% to 10% over the next three years. As a result the Department of Justice has been asked to develop budget scenarios for both options. Over the coming months the Department will be going through the annual budgeting process and will be incorporating this request in that process.

MINK FARM VISITS

Members agreed that if a visit could be arranged they would like to tour the mink farm on Highway 103, at 8:30 a.m., on Friday, October 22, 2010. Members agreed to meet at the Municipal Office prior to proceeding to the mink farm.

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed the business of the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website October 19, 2010.