

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

December 6, 2010

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:30 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, NS, with the following members present:

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

CLOSED SESSION RE: WASTE COLLECTION AGREEMENT & LAND ACQUISITION

Members entered into Closed Session for the purpose of further discussing the Waste Collection Agreement and also for the purpose of discussing the acquisition of land at Sherose Island.

After completing their discussion of these matters, members then took a short break before beginning the regular meeting of the committee.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Guardrail.
- Street Light.
- Organizational Study.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that the minutes of the last previous meeting held November 29, 2010 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MUNICIPAL PHYSICAL ACTIVITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Debbie Smith from the Office of Health Promotion and Protection, and Anna Kenney, the Municipality's Recreation Director, appeared before the meeting for the purpose of making a presentation.

Debbie Smith then proceeded to make a power point presentation concerning the physical activity crisis in Nova Scotia. Municipalities are being asked to participate in a Physical Activity Leadership Program which will be partially financed by the Province. This program will help municipalities develop a physical activity strategy and then implement the strategy. It is anticipated the program would be a five (5) year renewable agreement between the Municipality and the Province. It was also possible that the Town of Clark's Harbour may be asked to participate in the program which would attract additional funding from the Province. It is suggested that the program coincide with the fiscal year of the Municipality, that being April 1st to March 31st.

Members agreed to continue this discussion beyond the appointed hour in order to complete the discussion.

Resolution COW101201

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipal Physical Activity Leadership Program be deferred to a future meeting of the Committee of the Whole for further discussion, and to be included in the budget deliberations for next year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW101202

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality send a letter to the Town of Clark's Harbour suggesting their participation in this program.

Motion carried unanimously.

Having completed their discussion of this matter, Debbie Smith and Anna Kenney then retired from the meeting.

GENERATOR REQUEST FROM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Halliday declared a conflict of interest and retired from the meeting room as her husband's business is a local supplier of generators.

Mr. Jim Newell, the Emergency Measures Coordinator, and Mr. Dick Crowell, the Alternate Emergency Measures Coordinator, appeared before the meeting for the purpose of discussing access and provision of a generator for the Barrington Ground Search & Rescue building. Mr. Newell provided a written summary to all councillors indicating the reasons for switching the location of the Emergency Operations Centre from the Island and Barrington Passage Fire Hall in Centreville to the Barrington Ground Search & Rescue building in Barrington Passage.

There then followed some discussion of the location of the Emergency Operations Centre and the need for a generator. There was also some discussion of the use of the Lions Hall for a comfort centre and the use of a generator at that location. It was also suggested that a portable generator could be purchased and used in either location.

Resolution COW101203

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality support the application for JEPP funding for a generator, in principle, and that the provision of funds for this purpose be included in budget deliberations for the next fiscal year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Halliday then returned to the meeting room.

DRAFT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT POLICY

A proposed draft policy was circulated to members together with the agenda for the meeting. It was the consensus of members that this draft policy be reviewed by the Municipal Solicitor prior to further consideration.

PROPERTY ACQUISITION REQUEST FROM ROSALIE HOLMES

Members were provided with information indicating that Rosalie Holmes has requested to purchase three pieces of municipally owned property in Lower Clark's Harbour.

There then followed some discussion regarding the use of these properties.

Resolution COW101204

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality respond to the request of Rosalie Holmes indicating that Council does not wish at the present time to sell the three properties in question and should Council change its mind in future she will be given the opportunity to purchase the properties.

Motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON'S SCHEDULE

A schedule for councillors chairing the Committee of the Whole meetings during the 2011 calendar year was circulated to members for their information.

SHELBURNE COUNTY SENIOR SAFETY GRANT

Information was provided to members requesting a letter of support for the application for the Shelburne County Senior Safety Grant from the Nova Scotia Department of Health. This grant was applied for in the previous year and is being applied for again this year. The Department of Health is being asked to fund the grant in the amount of \$25,000.00. The Municipality's financial support for this project will also be increased from \$4,712.00 the previous year to \$7,591.00 in the current year.

Resolution COW101205

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that a letter of support be provided for the application to the Nova Scotia Department of Health for a Shelburne County Senior Safety Grant.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was also requested that the Senior Safety Coordinator appear before a future Committee of the Whole meeting to explain the activities of this program.

FCM CONFERENCE PROMOTION BOOTH

Members were informed that it is possible to host a booth at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference in Halifax next June at a cost of \$2,700.00. The intention of having a booth at that conference is to promote the Municipality to those attending the conference.

Resolution COW101106

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality request the Shelburne County Tourism Committee to allow its Coordinator to establish a booth at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference, in Halifax, in 2011, and that the Coordinator attend the booth if possible, and if not possible, then to set up the booth specifically on behalf of the Municipality of the District of Barrington.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Louise Halliday

Motion carried

GUARDRAIL

It was indicated by a member that there is a guardrail needed on the Upper Clyde Road along private property owned by Donald and Norma Messenger.

Resolution COW101207

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality contact the local Department of Transportation requesting some type of barrier in the form a guardrail or posts be installed along the edge of the road in front of the property of Donald and Norma Messenger to prevent any further encroachment of the road on their private property.

Motion carried unanimously.

LIGHT AT MCGRAY AVENUE

It was indicated that a street light in the vicinity of the wharf at McGray Avenue is out.

Municipal employees will investigate and have the necessary repairs completed.

ORGANIZATIONAL STUDY

Members were previously informed by email that funding to hire a recruiter pursuant to the Organizational Study can be provided from the Special Reserve Fund Operating as advised by our Municipal Advisor.

It was also suggested that the Municipality's Capital Investment Plan be linked to the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan.

Resolution COW101208

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that a review of capital project priorities be placed on a future meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT SHEROSE ISLAND

The Municipal Council at their meeting held November 8, 2010 passed a motion to purchase the surplus federal property located at Sherose Island at a cost of \$2,650.00. A Sale Agreement has now been received from Public Works and Government Services Canada. Section 5 of the Sale Agreement requires the Municipality to provide Public Works and Government Services Canada with a motion of Council confirming the authority of the Municipality of the District of Barrington to acquire the lands.

Resolution COW101209

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that:

WHEREAS the Municipal Government Act states in Section 50(1): "the Municipality may acquire and own property";

AND WHEREAS Section 65 states: "The Council may expend the money required by the Municipality for Section 65(x), land and buildings required for a municipal purpose.";

AND WHEREAS Section 66(1) states: " A municipality may borrow to carry out an authority to expend funds for capital purposes conferred by this Act.";

AND WHEREAS Section 99(4) states: "A withdrawal from the Capital Reserve Fund shall be authorized by a Council, by resolution, and may only be used for Section 99(4)(a) Capital Expenditures for which the Municipality may borrow.";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of the District of Barrington withdraw funds from the Special Reserve Fund Capital to purchase property from Public Works and Government Services Canada at a cost of \$2,650.00, plus survey and legal fees, for the purpose of adding the property to the Municipal Recreation Complex lands at Sherose Island.

AFFIRMATIVE

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Cecil O'Donnell

Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

Louise Halliday

Motion carried .

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 9:03 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website December 7, 2010.