

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

March 7, 2011

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:45 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

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

### CLOSED SESSION RE: PERSONNEL MATTER

A Closed Session was held to discuss the certification requirements of the Arena Manager. Information was provided to members confirming that Workers Compensation coverage would continue to be provided by the Municipality if the Arena Manager worked off site to receive training. Information was also provided to members indicating what other work was done by the Arena Manager for the Municipality from April to June. Members were again informed that the current Manager had obtained 116 hours towards certification over the previous two years.

It was agreed by consensus of members that the Municipal Solicitor should be consulted regarding alternative actions in this matter.

The meeting was then reconvened in open session.

### ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Interpretive Plaque.
- Department of Transportation.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. O'Donnell that minutes of the meetings held February 21, 2011 and February 25, 2011 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

DISTRICT HEALTH AUTHORITY INTERVIEW

Blaise McNeil, CEO of the South West District Health Authority, appeared before the meeting for the purpose of discussing Blood Collection Fees Services. Also appearing on behalf of the District Health Authority were: Cathy Blades, Vice President, Clinical Care; David Dow, Acting Board Chair; Jodi Ybarra, Roseway Hospital Site Manager; and Barbara Johnson, Communications Director. Mr. McNeil acted as spokesperson for the group.

The Blood Services Collection Fee has recently increased from \$7.00 to \$10.00. This fee is not a revenue to the District Health Authority. It is an offset of the cost of blood collection at external sites. It was requested that additional information be provided from the District Health Authority regarding the numbers being serviced at other external sites as well as the numbers of clients being served at the hospitals in the District.

Mr. McNeil informed members that the service had been costed out eight years ago and that the fees had not been increased over that period. The costs are estimated to be \$12.92 per client, based on the number of clients served and on the cost of time spent by employees providing this service, and travel and equipment used in providing this service.

Resolution COW110301

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that having reached the time allotted for this discussion, the discussion be continued until finished.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McNeil informed members that the blood collection service provided externally to the hospitals is an uninsured service that is provided by the District Health Authority as an additional service to those areas.

There then followed some discussion regarding physician recruitment.

The provision of modern state of the art clinics is believed to be one element in the recruitment structure that would seem to be favourable to physicians. This is a standard that is being adopted by many communities and would be in the best interest of any area seeking physicians.

There then followed some discussion of the provision of dialysis services. This service is very much affected by funding provided in order to enable it to be presented locally. Some progress is being made in this area and it is believed the next step is to provide this service in the smaller community hospitals.

Having completed their discussion of these matters, the District Health Authority representatives retired from the meeting at approximately 7:30 p.m.

#### QUEEN OF HEARTS DORY CLUB INTERVIEW

Mr. Rob Hurlburt, President, and Mrs. Nicole Nickerson, Secretary-Treasurer, appeared on behalf of the Queen of Hearts Dory Club. They provided a written presentation regarding their proposal to construct a building at North East Point on property formerly owned by Brian Townsend at McGray Avenue along the Cape Sable Island Causeway. The property is now owned by the Club. The Club previously had had access to Barrington Bay through Mr. Donald Mahaney's private property. This created certain problems for the Club including damages to their equipment and boats.

The Club has been operating a "fun row" which they intend to conduct every Tuesday from June to September of this year.

The dories weigh in excess of 500 lbs. on average and are difficult to move. It is necessary to have a floating dock in order to facilitate the use of them. The Club has plans to construct a building along with the necessary docking facilities. The Department of Natural Resources has been approached and has given approval for the wharf construction. The Town of Clark's Harbour and the Nova Scotia Department of Sport and Recreation have also been approached for grants. It is estimated the cost of this facility will be approximately \$45,655.00. The members indicated they had not as yet approached ACOA for any funding.

The Club is requesting funding from the Municipality for this project.

Having completed their discussion of this matter, Mr. Hurlburt and Mrs. Nickerson retired from the meeting at approximately 7:47 p.m.

#### C.S.I. AND CLARK'S HARBOUR SCHOOL STUDY COMMITTEE RESPONSE

It was apparent from the response prepared to the Tri-County Regional School Board that the School Advisory Committee was not making any recommendation regarding the closure of either one of the schools on Cape Sable Island. A meeting will be held on Monday, March 21, 2011, at the Barrington Municipal High School by the Tri-County Regional School Board to receive input and information on this matter.

#### FIRE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Terms of Reference for a Fire Services Advisory Committee had been circulated to members together with the agenda. Councillor O'Donnell who serves on this Committee indicated that there was "nothing definite" on the Terms of Reference at present. He also indicated he had circulated it to other councillors for their input. This matter will be discussed further at a later meeting.

### SHAG HARBOUR INCIDENT SOCIETY REQUEST TO LEASE MUNICIPAL PROPERTY

Prior to the meeting information had been circulated to members indicating that the Municipality could lease municipally owned property in Wood's Harbour to the Shag Harbour Incident Society for the purpose of constructing a museum on the site, providing a resolution was passed by Council indicating that this is a use that is deemed to be beneficial to the Municipality, and that there is a two thirds majority vote passing the resolution. The property would be leased at a nominal fee of \$1.00 per year but would not be sold.

There then followed some discussion regarding the terms of such a lease.

Members were also informed that the Incident Society had submitted a request for a grant to install an accessibility ramp to the building for visitors. This Community Grant application is requesting the Municipality to contribute towards this project which is estimated to cost \$6,500.00 to \$6,700.00.

There then followed additional discussion regarding the terms of the lease. It was suggested that the Municipality not pay any of the continuing costs of establishing this museum or operating this museum and that the Society should be informed that no extra costs or grants will be provided from the Municipality. It was also suggested that the Society be informed that the lease would be for the property as is/where is, and that any structural changes being done to the property would need to be approved by the Municipality.

#### Resolution COW110302

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the Society be sent a letter requesting information being provided from them regarding costs of constructing a museum on this site as well as the estimated annual operating costs of the proposed museum and the estimated sources of revenue to pay for these costs. The Society is also to be informed of the requirement for liability insurance, and anticipated terms of the lease from the Municipality which would include that the Municipality will not be providing any continuing costs for the construction or operation of the museum.

Motion carried unanimously.

### NORTH EAST POINT BEACH BOARDWALK EXTENSION

Correspondence has been received from the Department of Natural Resources indicating that in order to advance the proposal for extending the boardwalk they wish to have:

1. A conceptual drawing/design indicating location of the structures and relative size of the footprint.
2. Overview of the viewpoint rational, who it will serve, the expected use, and what experience is hoping to be provided.
3. Comments on sustainability and future maintenance.
4. How the structure will assist in better managing the beach area.

It was suggested that Municipal Staff provide this information.

Resolution COW110303

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that Municipal Staff draft the proposed information, with a sketch of the project based on constructing the boardwalk extension in the area where the Old Ferry Wharf Road previously existed, for the Department of Natural Resources.

Motion carried unanimously.

GRANT REQUESTS

Bear Point Rifle Club

A Community Grant request has been received from the Bear Point Rifle Club for the purpose of rewiring the building. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$4,000.00. The Club provided a copy of their last bank statement to February 1, 2011 indicating their financial situation.

Resolution COW110304

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that a Community Grant in the amount of \$1,500.00 be provided from the District 2 Community Grants Fund to the Bear Point Rifle Club for the purpose of rewiring their building.

Motion carried unanimously.

Three additional Community Grant requests were received; one from the Chapel Hill Historical Society; one from the Newellton Community Hall and one from the Kids Fair Play FUNd.

These three grant applications are believed to be requests for funds from the next fiscal year and will be considered during the budget process.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY AND LAND USE BY-LAW  
REVIEW PROCESS STATUS

Correspondence has been received from the Senior Planner at the District Planning Commission indicating that the next regular scheduled District Planning Commission meeting is to be held on March 9, 2011. In this correspondence he indicates that it has become apparent a plan review process is, by virtue of its very nature and complexity, impossible to limit to an exact and strict schedule, and further he advises that options for the review include the status quo with completion of their contract March 31, 2011, leaving the legacy documents for completion in due course by remaining DPC staff, or other options could be considered to maintain the current staff complement for an extended period to maintain the continuity of the review process and maintain an expeditious approach to the project.

This information will be further discussed at the DPC meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

In the budget that was circulated for the DPC meeting there is contained a proposal that the ICSP Planner be continued to be employed by the DPC for a further three months at a total cost of \$19,273.00, being \$6,424.00 for each of the municipal units.

Discussion of the various alternatives for providing planning services then ensued. Information has been received at the Municipal Office indicating that planning services can be provided by private contractors.

Resolution COW110305

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the District Planning Commission be informed that the Municipality of Barrington is not in favour of any contract extension for the ICSP Planner.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was also suggested that the matter of the District Planning Commission be put on the agenda for the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

FCM CONFERENCE BOOTH

Members were provided with correspondence from the Shelburne County Tourism Development Committee in response to a request to establish a booth at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference in Halifax. The Committee states in their correspondence that if the towns and municipalities of Shelburne County were to sponsor this booth their manager would be available on Thursday and Friday to attend it.

Resolution COW110306

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality request the other municipal units in Shelburne County to partner with the Municipality of Barrington in funding and staffing a booth at the FCM Conference in June in Halifax.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

George El-Jakl  
Louise Halliday  
Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Cecil O'Donnell  
Cathy Stoddard

**NEGATIVE**

Murray Atkinson

Motion carried.

ACTIVITIES FUNDS POLICY REVIEW

It was the consensus of members that this matter should be deferred for further consideration to a later meeting.

RFP RE: SPRING CLEAN-UP

The Municipality had previously advertised for Requests for Proposals for the Spring Clean-up to be conducted in April 2011.

Two sealed proposals have been received and these were opened at the meeting this evening by the Warden.

The first proposal is from Ridge Road Recycling Depot. The proposal is in the amount of \$21,000.00, plus HST, and is proposing that the clean-up be conducted during the week of April 4-8, 2011.

The second proposal received is from Wastco Ltd. and is in the amount of \$21,000.00, plus HST, and includes an additional fuel surcharge.

Resolution COW110307

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality accept the proposal of Ridge Road Recycling Depot for the Spring Clean-up in April of 2011 pending legal advice from the Municipal Solicitor regarding the date change.

Motion carried unanimously.

BARRINGTON BAY TRAIL

Members were informed that the Municipality does not now have the appropriate equipment or enough personnel to provide snow plowing of the Barrington Bay Trail during winter months.

It was the consensus of members that snow plowing of the trail not be done.

TAPING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Additional information has been received from Eastlink regarding the taping of Council meetings. The Municipality is now waiting for further information from Eastlink and from the gentleman who had recently been taping the meetings.

D.O.T 5 YEAR HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

Correspondence has been received from the Municipality of the District of Shelburne. This correspondence is their response to the Department of Transportation's comments regarding their 5 year highway plan.

Resolution COW110308

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality send a support letter to the Minister of Transportation regarding the standards for grading of gravel roads, and also for the Highway 103 realignment, and copies of this letter also be sent to other municipal units in Shelburne County, as well as our MLA.

Motion carried unanimously.

NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS

The Warden suggested that the number of councillors be reduced from seven to five and that the districts be realigned accordingly. Information regarding the number of councillors, the number of electors, the estimated population of the municipal districts, and other pertinent information was circulated to members prior to the meeting for their information and review.

There then followed some discussion regarding the number of councillors required in the Municipality including how this may be affected by having a council act as CAO or having an employee act as CAO.

Resolution COW110309

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality consider reducing the number of councillors from seven to five in future.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Murray Atkinson  
George El-Jakl  
Shaun Hatfield  
Cecil O'Donnell

**NEGATIVE**

Louise Halliday  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Cathy Stoddard

Motion carried.



SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

SPRUCE DRIVE

The condition of the D.O.T. portion of the road at Spruce Drive has become a concern to residents in recent weeks.

Resolution COW110310

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the local office of the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation concerning the maintenance of the portion of Spruce Drive that is owned by the Department of Transportation.

Motion carried unanimously.

INTERPRETIVE PLAQUE FOR NORTH EAST POINT BEACH

A motion had been made to install an interpretive plaque at North East Point Beach.

The interpretive sign is in the process of being constructed and will be installed in the spring.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The local Supervisor and the Engineer from the Department of Transportation have been invited to attend a Committee of the Whole meeting. As yet, no response has been received from them.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 9:50 p.m.

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Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

**On website March 9, 2011.**