

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING
SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING WITH FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

October 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 8:02 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- George El-Jakl, Chair
- Louise Halliday
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Cecil O'Donnell
- Cathy Stoddard
- Shaun Hatfield (8:10)

Absent was member Murray Atkinson.

- Lesa Rossetti, Secretary for the Meeting

INTRODUCTIONS

The following representatives were introduced to the meeting:

- John Nickerson, Barrington Volunteer Fire Department
- Paul Thomas, Barrington Volunteer Fire Department
- Blanchard Chetwynd, Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department
- Shannon Newell, Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department
- Jody Goreham, Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department
- Gordon Ross, Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department
- Maurice Nickerson, Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department
- Eugene Stoddard, Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department
- Ricky Banks, Shag Harbour/Bear Point Volunteer Fire Department

There were no volunteers from the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department as they were dealing with a medical call.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Department Reports were presented by the Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department, Shag Harbour/Bear Point Volunteer Fire Department, Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department, Barrington Volunteer Fire Department and Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department. Written reports were provided by all departments with the exception of the Barrington Volunteer Fire Department which will be forwarded to the Municipal Office at a later date.

During the report from the Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department members were made aware that the Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department and the Shag Harbour/Bear Point Volunteer Fire Department have had three meetings to date dealing with the possibility of amalgamating the two departments. Discussions will continue.

REQUESTED FIRE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

Councillor Shaun Hatfield arrived at 8:10 p.m.

The Chair informed members that the Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department and the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department have still not provided requested information for 2011 as required by Policy No. 54 "Fire Response and Emergency Services Policy". The Chair informed members that Council at their meeting held October 11, 2011 passed a motion to withhold funding from these fire departments until such time as the requested information is received.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Fire Services Coordinator

The Chair informed members that the position of Fire Services Coordinator will be advertised next week in the Coast Guard Newspaper and will also be advertised on Career Beacon. During discussion of this matter question was raised as to why the position was not being advertised in the Chronicle Herald.

It was also suggested, and agreed, that the position should be advertised on the website for the Fire Service Association of Nova Scotia.

Members were informed that the deadline for applications for this position is 12:00 Noon, November 3, 2011.

Question was raised as to whether it would be possible for members of the Fire Advisory Committee to serve on the Hiring Committee when interviewing for this position.

The Chair agreed to discuss the above matters with the Municipal Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by C. O'Donnell that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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Secretary for the Meeting

On website October 14, 2011.