

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

November 21, 2011

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room, 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
- Lesa Rossetti, Secretary for the Meeting

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Stirling's Road.
- Holiday Reception.
- Equalization Conference.
- Crow's Neck Beach.

### 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. Stoddard and seconded by M. Atkinson that the minutes of the last meeting of the committee held November 7, 2011 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

NORTH EAST POINT WHARF PROJECT

Mr. Wayne Nickerson of North East Point appeared before the meeting. Mr. Nickerson advised that since his last appearance before members, he has formed a Not for Profit community organization called *The North East Point Wharf Heritage Society* which has been established to preserve “for public use” the North East Point wharf located on McGray Avenue. Mr. Nickerson advised that the wharf was constructed years ago by the volunteer efforts of the community and over the years has been used by fishermen, duck hunters and recreational boaters from all districts of the Municipality. The original builders of the wharf have passed on and their organization is seeking assistance to keep the wharf in good repair since it is widely use by citizens and is part of our local culture and heritage.

Mr. Nickerson has made application for funding from the Community Grants Fund. He is requesting \$2,800.00 from the fund for refacing and putting a new top on the wharf. The total cost of the project is \$3,900.00 and \$1,100.00 has been raised through community donations. Work on the wharf is planned for the spring.

Resolution C111110

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that having reached the time allotted for Mr. Nickerson’s presentation that the committee continue to discuss the matter of the North East Point Wharf.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C111111

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that the North East Point Wharf Heritage Society be provided with a grant of \$2,300.00 from the Community Grants Fund to assist with the cost of repairs to the North East Point wharf and that funding be taken from the Community Grants Fund as follows:

- District 4, \$500.00
- District 5, \$500.00
- District 6, \$500.00
- District 7, \$500.00
- District 3, \$300.00

**AFFIRMATIVE**

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

**NEGATIVE**

Louise Halliday

Motion carried.

Mr. Nickerson was thanked for appearing before the Committee and making his presentation.

### CROSSWALKS

Mr. Robert Chetwynd appeared before the meeting requesting the installation of three (3) crosswalks in the Barrington Passage area for safety purposes. Locations identified by Mr. Chetwynd were as follows:

- on Route 330 where the Barrington Bay Trail crosses the road near Subway and the Superstore
- on Highway #3 where the sidewalk ends in front of the Library
- on Highway #3 where the Barrington Bay Trail crosses the road near Horizons Chalets & Motel

Mr. Chetwynd was advised that in 2009 Municipal Council requested the Department of Transportation to place a crosswalk on Highway 330 near where the Barrington Bay Trail crosses the road. The Department of Transportation advised that a crosswalk that is not at the intersection of two streets is considered a mid block crosswalk and must be equipped with overhead RA-5 crosswalk signs and pedestrian actuated flashing amber lights. The cost of this type of crosswalk may range from \$35,000.00 to \$50,000.00.

Mr. Chetwynd questioned whether a flashing amber light would be required in an area with a speed zone of 50 kilometers or less.

### Resolution COW111112

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that a letter be forwarded to the Department of Transportation requesting requirements to have crosswalks installed on Route 330 where the Barrington Bay Trail crosses the highway and on Highway #3 where the Barrington Bay Trail crosses the highway near Horizon Chalets & Motel in Barrington Passage, and note that both locations are in 50 km speed zones.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that the Department of Transportation be requested to repaint the crosswalk on Highway #3 near the Robertson Building.

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by L. Halliday that the above motion be amended to also request the Department of Transportation to paint the crosswalk on the pavement at the intersection of Highway #3 and Route 330 since the crosswalk already exists and is currently indicated by lights only.

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion now reads as follows:

Resolution C111113

“...that it be recommended to Council that the Department of Transportation be requested to repaint the crosswalk on Highway #3 near the Robertson Building, and also to paint the crosswalk on the pavement at the intersection of Highway #3 and Route 330 since the crosswalk already exists and is currently indicated by lights only.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW111114

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by M. Atkinson that the next Warden’s Report contain a friendly reminder to motorists of crosswalks in the area.

Motion carried unanimously.

During discussion of this matter it was suggested by a member that it is law that all motorists stop at all crosswalks regardless if there are pedestrians waiting to cross or not.

It was agreed that this matter be checked further.

Resolution COW111115

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that Mr. Robert Chetwynd be notified of the response received from the Department of Transportation regarding crosswalks.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Chetwynd was then thanked for appearing before the meeting and making his presentation.

MONTHLY REPORT - BARRINGTON REGIONAL CURLING CLUB

Mr. Bob Cushing, Barrington Regional Curling Club, appeared before the meeting. He advised that the Club had a slow start this year and membership is now at 90. This year there will be no Little Rocks program due to the lack of coaches. An alternate youth program has been set up which provides for youth curling one day per month. This year provision was made for some juniors to curl in the adult league.

The Club recently experienced a high temperature alarm on the ice which was quickly addressed by the refrigeration tech at the Arena.

Mr. Cushing was thanked for appearing before the meeting and presenting the monthly report.

### COMMUNITY MEETINGS

The Deputy Clerk informed members that community meetings have been scheduled as follows:

- January 16, 2012, Port LaTour Fire Hall
- April 30, 2012, Newellton Community Hall
- July 16, 2012, Shag Harbour Fire Hall

### GOVERNANCE SURVEY - PLEBISCITE RE: WARDEN/MAYOR

During discussion of this matter a number of questions were raised.

- Will the plebiscite decide the question of Warden or Mayor or will the results of the vote be taken to Council for a decision?
- Cost associated with a plebiscite?
- Cost associated with special election to elect a mayor?

It was agreed that additional information be obtained and presented to the next Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion.

### PROVINCIAL RESIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT CAP

It was reported that correspondence has been received from the Cape Breton Regional Municipality advising of their support of the removal of the provincial system of capping residential assessments in Nova Scotia.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that the Municipality of Barrington had previously taken their concerns to the Provincial Government regarding the residential assessment CAP along with many other municipal units. As a result of presentations to the Provincial Government, they decided to keep the CAP.

### DANGEROUS HIGHWAY ACCESS

Residents have expressed concern to councillors regarding the dangerous situation which currently exists at Tim Horton's drive-thru. Patrons are experiencing difficulty when leaving the Tim Horton's drive-thru as a result of traffic congestion in the area and limited visibility. It appears that the curbing in the Tim Horton's parking lot is pushed closer and closer to the road by vehicles which affects visibility along with large trucks parking alongside the road. Concern has also been expressed regarding the sign located in the Shoppers Drug Mart parking lot.

Resolution COW111116

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that the Department of Transportation be requested to investigate the dangerous situation currently existing at the Tim Horton's drive-thru in Barrington Passage as a result of vehicles parking close to the road, the sign in the Shoppers Drug Mart parking lot, and trucks and transports parking along the highway.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW111117

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that a friendly letter be sent to Tim Horton's asking that they permanently affix and enlarge the curbing in their parking lot between the parking lot and Route 330 to prevent the curbing from being pushed out close to the highway right of way as a safety measure.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Schedule of Fees for the previous two weeks was circulated for viewing by members.

STIRLING'S ROAD

A member reported that the Stirling's Road sign is missing and should be replaced.

Resolution COW111118

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that a new road sign be installed on Stirling's Road in Barrington Passage.

Motion carried unanimously.

HOLIDAY RECEPTION

Warden George El-Jakl informed members that he has received an invitation to attend a holiday reception on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 being hosted by the Nova Scotia Business Inc. in Halifax.

No interest was expressed by members.

EQUALIZATION CONFERENCE

The Warden informed members that he has received information from Nova Scotians For Equalization Fairness advising that they are holding a conference on November 25, 2011.

No interest was expressed by members in attending the conference.

CROW'S NECK BEACH

Resolution COW111119

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that Nova Scotia Nature Trust be requested to upgrade their right of way to Crow's Neck Beach for use by the public.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

**On website November 24, 2011.**