

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

April 12, 2012

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 2:00 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
- Shaun Hatfield
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Cathy Stoddard

Absent were Cecil O'Donnell and Murray Atkinson.

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
- Steven Stoddart, Tri-County Regional School Board
- Helen Goreham, SAC, BMHS
- Cathy Breen, Principal, BMHS
- Andrea Huskison-Newell, Board Member, Tri-County Regional School Board
- Lisa Doucet, Chairperson, Tri-County Regional School Board
- Ray Green, SAC Member, BMHS
- Sgt. M. J. Deluco, Barrington RCMP Detachment
- Greg Newell, N.S. Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal (2:30 p.m.)

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of this meeting was to engage all stakeholders in a discussion of parking issues along the Oak Park Road near the Barrington Municipal High School. Parking along the side of the road has become a problem caused by congestion of vehicles in the area. The shoulder of the road has deteriorated as a result of vehicles parking on the side of the road and is a concern to local residents. In addition, local residents are concerned with the behavior of drivers of these vehicles.

There then followed much discussion from all members regarding vehicles parking along the side of the road rather than in the school parking lot and the results of this action. It was indicated that in discussion with students who parked along the side of the road that their preference for parking there is because they congregate there during free school time, and as well those individuals who smoked are not allowed to smoke on school grounds and therefore they go out to their vehicles.

There then followed some discussion regarding the location of "No Parking" signs along the side of the road and the affect these have.

The closed campus concept was briefly discussed, and it was explained that this applies only to Junior High School students.

It was indicated that the shoulder of the road could be repaired or altered but this will not resolve the parking problem.

It was also indicated that there are 138 graduating students leaving the High School this year and only 80 new students will be entering the Senior High. It is anticipated as a result of this the problem may be alleviated somewhat.

It was also suggested that sidewalks be constructed in the area in response to this issue.

It was indicated that the Department of Transportation would be willing to fill in the area and improve it somewhat where vehicles are currently parking so that they could more easily park in that location along the side of the road.

There was some discussion of the possibility of widening the paved area along the side of the road as part of an active transportation plan. This matter will be further discussed by the Municipality.

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed their discussion of this matter, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:18 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website April 13, 2012.