

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

July 3, 2012

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:

- 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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Crow's Neck Beach.
- Shag Harbour Incident Society.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that minutes of the meeting held June 18, 2012 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

ALTERNATE ROUTE THROUGH BARRINGTON PASSAGE

Correspondence has been received from both Wilfred Mader and Francis Perry requesting the Municipality to look at establishing an alternate route for public traffic through the Barrington Passage area. This is as a result of the recent traffic delays due to the construction of the sidewalk in the area. Similar conditions exist at various locations throughout the Province, and in other areas of this Municipality as well.

Resolution C120701

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that this matter be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee for discussion and their consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Perry also indicated that the grass and bushes along the side of the road in the Barrington area need to be mowed, and removed if possible.

Resolution COW120702

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that the Department of Transportation be requested to mow grass along the shoulder of the road, and remove encroaching bushes from the shoulder of the road in the Barrington area, and that a copy of this letter be sent to Mr. Perry for his information.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was also suggested by Mr. Perry that the bushes and alders have overgrown the former CNR right of way in the Barrington area and as a result this right of way can no longer be used by residents as a walking trail.

Resolution COW120703

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that the Woodland Trails Association be requested to consider construction of a multi-use trail along the former CNR right of way in the Barrington area as a future project.

Motion carried unanimously.

PLAYGROUND GRANTS POLICY

This matter was referred to Committee by Council. Members discussed the possibility of requiring that all funds provided through Playground Grants be matching funds for those raised by local groups. It was also discussed that grants be provided on a bi-annual basis rather than annually.

There was some discussion regarding the affect this may have on the use of these grants to obtain equipment. It is generally considered that equipment for playgrounds is very expensive due to the safety requirements imposed upon it.

Question was also raised whether or not a ten year lease on property was long enough to warrant funding of playgrounds.

Resolution COW120704

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Playground Grants Policy be amended to provide that the Municipality will match funds raised by local community groups for the construction and maintenance of local playgrounds, to a maximum of \$2,500.00 per year, and that these funds can continue to be carried over from one year to another.

Motion carried unanimously.

The appropriate policy amendments will be prepared by Municipal Staff for consideration of Council.

GRANT REQUESTS

Barrington Ballfield Playground Society

Correspondence has been received from the Barrington Ballfield Playground Society requesting a grant of \$2,500.00 for the current year in order to assist with the purchase of equipment and construction of the playground.

Resolution COW120705

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality provide a grant of \$2,500.00 to the Barrington Ballfield Playground Society for the purpose of completing construction of their playground.

Motion carried unanimously.

Wood's Harbour Fisherman's Memorial

A grant request has been received from the Wood's Harbour Fishermen's Memorial for a grant of \$1,000.00.

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality provide a grant not to exceed \$500.00 to the Wood's Harbour Fisherman's Memorial.

Resolution COW120706

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by L. Halliday that consideration of the previous motion be deferred until information that is required by policy is obtained from the Wood's Harbour Fisherman's Memorial.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW120707

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipality contact the President of the Wood's Harbour Fisherman's Memorial to obtain the information required by policy.

Motion carried unanimously.

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE MEDAL PROGRAM

Resolution COW120708

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality nominate Alan Brannen for a medal under this program.

Motion carried unanimously.

GRAHAM DIXON LETTER RE: TENDER FOR SURPLUS PROPERTY

A letter from Mr. Graham Dixon had been circulated to all members for their information and review. This letter was in regards to Mr. Dixon's tender submitted for the purchase of municipal property in Wood's Harbour.

It was suggested that a letter of explanation be forwarded to Mr. Dixon informing him that councillors wish to use a Real Estate agent for the sale of this property in order to obtain a better price for it.

Resolution COW120709

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality sell the former Chetwynd warehouse in Wood's Harbour through East Bay Realty, and have it listed through the Multiple Listing Service.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Louise Halliday
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Resolution COW120710

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that Mr. Dixon be informed, by letter, that the Municipality has decided to sell the former Chetwynd warehouse property through a Real Estate agent in order to obtain fair market value for the property.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESCUE TRUCK GUARANTEE

The Wood's Harbour/Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department will be purchasing a rescue truck and are currently consulting the Royal Bank to determine the amount of Loan Guarantee that will be required. Once this information is provided a Guarantee will be requested of the Municipality.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

CROW'S NECK BEACH

The Nova Scotia Nature Trust presently owns property at Crow's Neck Beach which is in the process of being transferred to the Department of Natural Resources. This is sometimes a lengthy project. The property has yet to be transferred, and therefore the Department of Natural Resources cannot respond to the Municipality's request for improvements to the access road to the beach.

It was also noted that the Municipality's Visitor Information Centre should provide information on the location of Crow's Neck Beach to visitors to the area.

SHAG HARBOUR INCIDENT SOCIETY

The Warden informed members that he has received an invitation to the Annual Festival hosted by the Shag Harbour Incident Society. The Festival will take place on August 3rd and 4th and the Warden has indicated that he may not be able to attend.

The information will be available at the Municipal Office for those who wish to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 8:30 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website July 4, 2012.