

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

August 7, 2012

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:08 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Tuesday, August 7, 2012, with the following members present:

- George El-Jakl, Chair
- Murray Atkinson
- Louise Halliday
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Cathy Stoddard

Cecil O'Donnell was absent due to family illness, and Shaun Hatfield was absent due to work commitments.

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Woodland Trails Request.
- Dr. Yee Request.
- Bicycle Nova Scotia.
- Greenwood Boat Shop.
- Barrington Sidewalk.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by M. Atkinson that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. Stoddard that minutes of the meeting held July 30, 2012 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

RCMP REPORT

Sgt. Deluco appeared before the meeting for the purpose of providing a Quarterly Report for the local RCMP Detachment.

Sgt. Deluco provided a written report summarizing the RCMP activities for the months of April, May, June and July, 2012. Sgt. Deluco then commented on these reports, and the patterns that have appeared in the activities in the report. She indicated that the RCMP have a consultant who analyses these reports in order to determine underlying causes and other relative information, and that this consultant has been used recently to analyse the reports provided by the Detachment.

Sgt. Deluco indicated that she has not recently received any complaints regarding the traffic during the boat races. The RCMP has developed a plan for traffic control for these events and has put it in place. The RCMP will also have a plan in place for the boat races that are scheduled to take place in Shag Harbour. This will be advertised locally for public information.

One of the members from the local Detachment will be transferred in September. As yet it is unknown whether this member will be replaced by another local member or whether a new member will be brought in from outside. The member being replaced is Aaron Swim who is the Liaison Officer with the local schools.

Sgt. Deluco also circulated the Annual Performance Plan System for the local RCMP Detachment. This Performance Plan indicates the strategic areas of emphasis for the Detachment over the coming year.

Members then discussed various aspects of policing with Sgt. Deluco, including illegal cigarettes, cyber stocking and telephone fraud.

Sgt. Deluco indicated that at the present time the following members are active in the Department; herself, Cpl Ross, Constables Swim, Trites, Drenth, Toop, Israel and Muise. Cst. Waters is presently on leave and will be until March of 2013.

Having completed her discussion with members, Sgt. Deluco was thanked for her report and then retired from the meeting.

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE VOLUNTEERS

The Visitor Information Centre Manager was asked to provide information regarding the use of volunteers at the V.I.C. In order to have volunteers serve at the Visitor Information Centre it will be necessary for them to have a variety of training. It will also be necessary for them to have police checks and child abuse registration checks done. The training that will be required will be WHMIS, Super Host, Service First, and product knowledge training. In addition, volunteers would be required to adhere to a dress code and to be trained in-house to use the Doers and Dreamers Guide, maps available for various parts of the province, search engines on the host computer, and to obtain other local information.

It is recommended by the Visitor Information Centre Manager that it would be more advisable for the Municipality to incorporate a part-time employee in the budget for next year at the Visitor Information Centre. This employee could work during the weeks prior to hiring of a summer student and after the summer student has returned to school. This would mean that the Visitor Information Centre Manager would not be required to work as many hours. There would be a minimal increase in expenses by taking this approach.

It was the consensus of members that a part time employee would be incorporated into the Visitor Information Centre budget for the next year.

BUTLER'S ROAD SEWER SYSTEM

Members were reminded that the residents of Butler's Road had been informed, by letter, that they would be required to hook up to the municipal sewer system once the Municipality took the sewer over. It was anticipated that this would happen in August of 2012 and that connections would need to be made by September 30, 2012. At the present time it does not appear that the Municipality will be taking over the sewer system before the end of August. As a result the requirement for connection of residents along Butler's Road will be delayed.

Resolution COW120801

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that correspondence be sent to the residents on Butler's Road indicating to them that the requirement to hook up to the municipal sewer system has been delayed, and that they will be notified at a future date when it will take effect.

Motion carried unanimously.

GUARANTEE RESOLUTION

Members were informed that a Guarantee Resolution has been obtained and will be brought forward to Council. This resolution will be put in place to guarantee \$311,361.00 for the Wood's Harbour/Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department for the purpose of purchasing a new fire truck.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN

A proposed Capital Investment Plan was circulated to members for their information and review prior to the meeting. This year it is necessary to complete this plan for only two years as the current Gas Tax Agreement expires on March 31, 2014. The projects that are included in this plan for the current year are:

1. The Barrington Passage Sidewalk which is currently being constructed.
2. Paving of the lower portion of McGray Avenue.
3. Hiring a consultant to complete a Climate Change Action Plan.
4. Hiring a consultant to evaluate the Sherose Island Sewage Treatment Plant.
5. Restoration of the Seal Island Light.

These projects have already been approved in the Municipal Budget.

The projects included for the 2013/2014 fiscal year include three major projects, which are:

1. Sherose Island Sewage Treatment Plant upgrade at an estimated cost of \$500,000.00.
2. A storage building for the C & D Landfill Site at an estimated cost of \$100,000.00.
3. Completion of the Wood's Harbour Sidewalk at an estimated cost of \$750,000.00.

Resolution COW120802

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that the proposed Capital Investment Plan for this year and next year be approved as presented to councillors and forwarded to Service Nova Scotia.

Motion carried unanimously.

WOODLAND TRAILS ASSOCIATION REQUEST

The Woodland Multi-Use Trail Association is requesting that the Municipality allow off-highway vehicle traffic on the portion of the Barrington Bay Trail from the Fresh Brook Bridge to Highway #330 in Barrington Passage. The Association has obtained permission from a local landowner to use property adjacent to Highway #330 as trail head and parking area for off-highway vehicles. Use of this portion of the trail by off-highway vehicles will allow them to congregate at this point and then access the local shops and service station in the area.

Members discussed the use of this portion of the trail. The Department of Natural Resources are the property owners, and the Municipality has a license to use this portion of the trail as a walking trail, therefore it will be necessary to get permission from the Department of Natural Resources to change the use of this section of the Barrington Bay Trail.

Resolution COW120803

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by L. Halliday that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality ask the Department of Natural Resources if they have any objection to changing the use of this section of the Barrington Bay Trail from a walking trail to a multi-use trail.

Motion carried unanimously.

DOCTOR YEE REQUEST

Correspondence has been received, by email, from Dr. Yee. Dr. Yee is asking the Municipality to pay for the cost of accommodations for a locum for the week of December 17 - 21, 2012. The Department of Health will not pay for the cost of accommodation for the locum for this week as it exceeds their 30 day limit. This limit will first be confirmed with the Department of Health and the request will then be further considered by the committee.

BICYCLE NOVA SCOTIA

Correspondence has been received from Bicycle Nova Scotia suggesting that members conduct a bike ride within their riding at a relaxed pace in order for residents and the candidates for municipal council to experience the conditions for riding bicycles, and for active transportation within the Municipality.

It was the consensus of members that the Municipality's Recreation Department be requested to arrange for an event for this purpose during Municipal Awareness Week in September.

GREENWOOD BOAT SHOP

Members were informed that the By-Law Enforcement Officer has visited this property and is in the process of taking action to have the property cleaned up. The property owners have been given notice that the property will need to be cleaned up within the next sixty (60) days. This notice has only recently been given to the property owners and should inadequate action be taken within the sixty days, an Order will be requested from Council.

BARRINGTON PASSAGE SIDEWALK

The sidewalk constructed between Wilson's and the Municipal Library several years ago has ridges at the various driveways. These ridges make it difficult for handicapped individuals to operate either motorized or manual wheelchairs along the sidewalk in this area. The Property Services Supervisor is addressing this matter and has been in consultation with local contractors. He will be further addressing it with Aberdeen Paving who are now constructing the new portion of sidewalk. It is anticipated that this matter will be resolved by adding asphalt at the various driveways in this section of sidewalk in the very near future.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 8:25 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website August 8, 2012.