

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

September 17, 2012

The meeting was called to order by the Deputy Warden at 7:10 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

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

Warden El-Jakl was absent due to vacation.

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Department of Transportation.
- Crow's Neck Beach.
- Civic Signing.
- McDonalds Garbage Can.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by C. O'Donnell that minutes of the meeting held September 4, 2012 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

BARRINGTON REGIONAL CURLING CLUB MONTHLY REPORT

Mr. John Joyce, President of the Curling Club, appeared before the meeting for the purpose of presenting their monthly report.

A verbal report was given by Mr. Joyce. He indicated that the Club intends to start the refrigeration plant on October 2nd or 3rd. The Club recently held their annual fundraiser and it was deemed to be successful. Mr. Joyce indicated that the Club was now ready to go. As yet, membership numbers are unknown, and will not be known until registration is held.

Having completed his presentation, Mr. Joyce then retired from the meeting.

PVSC PICTOMETRY

The Clerk presented a short presentation on the pictometry feature now being provided by PVSC. This feature provides aerial photography of all assessed properties within given areas of the Municipality. At the present time the pictometry in this Municipality covers the most populated areas through Barrington/Barrington Passage and Cape Sable Island. The area can be expanded at the request of the Municipality. In order to obtain this service from PVSC a new agreement will have to be approved by Council.

Resolution COW120907

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality enter into a new Pictometry Agreement with the Property Valuation Services Corporation.

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD COURT HOUSE FURNACE

Councillors have received correspondence from the Cape Sable Historical Society indicating that they wish to have the furnace at the Old Court House refurbished so that it can be used to heat the building to help protect the building and to preserve the artifacts in the building. The furnace at the Old Court House has been turned off for some years and the building has been heated by electric heat.

The Property Services Supervisor has evaluated the heating requirements in the Old Court House and provided a report. In this report he indicates that it is not possible to use the old furnace. A new furnace would have to be installed and this would also require a new flue and chimney. It is believed that heat could better be supplied by installing electric baseboard heaters in the areas where heat is required, that installing electric baseboard heaters would be more economical, and would fulfill the need for heat within different areas of the building. Pictures of the areas of the building where artifacts are kept and where heat would be required were circulated to members. The downstairs of the building is entirely heated by electric baseboard heaters. The upstairs of the building would require additional baseboard heaters to be installed.

Resolution COW120908

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality install electric baseboard heaters where necessary in the Old Court House building.

Motion carried unanimously.

LED STREET LIGHTS

Correspondence has been received from the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities requesting all 55 municipal units to endorse a letter to the Utility and Review Board. This letter is asking the Utility and Review Board to have Nova Scotia Power provide additional information concerning street lights within the Province. This additional information would provide more accurate estimates of the cost of current street lights as well as the cost of replacing them with new LED street lights.

Resolution COW120909

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that Municipal Council endorse the letter provided by the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities and forward it to the Utility and Review Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

LIBERAL CAUCUS MEETING

The Nova Scotia Liberal Caucus had previously been invited by Council to meet with Council for the purpose of discussing municipal issues. Correspondence has been received from Diana Whalen, the Chair of the Nova Scotia Liberal Caucus, indicating that the Liberal Party Leader, Stephen McNeil, will be meeting with Mr. Zack Churchill, MLA for Yarmouth, who will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting on power rates, in Yarmouth, at the Lions Club, 87 Parade Street, Yarmouth, on September 19th at 7:00 p.m. Council members are invited to attend this meeting. If this is not possible it is suggested that the Municipality wait until after the Municipal Election is over and meet with as many Caucus members as possible in early November.

Resolution COW120910

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that a meeting with the Nova Scotia Liberal Caucus be deferred until early November after the Municipal Elections, and that this intention be communicated to Ms. Whalen, the Liberal Caucus Chair.

Motion carried unanimously.

ICSP PROGRESS REPORT

All municipalities in Nova Scotia are required to provide a Progress Report to the Province on their Integrated Community Sustainability Plans. This report has been drafted and forwarded to Service Nova Scotia. A copy of the report is provided to all members for their review and approval.

Resolution COW120911

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that the ICSP Progress Report, as provided to Service Nova Scotia, be approved by Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

The Schedule of Fees was circulated to members for their information and review.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

It was brought to the attention of a member that there are trees along Highway 330 near the intersection of the South Side Road that interfere with the traffic visibility at the stop sign at this intersection. It is suggested that these trees be removed by D.O.T. as they are in their right of way. This matter will be communicated to the Department of Transportation by Municipal Staff.

CROW'S NECK BEACH

Members were informed that the Department of Natural Resources has now taken ownership of Crow's Neck Beach. The Nova Scotia Nature Trust still exercises stewardship over the property through the Department of Natural Resources.

CIVIC SIGNING

The Emergency Measures Organization has been asked to provide rationale for the placement of civic address signs across the province. Once information has been received from EMO, a resolution will be developed for submission to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities.

MCDONALDS GARBAGE BIN

Members were informed that at present there are no garbage bins placed in the drive through at the local McDonalds. This is a concern as much of the waste that is produced there ends up along the roadways within the Municipality. It is suggested that McDonalds be asked to place garbage bins at their drive through location for the convenience of customers.

Resolution COW120912

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the local McDonalds requesting that waste receptacles be placed in their drive through for the convenience of customers.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 8:20 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website September 18, 2012.