

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

October 1, 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, NS, 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 item was added to the agenda:

- Baccaro Lighthouse Road.

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 C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that minutes of the previous meeting held September 17, 2012 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY COORDINATOR

Information was circulated with the agenda requesting amendment of the Recreation Operating Policy and Municipal Policy No. 6. The Healthy Eating Policy from Chester was also circulated for the information of members.

Samantha Reyno, Municipal Physical Activity Coordinator, discussed and reviewed information with members.

Resolution COW121001

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that:

The Recreation Department Operating Policy No. 7, Section 16, be amended by deleting the current paragraph and replacing it with: "Strive to offer a variety of programs and services accessible to all community members."

And that, Municipal Policy No. 6 be amended by deleting the sentence: "For programs initiated by the Recreation Department instructors will be charged the following fee structure for use of the facility", together with the related fee structure, and replace it with the following paragraph: "For programs initiated by the Recreation Department instructors will not be charged. The instructor will be hired by the Recreation Department on a contract basis and paid for their services. All revenue from the registrations will go to the Recreation Department. Insurance shall be provided by the Recreation Department.", and further that notice of these amendments be given at the next meeting of Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Physical Activity Coordinator then retired from the meeting.

PROVINCIAL BOUNDARY REVIEW

Members were provided with written historical information about the Provincial Electoral District of Shelburne, together with information from the current boundary review.

Mr. Chris d'Entremont, MLA from Argyle, attending the meeting.

Resolution COW121002

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that MLA d'Entremont be allowed to address the meeting on this topic.

Motion carried unanimously.

Emails from the District of Shelburne and from Minister Belliveau were also circulated to members. Discussion then followed regarding the lack of public consultation by the Commission when arriving at this recommendation.

Members then discussed potential actions to be taken to have this recommendation amended because all members are opposed to this proposed change to the Shelburne Electoral Boundary.

Resolution COW121003

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that:

1. Correspondence be sent to the Premier, our MLA, and the leaders of the other provincial parties emphatically stating Council's opposition to the Commission's recommendation.
2. Other municipal units in Shelburne County and also the District of Argyle be contacted to develop a coordinated effort to oppose the Commission's recommendation.
3. Place an ad in the local newspaper encouraging and requesting residents of Shelburne County to write the Premier expressing their opposition to the Commission's recommendation.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that our MLA be requested to host a public meeting to receive the views of residents of Shelburne County concerning the proposed provincial boundary amendment for the electoral district of Shelburne, with a copy to be sent to the Premier.

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the motion be amended to add, "that a form letter be prepared for the use of residents and to be available at the public meeting stating that:

1. Shelburne County residents are opposed to the proposed change.
2. Public consultation should have been provided before making such a recommendation."

Amendment carried unanimously.

The division was then taken on the amended main motion.

The main motion as amended reads as follows:

Resolution COW121004

"...that it be recommended to Council that our MLA be requested to host a public meeting to receive the views of residents of Shelburne County concerning the proposed provincial boundary amendment for the electoral district of Shelburne, with a copy to be sent to the Premier, and that a form letter be prepared for the use of residents and to be available at the public meeting stating that:

1. Shelburne County residents are opposed to the proposed change.
2. Public consultation should have been provided for before making such a recommendation."

Motion carried unanimously.

MLA d'Entremont was thanked for his attendance, offered his assistance, and then retired from the meeting.

OCTOBER MEETING SCHEDULE

Resolution COW121005

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by C. O'Donnell that Council and Committee meetings scheduled during the week of the Municipal Elections be cancelled, and that the next Council meeting be scheduled for November 5, 2012, providing no recounts are required, and that the new Council be sworn in at that time, together with the election of a Warden and Deputy Warden.

Motion carried unanimously.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING WITH FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Since a Fire Services Coordinator has been hired it may not be necessary to continue with the semi-annual meetings with Fire Department representatives.

Resolution COW121006

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by L. Halliday that the Fire Services Committee be asked if the semi-annual meetings should continue, and if so, then what date would they suggest for the next meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

LIBERAL CAUCUS MEETING

Members were asked to provide topics for discussion with the Liberal Caucus at a meeting after the Municipal Elections.

Resolution COW121007

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that topics for discussion include:

- Provincial Boundary Review.
- NSPI Monopoly.
- Marketing/Promotion of the Lobster Industry.
- Physician Recruitment in Rural Nova Scotia.
- Economic Development.
- Other issues that may arise in the interim.

Motion carried unanimously.

CROSSWALK - WEST HEAD

Members were provided with a map of Boundary Street in West Head. Boundary Street is the boundary between the Town of Clark's Harbour and the Municipality. The street is actually within the bounds of the town.

Resolution COW121008

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it be recommended to Council that correspondence be sent to the Town of Clark's Harbour informing their Council that requests have been received from residents of the area asking that a crosswalk be installed at the intersection of Boundary Street and Highway 330.

Motion carried unanimously.

BAY SIDE HOME RESIGNATION

The resignation letter of a member from the Bay Side Home Board of Directors was previously circulated to members.

Resolution COW121009

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by C. Stoddard that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality advertise for a new member for the Bay Side Home Board of Directors.

Motion carried unanimously.

PROVINCIAL SURPLUS PROPERTY

The Provincial Government has informed the Municipality there is a surplus parcel of property on the Old Post Road that it wishes to sell.

The Municipality is being given an opportunity to buy this parcel as required by Government Policy.

The parcel is not large enough for a residential building lot and is adjacent to a local residence whose owner is interested in obtaining this property.

Resolution COW121010

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that because the Municipality has no known use for the property being sold by the Province, the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal be informed the Municipality does not wish to purchase it.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

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

LIGHTHOUSE ROAD - BACCARO

Resolution CO121011

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal be requested to evaluate Lighthouse Road in Baccaro for the placement of "chip seal".

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW121012

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be recommended to Council that "chip sealing" also be requested for Factory Hill Road and Pope's Road.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 8:38 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website October 4, 2012.