

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

July 19, 2012

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 1:35 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Warden George El-Jakl
- Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger (1:45 p.m.)
- Councillor Shaun Hatfield
- Councillor Cecil O'Donnell
- Councillor Cathy Stoddard

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

Absent were members Murray Atkinson and Louise Halliday due to prior commitments.

Shirley Watson-Poole, the Physician Recruitment Officer for the District Health Authority, attended the meeting for the purpose of discussing the potential recruitment of a local medical student, and the possibility of arranging a contract with an individual for the purpose of assisting in their cost of medical training in return for future services in the Municipality. Various aspects of legal contracts were discussed, including the time line required.

It was indicated that this would be, at the very minimum, a 6 year investment, and possibly a 7 or 8 year investment. The training of such a student may take place at a medical school in a country outside of Canada and thus require the student to return to Canada as an International Medical Graduate. It is possible to obtain life insurance on these medical graduates in the case of some unfortunate occurrence during that period. The students would provide a definite period of service within the Municipality in return for assistance in their fees at medical school.

Members discussed the matter with Mrs. Watson-Poole for some time. During the meeting Mr. Stephen McNeil, Leader of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party, together with his assistant, Sheldon Brannen, dropped by to say hello and to meet the councillors.

Members then continued to discuss the various possibilities for recruiting and paying for a local individual to attend medical school in return for service.

Having completed their discussion and review of the information provided, members agreed to obtain further information regarding the related insurance issues and related legal issues, and will further discuss this matter at a later date at a full Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:35 p.m.

Warden

Secretary for the Meeting

On website July 23, 2012.