

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL  
BUDGET MEETING**

**April 1, 2014**

The purpose of this meeting was to begin discussions of priorities related to the 2014/2015 budget. A document was previously circulated to all members containing a list of proposed priorities for the fiscal year.

PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT/COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

Members began considering these priorities with a discussion of physician recruitment and the possibility of developing a community health centre.

After much discussion it was the consensus of members that a provision should be made in the coming years' budget equivalent to \$0.01 per \$100.00 of assessment for the funding of this initiative. This is a tentative amount that will be included in the budget and which may be adjusted in future depending on the overall outcome of the budget.

It was also the consensus of members that information should be obtained on subdividing a property currently owned by the Municipality that contains the Community Health Centre and that further information be obtained on the subdivision of this property.

C.S.I. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The next item that was considered by members was the return of the C.S.I. Elementary School from the Tri-County District School Board. It is anticipated this property will be returned to the Municipality some time during the coming fiscal year. In anticipation of having this property returned, Council wishes to discuss the potential use of this property with the Director of the Western Regional Health Authority, and also with representatives from Housing Nova Scotia. For this purpose, a meeting has been arranged with the Western Regional Housing Authority. Another meeting will also be arranged with Housing Nova Scotia to further discuss the potential use of the C.S.I. Elementary School property.

BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL ARENA

Members then discussed proposed changes at the Barrington Municipal Arena. A report had previously been circulated to members indicating a proposal for the future operation of the Arena.

Members then discussed various ways of having the equipment properly checked on a daily basis. It is proposed that this be done by certified individuals who will be contracted for this purpose. It is also proposed that a maintenance contract be obtained through a tender. This contract will be tendered publicly, and it is anticipated we will receive bids from companies such as Fixed Air, CIMCO and others for this purpose.

It is proposed the Recreation Director be responsible for scheduling of ice rentals at the Arena together with the Arena Attendants. The Recreation Director will supervise and schedule the Canteen Attendants at the Arena. The Property Services Manager will also supervise the Arena Attendants, and it is proposed that Property Services personnel also act as Arena Attendants, when necessary.

Members also discussed the scheduling of ice rentals at the Arena. It is believed that the majority of ice rentals can be scheduled from 1:00 p.m. onward through the evening. Rentals scheduled prior to 1:00 p.m. will be done on a specific basis. There will be no public or other skating times scheduled in the mornings in the coming season.

NEXT BUDGET MEETING

It was agreed by mutual consent of members that the next meeting to discuss additional budget issues would be held on Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:10 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website April 22, 2014.**