

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

April 22, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Councillor Hatfield at 7:06 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Shaun Hatfield, Chair
- Jody Crook
- George El-Jakl
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
  
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Sustainability Planner.
- Shoulder of Road in Brass Hill.
- High Speed Internet Access on Villagedale Road.

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by E. Nickerson that minutes of the meeting held April 14, 2014 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### RCMP QUARTERLY REPORT

Sgt. Deluco appeared before the meeting for the purpose of providing a Quarterly Report. A written report of statistical calls for the first quarter of 2014 and the first quarter 2013 was provided to members.

It was indicated that the RCMP would be concentrating on traffic control issues such as the use of hand-held devices while driving, and also placing an emphasis on intervention with youth in the community. The youth intervention would be relative to cyber bullying and other issues.

Sgt. Deluco informed members that there had been 113 check points done during the previous year. This is to be increased by 28% in 2014.

In June of 2014 one member will go on leave. The Detachment will then run short by one member until January of 2015.

Members then discussed the complaints being received relative to ATVs being used on the trail in the Atwoods Brook area, and also the ATV traffic on the No. 3 Highway in the Barrington area.

Having completed her discussion of these matters, Sgt. Deluco retired from the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

#### YARMOUTH HOSPITAL FOUNDATION PRESENTATION

Paulette Sweeney-Goodwin, Managing Director of the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation, together with Shirley d'Entremont, the Board Chair; and Reg Rose, a local Board Member from Barrington, appeared before the meeting for the purpose presenting the Foundation's current fundraising campaign. The Foundation is in the process of raising 25% of the funds required for a new MRI machine and a new medication management system at the hospital. The total funds that they will be required to raise is \$794,000.00. The Foundation has received a commitment from the Hospital Ladies Auxiliary of \$150,000.00, and is asking the municipal units in Yarmouth, Argyle, Barrington, Clare and the Town of Clark's Harbour to contribute \$210,000.00 in total. The contribution being requested from the Municipality of Barrington is \$20,953.00. A power point presentation was then made illustrating the need for this equipment at the hospital. The equipment has already been obtained and installed and will now need to be paid for as soon as possible. For that purpose, this fundraising campaign will be attempting to raise the funds as quickly as possible.

There then followed some discussion between committee members and representatives of the Foundation.

#### Resolution COW140408

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality support the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation Fundraising Campaign by contributing \$20,953.00, as requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

Having completed their presentation, representatives of the Foundation retired from the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

#### MAYOR/WARDEN DISCUSSION

Members entered into discussion of the pros and cons of citizens electing a mayor as opposed to councillors electing a warden. A sentiment was expressed that if a mayor was put in place it should be a full-time position. The sentiment was also expressed that the expectations of the public are different for a mayor than they are for a warden.

After some discussion the motion that had been deferred from the Committee meeting of April 8, 2013 was brought forward. The motion is:

***“Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be resolved that the Barrington Municipal Council replace the Warden system of governance with that of the Mayoral system of governance whereby future chairs/heads of council will be elected directly by citizens within the Municipality of Barrington, and that this governance change be made effective for the next municipal election in October 2016.”***

The Chair then asked members to vote on the motion.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Shaun Hatfield

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

**NEGATIVE**

Jody Crook

George El-Jakl

Eddie Nickerson

Motion defeated.

**2014 MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY REVIEW**

Members were informed that in 2014 the Municipality, as are all municipalities in the Province, is required to conduct a municipal boundary review. Boundary reviews are required to be conducted every six years. In the Municipality of Barrington a boundary review was conducted in late 2011 and completed in early 2012. Because a Municipal Boundary Review was done only a short time ago before the last election, members agreed that it does not appear necessary to have another one done at this time.

**Resolution COW140409**

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that the Utility and Review Board be notified that a Municipal Boundary Review was recently done and completed in early 2012 prior to the last municipal election. There has been no significant change in the composition of the Municipality's population in the interim, and it does not appear that a new boundary review will be necessary at this time. The Municipality respectfully requests that a Municipal Boundary Review not be required in the Municipality of Barrington this year.

Motion carried unanimously.

**TOURISM AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

A draft of a job description was circulated to members for their information and review. Members recessed briefly in order to read and review the job description.

It was suggested that the probationary period be for a period of one year rather than six months. It was also suggested that this Officer work in conjunction with the Recreation Director and the Visitor Information Centre Manager. The two duties listed as office work in paragraph 14 were deemed to be not related to this function and should be removed from the job description.

It was suggested that this Officer have three key priorities, and that these be tourism, the new ferry and community development in the form of community events.

There was then some discussion of the time line required in order to put this person in place.

It was suggested that this be an interim position focusing on the priorities previously listed.

It was agreed that the job description should be revised and returned to the committee meeting being held on Thursday evening, and that once approved the job vacancy be advertised.

**SCHEDULING OF CLOSED SESSION**

Members discussed the time and length of Closed Sessions scheduled for both Committee and Council meetings.

There was much discussion concerning the start time either being 6:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. for all meetings, and the length of potential Closed Sessions.

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by E. Nickerson that it be recommended to Council that all meetings of Committee and Council start at 7:00 p.m. and that Closed Sessions be held immediately after roll call, with the length of the Closed Sessions being from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that the previous motion be amended to remove the words “with the length of the Closed Sessions being from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.” and replaced with “the length of the Closed Session being determined by the time required to consider the topic at hand.”.

The question was then put for the amendment:

**AFFIRMATIVE**

George El-Jakl  
Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Eddie Nickerson

**NEGATIVE**

Jody Crook

Motion carried.

The question was then put on the amended motion which now reads:

**Resolution COW140410**

“...that it be recommended to Council that all meetings of Committee and Council start at 7:00 p.m., and that Closed Sessions be held immediately after roll call, the length of the Closed Session being determined by the time required to consider the topic at hand.”.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

George El-Jakl  
Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Eddie Nickerson

**NEGATIVE**

Jody Crook

Motion carried.

### PROCUREMENT POLICY

This matter has been referred to Committee of the Whole from the Council meeting. Correspondence was received from the Town of Shelburne taking issue with the application of the Provincial Procurement Policy by the Tri-County Regional School Board.

#### Resolution COW140411

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Tri-County Regional School Board supporting the Town of Shelburne's concerns with the application of the Provincial Procurement Policy by the School Board, and requesting the School Board to make any changes that may be possible to accommodate the Town's concerns.

Motion carried unanimously.

### AMENDMENTS TO POLICY 54 "STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES ON OFFICER REQUIREMENTS

The Fire Service Advisory Committee has proposed Standard Operating Guidelines for the Officers in the Barrington Municipal Fire and Emergency Service. These guidelines would become part of Policy 54 if approved by Council, and would put in place the job descriptions and duties of the various Officers within the Fire Service.

#### Resolution COW140412

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by J. Crook that notice be given at the next Council meeting of proposed amendments to Policy 54 to incorporate Standard Operating Guidelines for the Barrington Municipal Fire and Emergency Service Officers.

Motion carried unanimously.

### SUSTAINABILITY PLANNER

Members were informed that correspondence has been received from WSP Canada Inc. indicating that they have a Sustainability Planner in their office in June and July. This planner is from Sweden and would like to make presentations to local municipal councils regarding planning being done in that country.

It is suggested that this Planner come to the Municipality of Barrington to make such a presentation.

#### Resolution COW140413

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by G. El-Jakl that WSP Canada Inc. be requested to schedule an interview with the Planner from Sweden at the July Council or Committee meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

SHOULDER OF ROAD IN BRASS HILL

It was indicated that the pavement has eroded at the shoulder of the road in Brass Hill near #18 Brass Hill Road, and also that the pavement in general has become broken along the shoulder of the road in Brass Hill and in need of repair.

Resolution COW140414

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by E. Nickerson that the local Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal be notified of the condition of the road in Brass Hill.

Motion carried unanimously.

HIGH SPEED INTERNET ON VILLAGEDALE ROAD

It was indicated by a member that the high speed internet along the Villagedale Road is not providing adequate service. The internet service there is in fact not believed to be high speed.

Resolution COW140415

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the appropriate provincial government department indicating the lack of adequate service for high speed internet on the Villagedale Road.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed the business of the meeting, the meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:00 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website April 23, 2014.**