

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

June 9, 2014

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- Jody Crook
- George El-Jakl
- Shaun Hatfield
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Dr. Germanus Rental.
- Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal.
- Community Grants.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that minutes of the meetings held May 20th and May 27th, 2014 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

COLLABORATIVE HEALTH CARE

Tanya Nixon, Vice President of Community Health, and Melanie Mooney, Primary Health Care Director, for the South West District Health Authority appeared before the meeting in order to make a power point presentation concerning collaborative health care.

Members were informed that health care is moving toward the prevention of injury and disease. The determinates of health were reviewed. Much information is provided to health care providers through electronic medical records. The use and provision of electronic medical records provides for an increased collaboration among health care professionals in the district.

A document entitled *Understanding Our Health* was circulated to members. This document is also available on the Authority's website. Various initiatives in health care programming were discussed with members, including same day bookings and weekend visits.

The Healthy Living initiative was also reviewed for the benefit of members. This initiative provides for a change in focus toward self management of health care by individuals.

Interdisciplinary teams were also discussed. These include a family physician and at least one additional health care provider.

It was indicated that collaborative health care involved the organizing and working of health care professionals as a team, which did not necessarily mean the co-location of health care professionals.

The Shelburne County Helping Tree was provided to members for their information and review. Copies will be circulated at various locations throughout the community.

Having completed their discussion, the DHA members retired from the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

TOURISM AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Suzy Atwood who is the incumbent Officer, recently hired, appeared before the meeting for the purpose of providing a written presentation of goals and objectives for the next six month period.

It was suggested that a video and pictures of the community including local activities be completed and provided for promotion of the area.

It was also suggested that Ms. Atwood also contact the Shag Harbour Incident Society to determine if anything could be done to continue this group.

It was suggested that an amount be budgeted to establish a library of photos and videos of the community which could be used for marketing and promotion purposes.

Members were informed that marketing on the ferry has already been done and completed for the season, and it will not be possible to offer this for the present season.

It was suggested that the events to be marketed and promoted by the Community Development Officer include the alumni hockey game at the Arena in October and the marathon/half marathon.

Emphasis was placed on engaging volunteers in the business community in order to develop events and to get the support of volunteers to conduct these events.

It was estimated that approximately 500 people attended the Expo held this past week at the Arena, as well as the other events that took place there.

It was also suggested that more patrons arriving from the ferry in Yarmouth should be coming to the Municipality, that 1% of the patrons on the ferry visiting the Municipality was a minimum and that the goal should be somewhat higher. It was also indicated that partnership should be developed with other groups including the local Chamber of Commerce and other tourism related businesses and organizations in the area. It was indicated that the tourism bus from Argyle has already been contacted to direct visitors to the area who arrive on the ferry.

It was suggested that pamphlets for the Nova Scotia Marathon be circulated to other runs being conducted throughout the Province by volunteers who attend these runs from our area. It was also suggested that a list of hotels be included on these pamphlets so that visitors would know what accommodations are available.

Having completed the discussion of this matter the Tourism and Community Development Officer retired from the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

WESTERN REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

CLOSED SESSION

Members then entered into Closed Session to discuss a personnel matter with Mr. Roy Quinlan who was the Municipality's representative on the Western Regional Housing Authority until his recent resignation. Mr. Quinlan discussed matters with members in Closed Session until approximately 9:30 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Members then returned to Open Session after Mr. Quinlan retired from the meeting.

It was decided that Mr. Jamie Vigliarolo, the Director of the Western Regional Housing Authority, be requested to attend a meeting with the Committee of the Whole in order to discuss issues raised by the Municipality's former representative.

MUNICIPAL PHYSICAL ACTIVITY LEADER

Information was circulated from the Recreation Director of the Municipality of Yarmouth and Town of Yarmouth in response to our query of their municipal unit. This information indicated how the Physical Activity Leader was developing physical activities in the Town of Yarmouth and Municipality of Yarmouth. It also listed the programs that were being developed in that area.

It was questioned whether or not the Municipality is getting adequate consideration for the funding being put into this program.

It was suggested to members that benchmarks should be established so that there are measures of success, and that the program has adequate goals to determine its success.

It was also suggested that the Municipal Physical Activity strategy be reviewed and it be determined what actions are being taken to achieve the goals in that strategy.

Resolution COW140601

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipal Physical Activity Leader be invited to attend a committee meeting in order to review the Municipal Physical Activity Strategy and what has been done to achieve the goals contained therein.

Motion carried unanimously.

BARRINGTON BAY TRAIL

A record of complaints concerning ATVs on the Barrington Bay Trail has been kept since July 2014. During that time only two complaints have been received at the Municipal Office.

Having reached the hour of 10:00 p.m., members agreed by consensus that they would continue the meeting.

Discussion then took place as to whether or not the Municipality should continue its licence with the Department of Natural Resources for the Barrington Bay Trail. Other alternatives were also discussed.

Resolution COW140602

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality contact the Woodlands Multi Use Trail Association to confirm that they are willing to assume the licence of the Municipality from DNR for the Barrington Bay Trail, and then request the Department of Natural Resources to transfer the Municipality's licence to the Woodlands Multi Use Trail Association.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Members agreed to defer the remaining matters on the agenda to the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for June 10, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:20 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website June 11, 2014.