

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

June 8, 2015

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

- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson, Chair
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Jody Crook
- George El-Jakl

Shaun Hatfield is away attending the FCM meeting in Edmonton.

There were 30+ members of the public present.

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

COURTYARD RESIDENTS

The following residents of the Courtyard apartment building in Barrington Passage addressed the meeting:

- Bonita Slevin
- Leith Lezette
- Helen Hankinson
- Mary Kenney
- Mary Smith

Mary Smith was unable to attend this evening and therefore did not address members. Instead, Lisa Atkinson addressed members as one of the operators of a business in the building. Each of these residents addressed the committee briefly indicating that they were concerned about the water supply to the Courtyard complex. They requested the Municipality, if at all possible, to come to some type of compromise in order to resolve this situation.

In response to the comments received, the Warden informed those present that this was not an easy decision to be reached by Council and that it had required much deliberation on their part.

There then followed much further discussion with several other members of the public providing comments to Council and asking questions of members.

The Warden informed the meeting that he does not believe the building will close and indicated that other options would be considered on their behalf.

The residents indicated that they had not met as a group with the landlord although most of the residents had been contacted by the landlord individually.

Residents were informed by the Warden that Council members would further discuss this issue before June 30th.

The sentiment of the residents was again expressed that they were caught in the middle of this legal issue, and that they just want to have good water in their apartments.

Having completed their discussion, the residents of the Courtyard retired from the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

The meeting was then relocated to the Conference Room for continuation.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

HOME SUPPORT WORKERS

Correspondence has been received from the VON indicating that they are not in a position to comment on any potential decisions that may be made in future by the Department of Health regarding the provision of health care in the community. Once decisions are made the VON may then be in a better position to make comment.

GOOSE LAKE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

An email has been received from the Municipal Solicitor concerning this right-of-way. This email will be circulated to members for their information and review, and the matter will be further discussed at the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that minutes of the meetings held May 19th, 21st, 26th and 28th, 2015 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL OPERATIONAL AND SAFETY REVIEW

This matter was further deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

WOODLANDS MULTI USE TRAIL ASSOCIATION

The Trail Association has sent correspondence by email. They are requesting a funding commitment from the Municipality in order to further develop the trail by installing a new bridge over the Barrington River. At the present time it appears that the cost of this project will be in the range of \$230,000.00. The Trail Association is seeking funds from a variety of other sources, including ACOA, the Canada 150 Fund, and the Department of Natural Resources. The Association is also asking the Municipality of Barrington to provide as much funding as possible for this project as they have a shortfall of approximately \$78,000.00.

It was the consensus of members that this matter would be further discussed at the upcoming budget meetings.

UNSM GAS TAX STUDY

The summary section of documents from the Gas Tax Study was circulated to all members by email.

It was the consensus of members that a staff report be prepared in regards to this study so that it could be further discussed at another meeting.

AMENDMENTS TO THE ONSITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM REGULATIONS

Correspondence has been received from Nova Scotia Environment regarding the proposed amendments to the onsite sewage disposal system regulations. These proposed amendments had been presented to the Municipal Development Officer's Association Conference on Friday, May 22, 2015. As a result of that presentation, they have been delayed somewhat. The deadline for submitting comments on the proposed changes is August 1, 2015. The Municipal Development Officer will be asked to prepare a staff report regarding these changes for further consideration of the committee.

MUNICIPAL PENSION PLAN

Further information was provided to members regarding the Municipal Pension Plan. The average contribution by municipalities to employees' pension plan in rural municipalities in Nova Scotia is 6.42%. By omitting the highest and lowest of the contributions, the average is reduced to 6.26%.

Members requested that a document be prepared showing the financial impact on the Municipality's budget of increasing pension contributions by 1% for the consideration of members.

ENCLOSED POOL

This matter was deferred for consideration to the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

FOIPOP APPLICATION RE: CHILD WELFARE CASE WORKERS

This information had been circulated to members for their review and consideration.

It was the consensus of members that additional information be requested regarding the caseload and the number of staff in the Community Services Office in Liverpool.

Community Services will again be contacted to try and obtain this information.

SEASIDE TOURIST REST STOP

Members were informed that a motion had not been made indicating the source of the funds for the Municipality to purchase the property for this rest stop. It was the intention of Council to provide funds from the Capital Reserve Fund to purchase this property. The amount of the purchase was \$8,000.00.

Resolution COW150601

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the purchase of property for the Seaside Tourist Rest Stop be financed from the Capital Reserve Fund in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 as previously intended.

Motion carried unanimously.

BARRINGTON COURT CLOSURE

Correspondence has been received from Pamela Marche, the Director of Court Services, in response to information requested. Information was requested regarding a costing analysis made in relation to the Shelburne Satellite Court suggesting that it might be more cost efficient to operate the Barrington Satellite than the Shelburne Satellite. No such costing comparison was undertaken in relation to the Barrington closure.

Resolution COW150602

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to our MLA requesting that he obtain the cost for the operation of the Shelburne Satellite Court and the Barrington Satellite Court so that a cost comparison can be made by committee members.

Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET MEETING DATES

It was agreed by members that further budget meetings would be held on Thursday, June 11th and Thursday, June 18th, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., to further review the 2015/2016 proposed budget.

CLYDE RIVER MOTOCROSS PARK

This item was added to the agenda as a result of correspondence received. The Municipal Solicitor had previously been instructed to contact Clyde River Motocross Ltd. as a result of information received from a local organization regarding the Motocross property. A response has been received from the directors of Clyde River Motocross Ltd. indicating that they have been using the Motocross property for motocross activities. This letter is signed by three (3) of the directors of this organization. The Directors also requested that the deed covenant that stipulates that Clyde River Motocross must be used for a motocross track be removed from the deed.

It was the direction of committee members that a letter be drafted for the Committee's consideration to the Clyde River Motocross Park directors. The letter would contain a request that they contact the Shelburne County Mudmunchers Off-Road Racing Club and arrange, if at all possible, for the use of a parking area on their property for events sponsored by the Shelburne County Mudmunchers Club. It was the suggestion that the Club be responsible to the Motocross organization for any damages that may incur, and for the cleanup of any waste that may be left on the property after their event. This letter will be brought forward to the next Committee of the Whole for their consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 9:58 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website June 10, 2015.