

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

September 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, at 7:07 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

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

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following item was added to the agenda:

- Arena Services Technician

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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 S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that minutes of meetings held August 17th, August 25th, and September 2nd, 2015 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO RENAME BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL ARENA

Correspondence received from Bonnie Symonds was read to members requesting that the Barrington Municipal Arena be renamed the “Sandy Wickens Memorial Arena”, in honor of long time resident of the Municipality Mr. Sandy Wickens. Mr. Wickens was a volunteer in the community for many years and contributed many hours over the past 40 years at both arenas in Shelburne County. Mr. Wickens had a significant impact on the youth of the area by coaching minor hockey and advising many young people as they grew up in our area.

Resolution COW150901

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality change the name of the Barrington Municipal Arena to the “Sandy Wickens Memorial Arena”. The sign on the Arena will be changed accordingly with an appropriate event recognizing the name change, and an appropriate plaque placed in the Arena recognizing the contributions of Mr. Wickens to the community.

Motion carried unanimously.

BARRINGTON/CLARK’S HARBOUR SATELLITE DIALYSIS COMMITTEE

Council members on this committee are Councillor Hatfield and Councillor Crook. It was agreed that a meeting would be held at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, October 6, 2015, in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre. The agenda for the meeting will include election of a chairman, Terms of Reference for the committee, and any other business.

CLYDE RIVER MOTOCROSS

Maps were provided to members for their information and review. Members discussed the request of the Motocross organization to remove the clause in the deed agreement regarding the use of the property. There was much discussion of the use of the sight by both the Mud Munchers group and the Motocross group. Members then discussed what areas the Mud Munchers group wish to use for parking, and also what area the Motocross group is using. Members also wish to have further information regarding the environmental condition of the property prior to its sale.

It was the consensus of members that the President, or representatives of the Mud Munchers Club, be invited to discuss their use of the property with the Committee of the Whole. They will be invited to a meeting in the near future for this purpose.

PUBLIC SKATING TIMES

This matter was deferred to this meeting as a result of correspondence received in the spring. At that time there was concern expressed by one individual that the skating sessions for pre-schoolers and adult skaters had been combined during the mornings. The skating sessions for these two groups had been combined because there was not enough participation, especially in the adult skating group, to warrant having a separate session for that group.

It was the consensus of members that correspondence be sent to the individual requesting this matter explaining the reasons for the combining of this group and indicating when the public skating for these groups will be scheduled for the coming year.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN

Draft information for the current year’s Capital Investment Plan was circulated to members. This plan will contain proposed projects for the next five years. The list of projects were reviewed in detail.

There was much discussion regarding the paving of Station Road in Shag Harbour.

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There was also much discussion regarding the C.S.I. Elementary School.

The Deputy Warden was requested to assume the Chair of the meeting.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality distribute Gas Tax Funds equally among the Municipality's five districts.

AFFIRMATIVE

Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

Jody Crook

George El-Jakl

Shaun Hatfield

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger.

Motion defeated.

Warden Nickerson then resumed chairmanship of the meeting.

Members then discussed the paving of Cat Rock Drive, Spruce Drive and Nicholas Drive.

Again, the paving of Shag Harbour Station Road was discussed.

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that Shag Harbour Station Road be removed from the Capital Investment Plan.

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl

NEGATIVE

Jody Crook

Shaun Hatfield

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Eddie Nickerson

Motion defeated.

Members then discussed the timing and expense of other proposed projects to be included in the Capital Investment Plan.

It was agreed by members that a project for a Centreville rest stop adjacent to the former C.S.I. Elementary School be included in the CIP in the year 2019/2020 at an estimated cost of \$20,000.00.

Members also agreed to include provision for a contribution to a Satellite Dialysis Clinic for the Municipality. This amount would be included in the next subsequent year and an amount of \$50,000.00 would be drawn from the Municipality's Capital Reserve for this purpose.

It was also the consensus of members that an amount for the Barrington River Bridge which had already been approved by Council should be included in the Capital Investment Plan in the amounts of \$15,000.00 for the current year, and \$17,000.00 for 2016/2017.

It was also the consensus of members that an amount of \$10,000.00 be included in the 2016/2017 year for the construction of a structure at the Barrington River. This may be a structure similar to a gazebo.

It was the consensus of members that expansion of the Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour sewer system be included in the 2020/2021 fiscal year in an approximate amount of \$4,000,000.00.

C.S.I. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Members discussed subdividing the C.S.I. Elementary School property again. It was the consensus of members that the property should be subdivided and that a new RFP would be issued.

Members also agreed that a list of criteria for the evaluation of the RFP should be prepared and included in the RFP prior to its being issued.

It was the consensus of members that the well and on-site septic field for the former school should also be included in the subdivision. A survey will be necessary in order for the property to be subdivided. A right-of-way will also have to be provided to the purchasers in order for them to have access to the property.

An estimate of the cost of subdivision will be obtained and a draft RFP will be prepared. Some of the criteria that should be included in the RFP include a construction timeline, type of community use for the property, and the price for the purchase of the property.

MUNICIPAL TARTAN

Correspondence has been received from Cape Sable Historical Society requesting that the Municipality adopt a municipal tartan. A sample of the proposed tartan has been provided for the information of members. The tartan will include the following stripes which will be in the colors indicated:

- Black for birding sanctuaries
- Red for lobsters and Lobster Capital of Canada
- White for our lighthouses
- Brown for lumberjacks and Municipality's lumber heritage
- Blue for harbours and lakes
- Grey for the many beaches in the Municipality
- Yellow in memory of the fishermen lost at sea

Resolution COW150902

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality of Barrington adopt the tartan proposed by the Cape Sable Historical Society, and that the Historical Society be requested to register the tartan in the Edinburgh Scotland Tartan Registry as they have indicated they would be willing to do so.

Motion carried unanimously.

LETTERS FROM CONSTITUENT

Correspondence has been received from Mrs. Debbie Atkinson regarding a building which she considers to be unsightly located at the Cape Sable Island Causeway. The building is currently owned and operated by the Salvation Army. It was suggested that Mrs. Atkinson contact the owner of the building in regards to her suggestion for a mural to be painted on the side of the building. This building is not considered to be dangerous and unsightly under the terms of the Municipal Government Act at the present time.

Correspondence will also be sent to Mrs. Atkinson indicating that the Municipality is currently researching information and considering placing toilets on property near the Stoney Island Beach. She will be advised that this will take some time and will be further developed in the spring of next year before the tourist season begins.

Mrs. Atkinson also submitted a second letter expressing concerns with the Planned Parenthood organization.

It was the consensus of members that more information should be obtained regarding Planned Parenthood and their programs in our local municipality. Once this is done a response will be prepared.

Councillor El-Jakl then retired from the meeting at approximately 10:08 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Arena Services Technician

Members entered into Closed Session for the purposes of discussing applications for the Arena Services Technician position which had been advertised.

Members agreed to have the Municipal Clerk contact the members of the Hiring Committee and arrange a meeting for interviews, if necessary.

The meeting then returned to Open Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:37 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting