

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

March 10, 2015

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., on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, 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 items were added to the agenda:

- Letters Re: Lobster Licence Plate.
- Public Skating Time.
- Child Protection Services.
- NHL Game.
- Engage Nova Scotia.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that minutes of the meeting held February 17, 2015 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

WOODS HARBOUR TRAIL

Mr. Sherm Embree, Secretary of the Woodland Multi Use Trail Association, appeared before the meeting for the discussion of this matter.

Mr. Embree indicated that the Trail Association is willing to take over the Letter of Agreement that the Municipality currently has with the Department of Natural Resources for this portion of the multi use trail.

Mr. Embree informed members that the Trail Association will then have 56 kms. of trail completed in Shelburne County, 20 kms. of this trail is in the Municipality of Shelburne and 36 kms. are in the Municipality of Barrington.

The Trail Association will maintain and keep the Trail clean once they have taken it over. The Trail Association currently has in excess of 100 members in Shelburne County. Some of their most active volunteers in the Shag Harbour area are Leigh Adams and Roger Greenwood. They have 18 Trail Wardens in Shelburne County and will be trying to increase this number in future.

There then followed some discussion regarding the separation distance of barriers along the trails at various locations. The standard separation provides for a 65" width between barriers. This distance may be varied by Trail Associations in different parts of the Province.

Members were informed that the Trail Association does a "maintenance run" every spring. This run has yet to be done for this year. During this run the Association identifies areas where cleaning and maintenance may be required along the trail bed.

Members were also informed that the Province is starting a public consultation concerning the development of a provincial trail strategy.

Resolution COW150301

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that Nova Scotia Natural Resources be requested to transfer the Municipality's Letter of Authority for the multi use trail in Woods Harbour to the Woodland Multi Use Trail Association.

Motion carried unanimously.

Having completed his discussion of this matter, Mr. Embree retired from the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

BARRINGTON FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Cynthia Scott appeared before the meeting to provide legal advice, and David Kendrick the Fire Services Coordinator also joined the meeting for the discussion of fire services.

CLOSED SESSION

Members then entered into Closed Session for the purpose of receiving and discussing legal advice in regards to the enforcement of the Municipality's Policy No. 54 which provides the governance for the fire services function within the Municipality.

Members then discussed various aspects of Policy 54 as well as various sections of the Municipal Government Act and the legal implications for the provision of fire services.

At 9:10 p.m. members completed their discussion in Closed Session and Cynthia Scott retired from the meeting.

Resolution COW150302

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality continue with the current administrative governance for the fire services until such time as changes may be determined and approved by Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCBAs

It is recommended by the Fire Service Advisory Committee that the extra SCBAs purchased by the Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department be sold to the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department.

Resolution COW150303

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department purchase the extra SCBAs from the Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

Barrington/Port LaTour Waiver of Building Restrictions

Resolution COW150304

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the two year restriction for construction of fire halls be waived for the Barrington/Port LaTour Fire Department so that they can proceed to investigate the construction of a new fire hall.

Motion carried unanimously.

Barrington/Port LaTour Fire Hall Building Design

Resolution COW150305

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that the Barrington/Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department be permitted to engage a company for the design and tender documents for the proposed fire hall to be located on the Villagedale Road.

Motion carried unanimously.

Old Port LaTour Fire Hall

It is proposed by the Fire Service Advisory Committee that this fire hall be demolished by municipal employees.

Resolution COW150306

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that municipal employees demolish the former Port LaTour Fire Hall structure which does not include the current metal building housing vehicles.

Motion carried unanimously.

Station Chiefs' Training

It is recommended by the Fire Service Advisory Committee that the requirement for Station Chiefs' training be extended for an additional one year so that the courses required can be made available.

Resolution COW150307

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that the training requirement for Station Chiefs be extended for one year so that the required training courses can be provided.

Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Amendments to Policy 54

Notice of proposed amendments to Policy 54 had previously been given at Council. These amendments have subsequently been reviewed by members of committee, and all members are now satisfied that these should be forwarded to Council for consideration. This will be done at the next subsequent Council meeting.

ICE TIME DONATION

A request has been received from Jordan Scott for the donation of ice time. A hockey game was held during this ice time between the Alumni of the Sea Star Ice Dogs and the Clare Junior C Hockey Team in order to raise funds for minor hockey.

Resolution COW150308

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that ice time be provided for a fundraiser which was held on Saturday, March 7, 2015 for the purpose of raising funds for the Shelburne County Minor Hockey Association.

Motion carried unanimously.

NHL ALUMNI GAME

The Tourism and Community Development Officer joined the meeting for the purpose of discussing the NHL Alumni Hockey Game which is scheduled to be held on Friday, March 20, 2015.

There was much discussion concerning estimated receipts and expenditures for this event. There was also additional discussion concerning the possibility of moving this event forward.

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the NHL Alumni Hockey Game be cancelled due to lack of public interest.

There then followed much discussion and consultation by text with the NHL Alumni proponents.

The matter was deferred until further information could be obtained later in the meeting.

ENGAGE NOVA SCOTIA

Engage Nova Scotia is a non profit organization that is funded through grants and donations from local governments and private organizations.

Engage Nova Scotia has recently made a presentation to Municipal Council and employees addressing the need for public engagement in our community.

Resolution COW150309

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that a grant of \$2,000.00 be provided to Engage Nova Scotia in appreciation of their recent presentation made to councillors and municipal staff.

Motion carried unanimously.

CAPE SABLE ISLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RFP

A Request for Proposal for use and disposition of the Cape Sable Island Elementary School was circulated to members for their information and review prior to the meeting.

Resolution COW150310

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality issue the Request for Proposal for the development of the Cape Sable Island Elementary School requesting responses to be received no later than the end of May 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was pointed out to members that the Request for Proposal contains provisions in paragraph 1.2 and 1.7 that the property is being sold on an “**as is/where is**” basis. It was also pointed out that in paragraph 2 of Section 1.7, the proposal states: “The Municipality makes no warranties with respect to the condition of the property or any of the buildings on it, in particular but not limited to, the environmental condition of the property and the existence of any hazardous materials in the buildings or elsewhere on the property. The Municipality will consider any request from an interested party to be permitted to conduct certain environmental or building inspections.”.

GOOSE LAKE RIGHT OF WAY

Members were informed that information has been received that the court has granted a right of way across municipal property at Goose Lake. This information will be referred to our Solicitor again in order to verify where this right of way is granted, and how it affects municipal property.

CLEAR BAG PROGRAM

It was agreed by consensus of members that no action would be taken on this matter at the current time.

DIALYSIS COMMITTEE

Members discussed the need for and the use of a Dialysis Committee. It was suggested at the last previous Council meeting that a committee of Council be set up to help promote a Dialysis Satellite Clinic within the Municipality.

There was some discussion regarding the need for such a committee since a public committee has already been established for this purpose.

There was concern expressed regarding the possibility that the public committee and the committee of council may or may not address the matter consistently and in a complementary way.

Resolution COW150311

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that this matter be deferred to the next Committee of the Whole Council Meeting for further discussion.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
George El-Jakl
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried

NHL GAME CONT'D

Information was received from the NHL Alumni group which indicated they would be willing to play the BMHS Senior Boys Hockey Team. This information was received by the Tourism Coordinator by text message.

The motion made previously was brought forward:

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the NHL Alumni Hockey Game be cancelled due to lack of public interest.

The division was then taken on the motion to cancel the game

AFFIRMATIVE

Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

NEGATIVE

Jody Crook
George El-Jakl
Eddie Nickerson

Motion defeated.

Resolution COW150312

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality invite the BMHS Senior Boys Hockey Team to play the NHL Alumni Hockey Team on Friday, March 20, 2015, at no charge to the local team.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
George El-Jakl
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried.

Resolution COW140113

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that the Tourism Coordinator recruit a team of players from the community at no charge to play the NHL Alumni Hockey Team should the BMHS Hockey Team not be able to play.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
George El-Jakl
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 11:32 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website March 12, 2015.

