

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

February 16, 2016

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:05 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

- Lesa Rossetti, Acting Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was agreed that the following items be added to the agenda:

- Barrington Municipal Exhibition.
- MPAL Program.
- Business Park.
- Waste Collection Contract.

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 J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the minutes of the last meeting held February 11, 2016 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

SENIOR SAFETY COORDINATOR FUNDING REQUEST

Senior Safety Coordinators', Shawna Symonds and Wanda Mood, appeared before the meeting. Mrs. Symonds provided a power point presentation outlining programs and activities of the Shelburne County Senior Safety and Services Society. She advised that senior services are designed to help seniors stay safe, improve their quality of life, maintain their independence and promote living at home or within the community.

Services assist seniors with home grants and housing needs, completion of forms for rebates, referrals for transportation for medical appointments, education, provincial programs, etc. Senior Safety Coordinators assist the RCMP with a follow-up support program for seniors that have been a victim of a crime or are at risk. Bus tours are very popular with the seniors that have no or limited transportation. This is an opportunity for seniors to visit and experience different places, reduce isolation and provide social time. Senior Services have partnerships with the South West Nova Senior Safety Association, Continuing Care and Adult Protection, Sou' West Nova Transit, Housing Authority, etc.

She informed members that there are 5,245 senior residents located within Shelburne County which is 36% of our population. The senior population in the Municipality of Barrington is 33%.

Mrs. Symonds advised that as of March 31, 2016 their three (3) year contract will end with municipal units in Shelburne County. They are now proposing a new three (3) year contract to ensure continued services.

Mrs. Symonds advised that the Department of Seniors/Justice has approved funding for 2016, however, the Department of Health has not yet committed to funding.

Three (3) funding proposals have been prepared:

- **Plan A**
Municipal Units, Department of Health and Department of Seniors Funding approved – all programs continued
- **Plan B**
Municipal units, Department of Seniors approved – all programs continue (municipal units absorbed Department of Health funding)
- **Plan C**
Municipal units, Department of Seniors approved – only Senior Safety Programs offered

Detailed budget options were prepared and forwarded to members in advance outlining each option in detail.

Resolution COW160208

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that a letter of support be forwarded to the Department of Health indicating recent losses to the Municipality of Barrington as it relates to the loss of the court and jobs with Community Services, and ask that they continue to financially support the valued services of the Shelburne County Senior Safety and Services Society.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality support Plan A, as presented, for a three (3) year contract with Shelburne County Senior Safety and Services Society, contingent upon other municipal units in Shelburne County and the Department of Health funding.

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that the above motion be amended to remove “other municipal units in Shelburne County and the”.

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion now reads as follows:

Resolution COW160209

“...that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality support Plan A, as presented, for a three (3) year contract with Shelburne County Senior Safety and Services Society, contingent upon Department of Health funding.”

Motion carried unanimously.

FORMER C.S.I. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – PRESENTATION BY MARTY AND MELISSA SWIM

Marty and Melissa Swim and Rev. Pass appeared before the meeting. In advance to the meeting a written update was provided to members along with copies of letters of support. During their presentation, it was reported that they are currently in the process of setting up a charitable organization. They indicated to members that they are finding it difficult to complete a business plan as the template provided by CBDC does not really fit their proposed development of the former C.S.I. School property. They informed members that finances to fund the operation will be obtained through fundraising, support of churches and personal funds. It is very difficult at this time to forecast receipts and disbursements. During discussion they indicated that they are hopeful to start programs in the spring and they estimate that it will cost approximately \$70,000.00 per year to operate the facility.

They are proposing that they purchase the former C.S.I. school property for \$1.00 and that the Municipality grant a tax exemption to their organization. They are also requesting that there be a clause in the deed that should the venture not work out that the property be returned to the Municipality. They stated that the property will remain as is with the exception of necessary maintenance and painting. They are also requesting that the library building be removed from the property by the Municipality as it is contaminated with black mould.

It was agreed that staff would collect additional information regarding the former C.S.I. school property as it relates to turning the property over to a charitable organization for \$1.00, restricted covenant, cost of disposing of the library building, survey costs, etc.

Mr. & Mrs. Swim and Rev. Pass were thanked for appearing before the committee.

BUSINESS PARK

At 8:20 p.m., Dave Andrews, Building Inspector/Development Officer, and Suzy Atwood, Tourism and Community Development Officer, appeared before the meeting. Staff was asked to be present to discuss the development of the Business Park.

General discussion took place on the development of the Business Park located in Barrington Passage. It was agreed that staff would put together a proposal for the development of the Business Park. The proposal will include details regarding lot size, survey costs, restrictive covenant, etc.

Dave Andrews retired from the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

TOURISM AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER MONTHLY REPORT

Suzy Atwood, Tourism and Community Development Officer, presented her report for the month of January 2016. Ms. Atwood informed members that ACOA has granted an extension of the Seaside Tourist Rest Stop project to the end of June 2016. She advised that an application has been made to ACOA for additional funding towards the Seaside Tourist Rest Stop project. The project is anticipated to be over the projected budget by approximately \$55,000.00 for ground preparation, boardwalk and removal of a power pole.

Discussion took place regarding the boardwalk planned at the Seaside Tourist Rest Stop.

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the boardwalk project at the Seaside Tourist Rest Stop be retendered.

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl
Shaun Hatfield

NEGATIVE

Jody Crook
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson

Motion defeated.

It was agreed that staff contact the Municipal Solicitor before proceeding with the boardwalk project.

Shelburne County Tourism Association Beach Brochure

As part of Ms. Atwood's presentation, it was reported that Clark's Harbour Town Council did not approve funding for the beach brochure, therefore the Municipality's contribution of \$400.00 will not be provided towards the project since the motion of Council was subject to all five municipal units in Shelburne County contributing towards the cost.

The beach brochure was then discussed in detail.

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality contribute \$800.00 towards the beach brochure project.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by J. Crook that the above motion be amended to require a draft copy of the brochure be provided to the Municipality for approval prior to it being sent to the printers.

AFFIRMATIVE

Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

Jody Crook
George El-Jakl
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Motion defeated.

The original motion was then put to a vote.

Resolution COW160210

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AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl
Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

At 10:00 p.m. a Closed Session of the Committee was held to deal with a personnel matter in accordance with Section 22(2)(c) of the Municipal Government Act.

The Acting Municipal Clerk was not present during the Closed Session.

The regular committee meeting was called back to order at 10:30 p.m.

REVIEW VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a summary of volunteer nominations and a selection sheet.

It was agreed that the selection sheet be completed and forwarded to the Municipal Office not later than Friday.

KIDS FAIR PLAY FUNd AND LOBSTER FESTIVAL FUNDING REQUESTS

Resolution COW160211

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that \$500.00 from the 2016/17 Grant Budget be provided to the Kids Fair Play FUNd and the Shelburne County Lobster Festival.

Motion carried unanimously.

DALHOUSIE RESIDENCY PROGRAM – DR. YEE

It was reported that the lease agreement between Parsons Investments Ltd. and the Municipality for office space for the Dalhousie Residency Program will expire March 31, 2016. An email has been received from Dr. Yee requesting that the Municipality renew the lease with Parsons for the part of the medical office that is used for the Dalhousie Residency Program for at least another two years.

It was agreed that additional information be obtained regarding the Dalhousie Residency Program and presented back to the next meeting of the committee.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE PROPERTY

It was reported that correspondence has been received from Deborah Himmelman requesting information on municipal property located at 1017 Baccaro Road and expressing an interest in purchasing the property. This property was acquired through Tax Sale.

Resolution COW160212

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that municipal property located at 1017 Baccaro Road be listed for sale with a real estate company.

Motion carried unanimously.

RETURNING OFFICER

Members were advised that an advertisement was placed in the Shelburne County Coast Guard on January 26, 2016 and the Tri-County Vanguard on February 2, 2016 inviting applications for the position of Returning Officer for the 2016 Municipal and School Board Elections.

Applications were received from the following:

- Pamela Goulden, Atlantic Road, Round Bay
- Shelly Blinkhorn, Barrington Passage
- Cathy Clark, Barrington Passage
- Cindy Nickerson, Shag Harbour

Applications were reviewed and discussed.

Resolution COW160213

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that Cathy Clark be appointed Returning Officer for the 2016 Municipal and School Board Elections based on her qualifications and experience.

Motion carried unanimously.

2016 BANTAM AA PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP - REQUEST

Correspondence has been received from the Host Committee Chair of the 2016 Bantam AA Provincial Championship which is to take place in Yarmouth, April 7-10, 2016. Sponsorship packages were reviewed.

Resolution COW160214

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by E. Nickerson that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality purchase the Tournament Awards Title Sponsor for the 2016 Bantam AA Provincial hockey championships in the amount of \$250.00. This sponsor includes game day sponsorship recognition.

Motion carried unanimously.

ARENA ISSUES

Arena issues were briefly discussed which included flooring, etc.

It was agreed that the Arena Manager be requested to provide a list of outstanding matters at the end of the hockey season.

ADDITIONS

Barrington Municipal Exhibition

Councillor Crook informed members that the Barrington Municipal Exhibition Committee is preparing for the exhibition to be held in August. The committee would like to know whether the Municipality owns bleachers which they can borrow for their event. This matter will be investigated.

He informed members that the Barrington Municipal Exhibition Committee is exploring the possibility of holding a dance at the Exhibition Grounds and requested to know whether this would be a permitted use at that location. He was advised that there were no municipal regulations preventing a dance to be held at that location.

Councillor Crook also asked that the fire departments be invited to take part in the Exhibition parade. It was agreed that this invitation be forwarded to David Kendrick, Fire Services Coordinator.

MPAL Program

It was agreed that this matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council.

Waste Collection Contract

It was noted that a copy of the current Waste Collection contract, as well as the RFP used in 2011, were circulated to members for review.

It was agreed that this matter be placed on the Council agenda for further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website February 18, 2016.