

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

**March 14, 2016**

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, Chair
- Jody Crook
- George El-Jakl
- Shaun Hatfield
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
  
- Rob Frost, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was agreed that the Barrington Soccer Field and the Woodside Cemetery Road, Port LaTour, be added to the agenda.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded S. Hatfield that the minutes of the meeting held February 16, 2016 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### CLOSED SESSION RE: CLYDE RIVER MOTOCROSS AND REQUEST FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY

It was agreed that this matter be dealt with later in the meeting.

### ACTING DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT

#### Debenture Re: Barrington/Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department Fire Hall

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with information regarding required next steps to obtain debenture proceeds for the Barrington/Port LaTour Fire Hall. It is the recommendation of the Acting Director of Finance, Dwayne Carey, that Council pass a resolution for the Pre-Approval of Debenture Issuance subject to interest rate, and approve the draft commitment letter. Copies of these documents must be filed with the Municipal Finance Corporation by April 15<sup>th</sup> in order for the Municipality to qualify to participate in the spring debenture process.

Resolution COW160301

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that they pass a resolution for the Pre-Approval of Debenture Issuance subject to interest rate, and approve the draft commitment letter to the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation.

Motion carried unanimously.

January 2016, Financial Statements

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with Financial Statements to January 2016 prepared by the Acting Director of Finance.

2016 Assessment Roll Analysis

The Acting Director of Finance provided an analysis of the 2016 Assessment Roll which showed a decrease in assessment of 1.92%.

MPAL PROGRAM

This matter will now be dealt with by the CAO.

REVIEW DRAFT RFP FOR WASTE COLLECTION

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a draft RFP for waste collection.

General discussion took place regarding the transportation of waste collected during spring and fall cleanups. It was agreed that the RFP be revised and issued.

PRELIMINARY LIST OF ELECTORS

It was reported that it is necessary for the Municipality to make a decision on the preparation of the Preliminary List of Electors by April 15, 2016. The legislation gives three (3) clear choices to Council for the preparation of the Preliminary List of Electors:

- enumeration
- use of a List of Electors from the most recent provincial or federal election, or any election held pursuant to this Act, or
- use of a permanent Register of Electors maintained for provincial or federal elections

During discussion of this matter it was agreed that additional information be obtained on the cost of enumeration.

REQUEST RE: CHARITY HOCKEY GAME – FEBRUARY 26, 2016

A request has been received to have the ice time covered by the Municipality for a charity hockey game that took place on Friday, February 26, 2016, to raise funds for the Carmen Faith Memorial Fund. The group was successful in raising approximately \$2,000.00.

Resolution COW160302

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality cover the 2 ½ hours of ice time for the charity hockey game to raise funds for the Carmen Faith Memorial Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

TAX REDUCTION APPLICATION – RALPH AND MARY JANE SCHNARE

A Tax Reduction Application has been received from Ralph and Mary Jane Schnare for a reduction in taxes for the year 2015-2016 on the basis that their house was lost due to fire on January 28, 2016. The total tax adjustment amounts to \$116.48.

Resolution COW160303

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that Ralph and Mary Jane Schnare be granted a tax reduction in the amount of \$116.48 since their house was lost due to fire on January 28, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY – CANADIAN COAST GUARD RESCUE BOAT SERVING SOUTH WEST NOVA SCOTIA

Correspondence has been received from the Town of Clark's Harbour advising that they are celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canadian Coast Guard Rescue Boat 101 serving all of South West Nova Scotia. They are asking municipal units to contribute \$150.00 towards this event.

Resolution COW160304

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality provide a grant of \$150.00 to assist with the cost of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canadian Coast Guard Rescue Boat serving all of South West Nova Scotia.

Motion carried unanimously.

OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION OFF NOVA SCOTIA

Correspondence has been received from Nathan Blades regarding offshore oil and gas exploration off Nova Scotia.

Councillor Hatfield requested that this matter be postponed until the March 21, 2016 Committee of the Whole Council meeting in order that Nathan Blades can be present.

REQUEST FROM DR. YEE RE: DALHOUSIE RESIDENCY PROGRAM – LEASE AGREEMENT

Dr. Yee is 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.

Resolution COW160305

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality enter into another two year lease agreement with Parson Investments Ltd. for space for the Dalhousie Residency Program at a cost of \$675.00 per month.

Motion carried unanimously.

SECONDARY ROAD THROUGH BARRINGTON PASSAGE

Resolution COW160306

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the matter of a secondary road through Barrington Passage be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee for review.

Motion carried unanimously.

BARRINGTON SOCCER FIELD

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger informed members that a resident has expressed concern to her that there is no small gate on the soccer field allowing individuals access to the track.

It was agreed that this matter would be investigated.

WOODSIDE CEMETERY ROAD

Resolution COW160307

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal be requested to gravel and ditch the Woodside Cemetery Road located in Port LaTour.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:15 p.m. a Closed Session was held to deal with Clyde River Motocross and request for right-of-way.

The regular committee meeting was called back to order at 8:50 p.m.

The CAO was given direction in Closed Session to discuss the Clyde River Motocross and the request for a right-of-way with the Municipal Solicitor.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary for the Meeting