

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2nd, 2008

The Town Council met in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall at Shelburne, Nova Scotia on Wednesday, January 2nd, 2008 at 7:00pm.

Those present were His Worship Mayor P.G. Comeau, Deputy Mayor Tony Mahaney, and Councillors Elizabeth Acker, Alan Delaney, Bernard Nickerson and Allan Reid.

Regrets: Councillor Bill Murray.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Comeau.

It was moved by Councillor Reid and seconded by Councillor Delaney, "Resolved that Minutes of a regular meeting of Town Council held on December 5th, 2007 be received and adopted as circulated". Motion Carried

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Mahaney and seconded by Councillor Delaney, "Resolved that the Correspondence be received as circulated". Motion Carried

The Correspondence was dealt with in the following manner.

It was moved by Councillor Reid and seconded by Deputy Mayor Mahaney, "Resolved that the Shelburne Harbour Yacht Club be granted permission to install an elevator at the yacht club, construct a junior sailing building 16'x24' and extend an awning over the deck at the yacht club subject to the approval of the Development Officer and the Building Inspector". Motion Carried. Further discussion noted that the building would be placed on skids and could be removed and relocated at any time.

It was moved by Councillor Reid, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Mahaney, "Resolved that the Building Inspector's Report for November be received". Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillor Acker, and seconded by Councillor Delaney, "Resolved that the Special Constable's Report for December be received". Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillor Reid, and seconded by Councillor Delaney, "Resolved that the Parks and Recreation Director's Report for November be received". Motion Carried

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Mahaney and seconded by Councillor Nickerson, "Resolved that bills as approved amounting to \$188,194.26 be received and paid". Motion Carried

Mayor's Items

Mayor Comeau commented on a favourable meeting that Councillor Reid, and himself had with Mr. MacLean of Continental Seafoods regarding the renewal of their lease.

Mayor Comeau reported on a meeting of Team Shelburne, noting that the Chair had been requested to call a meeting for the purpose of arranging a meeting with the Premier and the Minister of Economic Development regarding the dispersing of funds to the Municipal Units for economic development. The Motion was passed 4-1, with Warden Scott not in support of the Motion. A letter was drafted and sent out, by Team Shelburne, however to date a response has not been received.

Mayor Comeau reported on calls received from Mr. Gilmour regarding the purchase of the sound stage. He assured Mr. Gilmour that the sound stage was located outside of his jurisdiction and he should be working with the Municipality and the South West Shore Development Authority.

Mayor Comeau wished to congratulate the residents of the Town for their beautiful Christmas decorations.

Mayor Comeau reported on the vessel that was hauled up and demolished, noting his displeasure in the vessel not being hauled out on Port Authority property, and it was noted that the spile that had been broken while hauling the vessel out does not need to be replaced as indicated by the Shelburne Harbour Yacht Club.

Mayor Comeau reported on the Water Utility Upgrades noting that they are behind schedule, and he is not impressed with the progress at this time. Mayor Comeau noted that the employees are keeping him well informed and digital pictures of the project can be seen at the Town office.

Mayor Comeau commented on the great job of snow removal done by the Public Works staff. With Public Works down to one truck, a private contractor was needed for some sanding and salting.

Mayor Comeau reported on a meeting of the Port Authority, which had taken place on December 5th, 2007. The Treasurer's report indicated a net gain of \$6,877.13. Under the Port Manager's Report, detailed information was provided on vessels berthed at the terminal for the month, shore power used, 333 hits on the web page, and a discussion on a Port Plan to cover cruise ships. Mayor Comeau noted that the salt boat expected, would not be arriving until March 2008. He also noted that more sand has been used, trying to conserve the salt supply, and there is only approximately one-month supply in storage. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Mahaney, seconded by Councillor Reid, "Resolved that this Report and Minutes of the Port Authority meeting held on December 5th, 2007 be received and adopted." Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillor Acker, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mahaney, "Resolved that approval be given for the renewal of the five (5) year lease agreement with C.S. Manpar Inc. for a portion of the Westside of the wharf at the Shelburne Marine Terminal." Motion Carried

Mayor Comeau reminded Council of the Public Meeting that will take place on January 15th at the Community Centre regarding a possible rest stop and tourist information centre off of highway 103. It was noted that this might be one way to address the decline in tourism.

Committee Reports were given

Deputy Mayor Mahaney commented on the Levee that was jointly hosted by the Town and Municipality of the District of Shelburne kicking off the Loyalist Landing 2008 celebrations noting it was a great success.

Councillor Delaney noted the Levee was a great start to the year with many more events scheduled. Councillor Delaney questioned the letter sent by the By-Law Officer to the Department of Natural Resources regarding rocks placed on a property on Hammond Street. Discussion followed with the Clerk noting it was his understanding that the Department of Natural Resources and the property owner had discussions and the Department of Natural Resources felt they had to provide a barrier, for part of the spurline, which is under their jurisdiction. A compliant had come into the Town Office as unsightly and a letter was issued to Department of Natural Resources. It was noted that no response has been received to date.

Councillor Delaney commented on the 2008 priorities with the Provincial government for Highway 103, noting he understands plans have changed and the priority is now the upgrades of Highway 103 between Sable River and Broad River.

Councillor Acker commented on the emergency Joint Services Board meeting held on Dec. 19th, 2007. The meeting was called to discuss the issue of Mr. Carl Smith, Building Inspector allotting two (2) days per month in January and February, with a total of four (4) days, to help out the Municipality of the District of Barrington. Discussion took place and it was noted that this would be on a full recovery basis, and felt it was acting as a good neighbor in a time of need. Councillor Acker commented on the three Clerks getting together for discussions on the new Inter Municipal Agreement and the new funding formula. The Joint Services Board issued a new collection service calendar for 2008, and Councillor Acker wished to advise the public that reducing garbage reduces the cost and expenditures of the Town. Councillor Acker commented on the enjoyable time at the New Years Levee.

Clerk's Items

The Clerk provided information to Council regarding the Minutes from Council meetings, once approved will be placed on line for the public to access through the Town's website, www.auracom.com/tnshelb.

New Business

Councillor Nickerson informed Council of a Basic Emergency Management Course tentatively scheduled for February 8th, 9th and 10th, with a cost of \$228. Council gave their support for Councillor Nickerson to attend this course.

Councillor Acker briefed Council on concerns from Susan Elliott, Director of the after school program at the King Street Centre, regarding the bus drop off location and the extremely slippery conditions the children have to access to get to the Centre from the bus stop. Councillor Acker noted this is Town property and it could be a liability issue. Discussion took place on changing the bus stop location and other alternatives. It was suggested to have this matter forwarded to the Chair of Public Works to find a solution.

Councillor Acker noted the Town Christmas Lights were coming down on January 3rd. She also noted the “Take the Roof Off Winter” family challenge will take place from February 3 - March 1st, Volunteer Week is April 27th – May 3rd, and the “Our Community Something For Everyone” will be held May 3rd.

Councillor Acker noted that Richard Gallion, treasurer of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 63, has requested to know how much the Town will be putting into the Cenotaph cleanup, and how much would be requested from the Legion. This will be forwarded to the Finance Committee.

It was moved by Councillor Acker and seconded by Deputy Mayor Mahaney, “Resolved that Councillor Delaney be an alternate member to the South West Shore Development Authority, when Councillor Reid would not be able to attend.” Motion Carried.

Councillor Reid noted that an the South West Shore Development Authority will be holding their annual Community Economic Development Strategy Session in Barrington on January 12th at 9:30am.

At 7:40pm Council recessed for a short break.

At 7:45 pm all members of Council agreed to go into an in camera session to discuss personnel issues.

At 8:00pm the meeting reconvened.

Further Business

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Mahaney, seconded by Councillor Reid, “Resolved that the minutes of a Personnel Committee Meeting held on December 11th, 2007 be received and adopted.” Motion Carried

The following meetings were scheduled for January:

Police Committee – Wednesday, January 16th at 7:00pm
Finance Meeting – Tuesday, January 22nd at 700pm

Mayor Comeau requested a brief meeting of the Water Utility and Public Works Committees to be held after Council.

There being no further business at 8:06 pm, on Motion the meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Town Clerk