

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1st, 2008

The Town Council met in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall at Shelburne, Nova Scotia on Wednesday, October 1st, 2008 at 7:00pm.

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Comeau.

It was moved by Councillor Delaney and seconded by Councillor Murray, "Resolved that Minutes of a regular meeting of Town Council held on September 3rd, 2008 be received and adopted as circulated". Motion Carried

Councillor Reid clarified that his vote against the motion with regards to the Shelburne Volunteer Fire Department Truck #4, was to reflect concerns expressing the funding and possible burden to the taxpayer.

Mayor Comeau welcomed Paul Kimball from the Red Star Films Production. Mr. Kimball is presently producing a film called "Eternal Kiss" at the Sea Coast Studio and areas within the Town. The film will be a mature romance vampire film and will premiere at the Capital Theatre in Shelburne. Mr. Kimball noted filming has taken place on Dock Street and will also be taking place at the Pine Grove Cemetery. He further noted that it was with the help of Ann Mackenzie, Film Nova Scotia, and the 5% bonus incentive to film outside of Halifax that brought him to the Shelburne area. Mr. Kimball praised the film studio, the friendly people, and the beautiful landscape noting he would promote the area. He further noted that in 2009 he wishes to come and film a science fiction film.

Mr. James Kendrick was welcomed and gave a brief overview of his facility the Sea Coast Studio and his other business activities taking place at the former Navy Base property. It is his hopes that many high class small films will be produced at the location and surrounding areas of Shelburne. Mr. Kendrick thanked the Mayor and Councillors for their support and looks forward in working with the Town in the future.

Mayor Comeau welcomed Ms. Louise deLisle. Ms. deLisle noted that she had started a business named "Good Life Home Care" in the Town of Shelburne providing home care to seniors and her business has grown to include nine (9) employees. She noted that the business now includes a senior's information resource centre, which will assist any senior in filling out forms, grants, etc. The services offered are services that are not offered through the local Human Resource Development Centre, and she noted that her facility is wheel chair accessible and senior friendly.

Jerry Locke, Director of the Town of Shelburne Parks and Recreation Department came before Council to promote the launch of "Keep It Moving" which is created through the Physical Activity Strategy of Community Use at the Shelburne Regional High School. Mr. Locke noted that many businesses and organizations have partnered to promote this day for physical activity. "Keep It Moving" will be launched on October 15th, 2008 and encourages everyone to participate in thirty (30) minutes of physical activity. Mr. Locke recognized the long term commitment the Town has made towards the Physical Activity Strategy, and was asking that Town staff be encouraged to participate on October 15th to help launch this program. Mr. Locke further noted that there are incentives of prizes and the eligibility of \$100 donated to charity of choice, to those who register.

Mr. James Mahaney came before Town Council to thank the Mayor, Councillors, and all Town Departments and staff for their support in the Loyalist Landing 2008 celebrations. Mr. Mahaney then reviewed the many activities associated with the Loyalist Landing 2008, and the future activities left to be completed, as well as gave a brief review of the finances of the Society. He further commented on the pride shown by the citizens and business owners in the Town of Shelburne. The Loyalist Landing 2008 brought historical and multicultural events and created an economical spin off within the Town during a full year of events. Mr. Mahaney noted events that he hoped would continue into future years such as the Town Wide Yard Sale, Reenactments, and activities regarding the longboats.

Cynthia Harding came before the Town on behalf of Maria Harding pertaining to the Dangerous and Unsightly violations located at 83 & 85 King Street. Detailed discussions took place on the ongoing situation since 2006 regarding the derelict mobile home being used for bait and fuel storage and not complying with the Town's Land Use By-Laws. It was moved by Councillor Delaney seconded by Deputy Mayor Mahaney,

"Resolved that the Town of Shelburne issue an Order to Mrs. Maria Harding giving her thirty (30) days to remove the derelict mobile home at 83 and 85 King Street."

After discussion it was agreed that the Town did not want to create undo hardship to Ms. Harding after considering the present situation. It was agreed to amend the motion to read

“Resolved that the Town of Shelburne issue an Order to Mrs. Maria Harding giving her until April 1st, 2009 to remove the derelict mobile home or the Town of Shelburne will go in and remove it at her cost.” Motion Carried

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

The Correspondence was dealt with in the following manner.

A letter was received from Karen Casey, Minister of Education regarding the funding formula for the 2008/09 Tri County Regional School Board. It was noted that a meeting would be held later in October to discuss the “Hogg” funding formula.

A letter was received from Kim Jacquard, Tri-County Regional Housing Authority regarding the vacancy left on the Board. It was noted that an ad was placed in the local paper with no response from the citizens of the Town. It was moved by Councillor Nickerson seconded by Councillor Reid,

“Resolved that the Town of Shelburne contact Rev. Carole Nixen to represent the Town on the Tri-County Housing Authority Board. Motion carried

A letter was received from Frank Anderson, South West Shore Development Authority, stating that the South West Shore Volunteer Services program would not be able to serve the senior citizens of the Town of Shelburne because the Town did not assist with a grant to this program. Discussion took place on the amount of provincial funding that assisted this program and that clarification was needed in regards to the services provided or available through the South West Shore Volunteer Services.

A letter was received from Kenneth and Sherri Taylor regarding permission to use the town parking lot at the Shelburne Harbour Yacht Club while providing tours to of the Shelburne Harbour commencing June 2009. Discussion took place on public parking areas owned by the Town. It was moved by Councillor Delaney seconded by Councillor Acker,

“Resolved that permission be granted to Kenneth and Sherri Taylor to use the Town parking lot at the Shelburne Harbour Yacht Club to run harbour tours from the dock of the Marina.” Motion Carried

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Mahaney seconded by Councillor Nickerson,
“Resolved that the Building Inspector’s Report for August 2008 be received.” Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillor Nickerson and seconded by Deputy Mayor Mahaney,
“Resolved that the Parks and Recreation Director’s Report for August 2008 be received.” Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillor Nickerson seconded by Councillor Delaney,
“Resolved that bills as approved amounting to \$283,405.26 be received and paid.” Motion Carried

Mayor’s Items

Mayor Comeau commented on the damages from the hurricane noting the Town was very fortunate with only minor damages occurring.

Mayor Comeau commented on a meeting held with CBCL, Town employees and members of the Water Utility Committee and he noted that a walk through is planned for Thursday, October 2nd to review the Water Treatment Plant to note the deficiencies, with a meeting to follow.

Mayor Comeau reported on a meeting held on September 23rd with the Red Star Films and he noted that they were very pleased with the area and expect to film more here.

Mayor Comeau commented on a letter from Mr. Cook he received requesting permission to place a home on the former town lot of Ron Davis. Discussion took place on that property noting that it would be on an unopened town street, block potential development, and be against Town Policy. Mayor Comeau will speak to Mr. Cook regarding other options.

On Sept. 3rd a Shelburne Port Authority meeting was held, the Mayor commented on the possibility of shipping sand, repairs needed at the wharf which would require funding, sounding reports that indicated at the eastern end there is 29-30ft where originally it was thought to be 27ft and he noted that the security plan is now in effect. It was moved by Councillor Reid seconded by Councillor Delaney,

“Resolved that the Minutes of the Shelburne Port Authority Meeting held September 3rd, 2008 be received and adopted.” Motion Carried

On September 9th and 24th a Physician Recruitment meeting took place, and the Mayor noted that 50% of the website hits were returning to the site, but no direct contact has occurred from the Ad's, other options were discussed with regards to advertising, targeting data bases and possible direct mailings.

Mayor Comeau noted that this weekend there will be a Native Pow-Wow with many events scheduled at the Community Centre and former SRHS site.

Mayor Comeau noted the Municipal Election would be held on Saturday, October 18th and the advance polls would be held Saturday, October 11th & Tuesday, October 14th at the Community Centre.

Mayor Comeau thanked the Councillors for their assistance and cooperation over the last four years, as some will not be returning in November.

Committee Reports were given

Deputy Mayor Mahaney reported on the Shelburne Visitor Information Centre Statistics for September 2008. He noted that the report indicated 769 Canadian visitors, 382 American visitors and 261 foreign visitors for a total of 1,423 visitors. Deputy Mahaney made note that the Visitor Information Centre would be closing on October 11th at 5:00pm.

Deputy Mayor Mahaney reported on the Personnel Committee held on September 25th, noting that applications were reviewed for the Superintendent of Public Works position. Four applications were short listed, and it was agreed to hold a phone interview with one of the applicants. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Mahaney seconded by Council Murray, "Resolved that the Minutes of the Personnel Committee held on September 25th, 2008 be received and adopted." Motion Carried

Councillor Delaney reported on the September 17th meeting with the South West Shore Development Authority. Discussion took place on a letter circulated to all SWSDA members sent to SWSDA from the Mayor requesting information with regards to any conflict of interest for all members of Town Council. The letter was to ensure that there were no conflicts of interest, and detailed discussions were held regarding it to be personal and private information.

Councillor Acker reported on the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting held on September 17th, 2008 and reported that the Dock Street power supply was operational, and an Agreement was made between the Municipality and the Town regarding the Albert Acker Field. She further noted the increase in vandalism with regards to the George Street Playground and the Commission was offering a reward for information leading to an arrest, and she further wanted the citizens to realize that this affects the children when playground equipment is removed. Also discussed was the condition of the Skateboard Park and the equipment needing repairs. If the repairs were not completed by the Our House Youth Wellness Centre as per Agreement this equipment was going to be removed. It was moved by Councillor Acker seconded by Councillor Nickerson,

"Resolved that the Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Department held on September 17th, 2008 be received and adopted." Motion Carried

Councillor Acker reported on the Christmas Parade Committee held on September 24th. She noted that the Committee met to approve expenditures and that there was three (3) bands scheduled this year at a cost of \$1,700. It was moved by Councillor Acker seconded by Councillor Murray,

"Resolved that the Minutes of the Christmas Parade Committee held on September 24th, 2008 be received and adopted." Motion Carried

Councillor Nickerson reported on the Occupational Health & Safety Committee meeting held September 23rd, 2008, noting a report from the Workers Compensation Board indicated the Town was among the worst for Health and Safety performance in the Province, he noted there were no incidents to report and two (2) issues to be addressed were reported from the safety inspection sheets. It was moved by Councillor Nickerson seconded by Councillor Murray, "Resolved that the Minutes of the Occupational Health & Safety Committee held on September 23rd, 2008 be received and adopted." Motion Carried

Councillor Nickerson gave a verbal update on the Shelburne Library Building Association noting that the engineer drawings have been received and they are progressing to the next stage.

Councillor Nickerson made note that on Wednesday, October 15th, 2008 he would be taking a Doctor on tour of the Roseway Hospital.

Clerk's Items

It was moved by Councillor Acker seconded by Councillor Murray,
“Resolved that the Town of Shelburne designate the three weeks from October 29th to November 14th, 2008 to collect bagged leaves curb side and that an ad be placed in the local paper to that effect.” Motion Carried

New Business

Deputy Mayor Mahaney requested that the budget and financial report for the Joint Services Board be made available to Council.

Councillor Acker reported that Val Kean, Waste Coordinator indicated she has received some positive feedback on the green carts and that 40 – 50 new households were now using the green carts for organics.

Councillor Acker indicated that a letter should be sent to Ann MacKenzie, Film Nova Scotia thanking her for the reviews given to Mr. Kimball and that the Town of Shelburne looks forward in doing future business with Film Nova Scotia.

Further Business

The Whirligig Festival was noted as a success and had 146 entries with some from as far away as Ottawa.

Councillor Delaney noted that the BIDC building would be continued to be used through the winter months with the Chamber of Commerce looking after expenses.

Damages to the wharf were discussed during the tropical storm. It was noted that a ship had hit the wharf but they were looking after paying for repairs. Some tree damage had taken place and Public Works were looking after the clean up.

Appreciation was expressed around the table regarding the last four years of working together.

At 9:10 pm all members of Council agreed to go into an in-camera session to discuss Personnel issues.

At 9:20 pm the meeting reconvened.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Mahaney seconded by Councillor Reid,
“Resolved that the Personnel Committee be given approval to hire a person to fill the Public Works Superintendent position.” Motion Carried

There being no further business at 9:25pm, on Motion the meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk