

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd, 2008

The Town Council met in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall at Shelburne, Nova Scotia on Wednesday, September 3rd, 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, Bill Murray and Allan Reid.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Comeau.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Mahaney and seconded by Councillor Nickerson, "Resolved that Minutes of a regular meeting of Town Council held on August 6th, 2008 be received and adopted as circulated". Motion Carried

Councillor Delaney noted that clarification was received regarding the Municipality of the District of Barrington being prepared to support the Tourism Coordinator position for the entire County, with financial support up to \$15,000 per year.

Mr. Steven Ward came before Council pertaining to the cleanup of his property at 54 Transvaal Street. Mr. Ward requested a one (1) month extension on his demolition and cleanup. He noted that he has started the cleanup and he is trying to do it by himself and with some additional time he feels he could complete the cleanup. It was agreed by all that work has been underway, but it was noted that Mr. Ward has had four (4) extensions and that an order would formalize the cleanup to be completed within thirty (30) days or the Town would cleanup the property and charge the owner. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Tony Mahaney seconded by Councillor Acker,

"Resolved that the Town of Shelburne issue an Order to Mr. Steven Ward giving him thirty (30) days to cleanup his property at 54 Transvaal Street." Motion Carried

It was agreed that precedents will be set, the Town allows a thirty (30) day extension and then an order takes effect. Mayor Comeau thanked Mr. Ward for coming before Council.

The scheduled presentation from Louise de Lisle from "Good Life Home Care" has been rescheduled until next month.

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

The Correspondence was dealt with in the following manner.

A letter was received from Dixie Redmond, Shelburne County Business Development Centre inviting the Town to become a sponsor for this year's Business Excellence Awards. It was moved by Councillor Acker seconded by Councillor Delaney,

"Resolved that the Town of Shelburne sponsor the "Business Excellence Awards" being held on October 16th with a \$100 silver sponsorship." Motion Carried

Notice was received from the Shelburne Volunteer Fire Department regarding the acceptance of the Tender from Metalfab for \$186,758. for the replacement of Truck #4 and a request for the Town to approve the Tender to proceed with the purchase of a new truck. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Mahaney seconded by Councillor Delaney,

"Resolved that the Town of Shelburne accept the Tender from Metalfab in the amount of \$186,758. to replace truck #4." Voting for the Motion six (6) voting against the Motion one (1). Motion Carried. Councillor Reid requested his vote against the motion recorded. The amount fundraised to date to go towards Truck #4 from the Shelburne Volunteer Fire Department is \$72,605.05, and from the Ladies Fire Department Auxiliary is \$20,000. It was noted that some fire equipment for the new truck could be purchased by the Fire Department through a Provincial Grant. Praise was given to the volunteer fire fighters for their dedication and their fundraising. Concerns were expressed on the Town financing the balance of the purchase and how that would be achieved. Discussions took place on ways the Town could access the necessary funds for the purchase without the cost being a burden to the tax payers. It was noted that the fire truck is an essential piece of equipment for the protection of the citizens of the Town, and the repairs to the old fire truck #4 were not financially feasible.

It was moved by Councillor Murray seconded by Councillor Nickerson, "Resolved that the Building Inspector's Report for July 2008 be received." Motion Carried

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

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Mahaney and seconded by Councillor Acker, "Resolved that bills as approved amounting to \$183,395.08 be received and paid." Motion Carried

Mayor's Items

Mayor Comeau attended the welcoming of the Amistad and commented on the fantastic music and attendance. He also commented on attending the Sailing Association of Nova Scotia Regatta to present trophies, and he declared the official opening of the 1st Shelburne County Albacore Regatta.

Mayor Comeau commented on a meeting held with CBCL, Town employees and members of the Water Utility Committee regarding several deficiencies, erosion, silt buildup, possible freezing of pipes, and the limited amount of time spent on training. The new target date was set for September 30th, 2008. Discussion took place on the deficiencies and it was noted that the Town will maintain a 10% holdback until the project is complete.

On July 2nd a Shelburne Port Authority meeting was held, the Mayor commented on outstanding accounts in which the majority has now been paid; the waste oil collection unit will be relocated near the Port Managers' office and the installation of a camera to curb illegal dumping. He further noted that Karlson Shipping will not be visiting the Port, that Eimskip has nothing at this time for the Port and Black Bull are having issues with shipping at this time. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Tony Mahaney seconded by Councillor Murray, "Resolved that the Minutes of the Shelburne Port Authority Meeting held July 2nd, 2008 be received and adopted." Motion Carried

On August 6th a Public Works, Sewer Sanitation and Tree Committee meeting was held. The Mayor noted that discussions took place on placing a Tender for a 1 Ton 4X4 Truck. It was moved by Councillor Nickerson seconded by Councillor Murray, "Resolved that the Minutes of the Public Works, Sewer Sanitation and Tree Committee Meeting held on August 6th, 2008 be received and adopted." Motion Carried

Mayor Comeau noted that a response was received from Transport Canada regarding safety concerns of the vessel "Destiny Empress" that is presently anchored in the harbour. Transport Canada reassured the Town that they have been in touch with the owner and that they will be monitoring the vessel to ensure that it continues to be safely and securely moored and that the owner complies with regulations under the Canada Marine Act.

Mayor Comeau commented on the Albert Acker Memorial Field and it was noted that the Town and the Municipality are negotiating to have a plaque or sign placed to commemorate the field.

Committee Reports were given

Deputy Mayor Mahaney reported on the Personnel Meeting held on Monday, August 25th, 2008 and he noted that a letter of resignation was received and was accepted with regret from Mr. Thomas Arnold, Superintendent of Public Works. He further noted the position was being advertised internally for two weeks as per the Union Contract and then externally for two weeks. Deputy Mayor Mahaney noted that interviews were conducted for the position of Assistant Sewage Treatment Plant Operator/Water Utility Foreman, and it was agreed to hire Mr. John White at a starting salary of \$15.60 per hour, with the alternate being Mr. Herb Locke. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Mahaney seconded by Councillor Delaney, "Resolved that the Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held on August 25th, 2008 be received and adopted." Motion Carried

Deputy Mayor Mahaney reported on the Shelburne Visitor Information Centre Statistics for August 2008. He noted that the report indicated 1,600 Canadian visitors, 1,107 American visitors and 254 foreign visitors for a total of 2,961 visitors. A copy of the monthly VIC activity sheet will be made available to all Councillors.

Councillor Reid reported on the Waterfront Development Committee Meeting held on August 5th, 2008 and he noted that the Tender from All 4 One Graphics was accepted for the Muir Cox Complex Signage, and he noted that it was agreed that the Waterfront Development Committee would pay one-quarter of the cost for the new hook up of a power supply on Dock Street. It was moved by Councillor Reid seconded by Councillor Delaney, "Resolved that the Minutes of the Waterfront Development Committee held on August 5th, 2008 be received and adopted." Motion Carried

Councillor Acker reported on the Planning Advisory Committee Meeting held on August 27th, 2008 and she noted that the Committee reviewed the draft Heritage Conversation District document and policy 25 & 26 still need clarification before the acceptance of the draft document. It was moved by Councillor Acker seconded by Councillor Murray, “Resolved that the Minutes of the Planning Advisory Committee held on August 27th, 2008 be received and adopted.” Motion Carried

Councillor Nickerson reported on the Shelburne Library Building Association Meeting held on June 4th, 2008 and he noted that the usual bills for repairs and maintenance of the library discussed, it was noted that the library’s membership has been dwindling and the drawings for expansion would be reviewed in September. It was moved by Councillor Nickerson seconded by Councillor Reid, “Resolved that the Minutes of the Shelburne Library Building Association held on June 4th, 2008 be received and adopted.” Motion Carried

Clerk’s Items

It was moved by Councillor Acker seconded by Deputy Mayor Mahaney, “Resolved that the dates for advance polls would be Saturday, October 11th and Tuesday, October 14th.” Motion Carried

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Mahaney seconded by Councillor Delaney, “Resolved that Town Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Management and Operating Agreement between the Town of Shelburne and the Shelburne County Arena Association pending input from the Town’s Insurance Company.” Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillor Nickerson seconded by Councillor Reid, “Resolved that Town Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Lease Agreement between the Shelburne County Agriculture Exhibition Association and the Town of Shelburne.” Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillor Acker seconded by Councillor Delaney, “Resolved that the Town of Shelburne develop a Sustainable Community Plan that will include a sustainable community vision and sustainability targets; Be it Further Resolved that the Town of Shelburne commit \$20,000. from its operating budget 2008/09 towards the costs of sustainability including the plan and other initiatives as outlined in the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan.” Motion Carried

Discussion took place on the two “Requests for Proposals” received for the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan. It was moved by Councillor Acker seconded by Councillor Reid, “Resolved that Town Council accept the proposal received from Jacques Whitford for \$31,480 plus HST.” Voting for the Motion five (5) voting against the Motion two (2). Motion Carried. Mayor Comeau and Councillor Nickerson requested to have their votes against the Motion recorded.

The following tenders were received and opened for a one Ton 4X4 Four Wheel Drive Vehicle:

Huskilson Chrysler	2009 Dodge Ram	\$35,191.00 + HST
H & B Car Sales	2009 F350	\$38,154.00 + HST

Also received was a tender from H & B Car Sales for a ¾ Ton. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Mahaney seconded by Councillor Murray, “Resolved that the Town Council accept the Tender received from Huskilson Chrysler for a 2009 Dodge Ram for \$35,191.00 plus HST.” Motion Carried

The Clerk noted that the Waste Collections will be held every two (2) weeks, with South end collection on Thursday and North end collection on Friday. He further noted that the green carts will be delivered by the Joint Services Board on Friday, September 5th.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Mahaney seconded by Councillor Acker, “Resolved that Notice of Polls for the Municipal Election be published one week in the local newspaper (Coast Guard); and that notices also be posted in prominent places in each polling district.” Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillor Acker seconded by Councillor Reid, “Resolved that the Town Council grant approval to the Native Council for use of the old High School property during October 4th & 5th.” Motion Carried

The Clerk advised the Councillors that the Surplus of Town Properties had been reviewed by the Solicitor and nineteen properties were now ready to be advertised for sale.

New Business

Councillor Reid would like to see the local government spend more time talking to the local businesses.

Councillor Acker noted many events happening; the SRHS Community Use Fall and Winter Programs have started and the Community Use Slogan will be “Keep it Moving”, the Shelburne County 55+ Games will be held on September 17th – 20th and October 25th – November 1st, the Terry Fox Run annual event will be Sunday, September 14th at the Community Centre Parking lot and the Whirligig Festival will be September 20th and 21st on Dock Street.

Councillor Acker further noted that the Parks and Recreation Department has been experiencing a lot of vandalism to playground equipment at the George Street playground. She noted that if the public had any information to please contact the RCMP to help stop the vandalism.

Further Business

There being no further business at 8:20pm, on Motion the meeting adjourned.

P.G. Comeau, Mayor

C. Wilmont Hardy, Town Clerk