

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND

COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2008

A special Council meeting of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland was held on Monday, June 30, 2008 at the E. D. Fullerton Municipal.

PRESENT

All Councillors excepting Councillor K. Langille were in attendance. Staff in attendance were CAO, Rennie Bugley and Director of Finance and Administration Andrew MacDonald.

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Warden Ralph Welton called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m.

WAIVER OF NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

A motion was approved to waive any legislated or policy Council meeting requirements.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved to include the items of Building Inspection Services, Nominations Committee Recommendations, Bulky Items Curbside Collection Tender, and the Pugwash Fire hall Tender Specifications.

BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES

It was indicated that the Town of Amherst has requested the County to provide building inspection services on a permanent basis to the Town. CAO, Rennie Bugley and Director of Planning and Development, Jim Coughlin provided the major terms that would be included in an agreement between the 2 municipalities. These would include:

1. Initial annual costs of approximately \$49,00 and would include salary and employee benefits, vehicle operating costs, 5 year amortization of vehicle and equipment capital costs, training, travel, administrative support, and overhead;
2. An initial term of 10 years, with no withdrawal rights for either party. Subsequent to the initial 10 year term, the agreement would renew on a year to year basis unless otherwise negotiated. A 1 year withdrawal notice period would then be required;
3. Service level to be provided based on the equivalent of 2.5 days per week;
4. A cost escalation clause that would increase the annual cost by the N.S. Consumer Price Index;
5. A Cost escalation clause that would increase the annual amount should the service level exceed the 2.5 days per week due to market conditions, regulations, legislation, or Building Code requirements;
6. Building permit applications will be made at the County office. Filing system will be determined by the respective Directors of Planning;
7. Scope of service to be provided will include the administration and enforcement of building applications, issuance of permits, 5 legally required inspections to the point of file closure. For clarification, the Town's solicitor would undertake all enforcement legal services and take the files at that point;
8. Building permit fees would be collected by the County at the Town's rate and remitted to the Town;
9. Development applications and issuance of permits will be administered by the Town; and
10. Service to the Town of Parrsboro is not contemplated under this agreement and there is no obligation on the part of the County to provide service to Parrsboro.

A motion was approved to direct staff to provide building inspection services to the Town of Amherst in accordance with the terms as set out above.

MOTION #08-084

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

CAO Rennie Bugley indicated that one bid had been received from PBS Ltd. in response to the County's tender call for Bulky Items Curbside Collection in the amount of \$117,500 plus HST in the amount of \$17,625, for a total bid of \$135,125. The net cost of this bid, after the County's HST rebate equals \$121,529, compared to the budgeted amount of \$113,000, which exceeds budget by \$8,529.

A motion was approved to award the Bulky Items Curbside Collection Tender to PBS Ltd. in the amount of \$117,000 plus HST.

MOTION #08-085

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

It was reported that the Nominations Committee had met earlier and that an election was held to appoint Councillors to the Cooperation Committee between the Town of Amherst and the County of Cumberland.

A motion was approved to appoint Warden Keith Hunter, Councillor Gerald Read and Councillor John Kellegrew to the Committee.

MOTION #08-086

PUGWASH FIREHALL TENDER SPECIFICATIONS

Staff indicated that there was some misunderstanding as to the number of truck bays that would be included in the tender specifications for the Pugwash Firehall.

A motion was approved that indicated that the basic tender specifications for the Pugwash Firehall would include 5 apparatus bays with a provisional specification for a 6th apparatus bay; further, that the County's maximum contribution towards this project has not increased from the amount included in the 2008/2009 capital budget as a result of this motion; for greater certainty and clarification, the County will contribute up to a maximum of \$695,000 towards the capital costs of the Pugwash Fire Hall project.

MOTION #08-087

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned, by way of motion at 4:21 p.m.