

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, November 23, 2009.

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported that all councillors representing all districts of the Municipality were present.

- Warden Louise Halliday
- Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor Murray Atkinson
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Councillor Shaun Hatfield
- Councillor Cecil O'Donnell
- Councillor Cathy Stoddard

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the minutes of the last meeting held November 9, 2009 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION - RENATA TWEEDY - PET PROJECTS

Renata Tweedy, of PET Projects, appeared before the meeting to inform Council of programs and services they offer to Shelburne County residents and pets. Mrs. Tweedy provided information on the history of the society and Pet Projects. She outlined programs, new initiatives and future successes.

After making her presentation, and giving councillors an opportunity to ask questions, Mrs. Tweedy was thanked for appearing before Council.

DR. JOHN O'CONNOR

Dr. John O'Connor appeared before Council. He made it clear that it is not his intention to leave his practice. He informed members that the last four months have been very difficult with his son being ill in Alberta. He informed members that he and his wife are needed in Alberta to tend to his son and they plan to return to Barrington when they are no longer needed in Alberta.

In an attempt to keep up with his medical practice here, the following matters are being explored:

- Dr. Chaloner to hold walk-in clinics at the Community Health Centre two (2) mornings per week
- It is believed that Dr. Kinsley will visit the Community Health Centre on a regular basis while Dr. O'Connor is away.
- Arrangements have been made with the local pharmacies, labs and x-ray departments to forward results to Dr. O'Connor in Alberta.
- Currently exploring the possibility of setting up tele-health at the Community Health Centre for his patients while he is away. Dr. O'Connor reported that the only cost associated with this will be the cost of a nurse. He will be discussing this further with South West Health.

Arrangements have been made for other doctors to assist with his patients.

Dr. Connor was thanked for appearing before Council and bringing them up to date on this issue.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

B.M.H.S. Propane Burners

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Minister of Education advising that when B.M.H.S. was being designed the incorporation of propane distribution systems in schools was deemed to be a personal safety issue for students and a fire safety issue for the Office of the Fire Marshal. The Minister advised that she has directed their facilities management staff to ensure that these issues are revisited with respect to the latest requirements for student and fire safety.

Resolution C091127

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a letter be forwarded to the Minister of Education asking whether schools in other parts of the province are using propane burners in their chemistry labs.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Power Door Openers

The Clerk informed members that an application for assistance under the Community ACCESS-ability Program has been approved. The application is for the installation of power door openers on the front doors to the Administrative Centre. The provincial contribution towards this project will equal two-thirds of the actual cost incurred up to a maximum of \$5,860.00.

Purple Ribbon Campaign

Correspondence has been received from Juniper House advising of the purple ribbon campaign. The purpose of the campaign is to commemorate the December 6, 1989 killing of 14 women in Montreal, as well as to raise awareness about the far reaching affects of violence against women. The campaign runs from November 25 to December 10, 2009 to help raise awareness and they are requesting employees to consider wearing purple ribbons for the length of the campaign.

A supply of purple ribbons were provided and distributed to councillors and employees.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden gave a brief report on her activities since the last meeting of Council.

Order of Nova Scotia

During her report she indicated that correspondence has been received from the Order of Nova Scotia advising that our nomination of Hattie Perry was not selected this year.

H1N1 Vaccinations

The Warden also informed members that the H1N1 vaccination clinics are now open to everyone. A clinic was held at the Island & Barrington Passage Fire Hall on Saturday, November 21st. Clinics are also scheduled for Pubnico Legion on Thursday, November 26th and the Shelburne Fire Hall on November 28th.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Cecil O'Donnell

Councillor O'Donnell gave a brief report of his activities since the last meeting of Council.

Councillor George El-Jakl

Planning Advisory Committee

Regional Sustainability Challenges and Issues

Councillor El-Jakl informed members that the Planning Advisory Committee has identified the following nine regional sustainability challenges and issues:

1. Water Quality Protection
2. Transportation
3. Climate Change Adaption
4. Local Food and Sustainable Agriculture
5. Solid waste Management
6. Renewable Energy Development
7. Education for Sustainability
8. Regional Health Care Services
9. Regional Economic Development

Resolution C091128

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by M. Atkinson that the above list of regional issues be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Committee of the Whole

South West Shore Development Authority Re: Provincial Guarantee

At the October 6, 2009 meeting of the South West Shore Development Authority Board of Directors, mayors and wardens of each municipal unit were asked to have a letter sent to the Department of Economic and Rural Development supporting the request of the South West Shore Development Authority to have the Province assume the mortgage on the former Base property in Shelburne, and to also provide a short term guarantee for a line of credit of \$500,000.00 for the South West Shore Development Authority to use as operating capital.

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality of Barrington wait to send the letter of support until public consultation and municipal consultation meetings have been completed during November and on December 1st.

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that the above motion be amended by adding after December 1st, “and after legal proceedings”.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Louise Halliday
Shaun Hatfield
Cecil O’Donnell
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Motion carried.

The amended motion reads as follows:

Resolution C091129

“...that the Municipality of Barrington wait to send a letter of support until public consultation and municipal consultation meetings have been completed during November and on December 1st and after legal proceedings.”

The amended motion was then put to a vote and carried.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Louise Halliday
Shaun Hatfield
Cecil O'Donnell
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Motion carried.

Resolution C091130

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that the South West Shore Development Authority be advised that until further notice the Municipality of Barrington is a member of the Authority.

Motion carried unanimously.

Roger Crowell Property, Middle Clyde

Resolution C091131

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the balance of taxes on Assessment Account #10071569, in the amount of approximately \$150.00, be written off as uncollectible as this account was established in error.

Motion carried unanimously.

Shag Harbour Fisheries (1996) Limited and Harbour Lobster Limited

Resolution C091132

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the outstanding balance of business occupancy taxes in the name of Shag Harbour Fisheries (1996) Limited and Harbour Lobster Limited, in the amount of approximately \$4,500.00, be written off as uncollectible.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Grant Request

Resolution C091133

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by M. Atkinson that a letter be sent to Ruth McComisky informing her that whereas the Municipal Government Act does not provide for grants to be given to individuals, and whereas municipal policy requires that a formal organization be in place to receive municipal grants for specific purposes, it is suggested that she contact the local churches in order to get assistance for the care of the Wilson Cemetery, and that she contact the descendants of those buried in this cemetery for assistance in its care.

Motion carried unanimously.

Regional Visitors Guide

Resolution C091134

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that our Visitor Information Centre Manager be appointed to the South Shore Task Force for a short term, 4 month period, as this task force will be dealing with the South Shore Tourism Guide and tourism map.

Motion carried unanimously.

B.M.H.S. Request

Resolution C091135

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that equal contributions from all district community funds, who have funds available, be used to defray the cost of ice rental for the B.M.H.S. boys hockey team event that will be held on November 18, 2009 to raise funds for the local area food bank.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. John Ross Interview Re: Kidney Dialysis Machine

Resolution C091136

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that a letter be sent to the Minister of Health requesting that a kidney dialysis satellite clinic be established in the Municipality of Barrington, and that a copy of this letter also go to our local MLA, to the District Health Authority, the Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation, the Shelburne County Community Health Board, the Western Shelburne County Health Care Charitable Foundation and the Town of Clark's Harbour.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was also noted that the patients who are known to require kidney dialysis machines will also be asked to send letters of support, as well as the local physicians. The Kidney Foundation will need to be consulted regarding the provision of supplies and a machine. Research will also need to be done into the availability of portable dialysis machines being an alternative which may also be available.

Resolution C091137

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Holly Goreham, kidney dialysis machine nurse, be invited to attend the next meeting of the Community Health Care Advisory Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Cathy Stoddard

Councillor Stoddard gave a brief report on her activities since the last meeting of Council.

Councillor Murray Atkinson

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Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

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Councillor Shaun Hatfield

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Tree Canada

During his report he stated that he recently received information from the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities indicating that Tree Canada is now accepting applications for their Community Planting Program. He indicated that he felt this information would be beneficial to the Environmental Club at B.M.H.S.

Resolution C091138

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that information on Tree Canada, Community Planting Program be forwarded to the B.M.H.S. Environmental Club.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

The Clerk-Treasurer gave a report for the month of October 2009.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of amendments to Policy 16 - Bursary

The Clerk informed members that Notice of Consideration of Amendments to the "Guidelines for Funding and Awarding a Bursary", Policy No. 16, was provided by Council at their last meeting.

Resolution C091139

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that proposed amendments to Policy No. 16, "Guidelines for Funding and Awarding a Bursary", be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Amendments to Policy No. 52, "Council Meetings and Proceedings Policy"

The Clerk informed members that Notice of Consideration of Amendments to Policy 52, "Council Meetings and Proceedings Policy", was given at the last meeting of Council. It is proposed that Section 3(a) be amended to read as follows:

"The ordinary hours of the meetings of Council shall be determined by resolution of Council with changes in the hour of adjournment being made by majority vote of members."

Resolution C091140

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that proposed amendments to Policy No. 52 “Council Meetings and Proceedings Policy” be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Amendments to Policy No. 59 “Policy on Committees of Council”

The Clerk informed members that Notice of Consideration of Amendments to Policy No. 59 was given at the last meeting of Council. It is proposed that Section 11 be amended as follows:

“The ordinary hours of committee meetings shall be determined by resolution of the committee with any change in adjournment being made by majority vote of members.”

Resolution C091141

Moved by C. O’Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that proposed amendments to Policy No. 59, as indicated above, be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Notice of Consideration Re: Policy No. 12 “Sale of Municipal Property”

The Clerk informed members that notice is being given tonight that consideration of amendments to Policy No. 12 “Sale of Municipal Property” will take place at the next meeting of Council. The policy has been redrafted to provide more public awareness when disposing of municipal property.

Date for Hiring Committee

The Clerk informed members that the deadline for applications for the position of Property Services Technician has now passed.

It was agreed that a Hiring Committee Meeting would be held on Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

At this time a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with personnel matters and purchase of land.

The regular Council meeting was then called back to order.

Yearly Increments

Resolution C091142

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O’Donnell that Donna Deschamp receive her annual increment effective November 18, 2009.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C091143

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Shenton Allen receive his annual increment effective December 6, 2009.

Motion carried unanimously.

Business Park

Resolution C091144

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that the Steering Committee for the Business Park consist of Councillor George El-Jakl, the Property Services Manager, Clerk-Treasurer and a representative of the South West Shore Development Authority.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by G. El-Jakl that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website November 26, 2009.