

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, September 14, 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 D. Messenger that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held August 24, 2009, and the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held September 8, 2009, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### MUNICIPAL HERITAGE PROPERTY DESIGNATION

It was reported that Joseph Ross of Cape Negro has requested the Heritage Committee to consider designating the Cape Negro Community Hall as a Municipal Heritage Property. The Heritage Advisory Committee is recommending this designation.

Notification has been forwarded to the owners of the property, the United Church Community Hall Trustees, advising that Council will consider this designation tonight.

The Clerk informed members that no written or oral presentations have been made regarding this designation.

Resolution C090902

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that the property owned by the United Church Community Hall Trustees known as the Cape Negro Community Hall be registered as a Municipal Heritage Property.

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION - ACADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WEST PUBNICO

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a written presentation to be made by members of the Acadian Historical Society of West Pubnico.

Mr. Paul d'Entremont, President, and Bernice d'Entremont, of the Acadian Historical Society of West Pubnico, appeared before the meeting. They informed members that they are requesting funding from the Municipality of Barrington for the construction of a storage room and a vault for archives, as well as renovations to an adjacent barn. They are requesting an amount of up to \$5,000.00 over a two year period, contingent on the realization of the project.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that other municipal units have also been contacted.

The Society members were advised that the deadline for grants to organizations has already passed for 2009/2010.

Resolution C090903

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the request received from the Acadian Historical Society of West Pubnico for funding for the construction of a storage room and vault for archives, as well as renovations to a barn, be referred to the budget process for 2010/2011 for consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C090904

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that letters be forwarded to the federal and provincial governments impressing upon them the importance of their continued support for summer employment funding to staff museums to ensure the preservation of local history and culture, and that letters also be forwarded to municipal units in Yarmouth and Shelburne counties encouraging them to do the same.

Motion carried unanimously.

Members were thanked for appearing before Council and making their presentation.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Doug Townsend Property, Wood's Harbour

An email from Mr. Townsend was read to Council.

Members were informed that the By-Law Enforcement Officer has continued to work with Doug Townsend to have the dangerous and unsightly condition of his property located in Wood's Harbour addressed. Pictures were circulated to members.

This matter will be pursued in accordance with Municipal Policy and the Municipal Government Act.

Tabled Motion Re: Atlantic Cemetery Club

The Clerk informed members that at the August 24, 2009 Council meeting, the following motion was tabled:

*"Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the request of the Atlantic Cemetery Club be denied, and a letter be sent to this organization indicating that \$2,000.00 has already been approved in the current year's Community Grants to the Stoney Island Community Club."*

This motion was tabled and the matter was referred to the Committee of the Whole for further consideration.

The motion was then put to a vote.

Motion defeated unanimously.

Resolution C090905

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Atlantic Cemetery Club be provided a grant of \$750.00 from the District 5 Community Grants Fund to carry out repairs to the cemetery.

Motion carried unanimously.

Energy Audit

The Clerk informed members that the Municipal Council has passed a motion to apply to the Eco Nova Scotia Program for funding of a municipal audit to determine opportunities for energy savings and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. One requirement of the program is that the resolution of Council also confirm their financial commitment.

The Clerk informed members that he estimated that the audit will cost approximately \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00. The Province will pay 80% of this cost.

Resolution C090906

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality proceed with an Energy Use and Greenhouse Gas and Air Pollutant Emissions Inventory and provide a financial commitment of 20% of the total project cost estimated to be between \$10,000.00 and \$12,000.00, and incorporate greenhouse gas/air pollutant emissions reductions as part of our ICSP Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION - RESTORATIVE JUSTICE WEEK

The Warden informed members that correspondence has been received advising that Restorative Justice Week 2009 will be held November 15 - 22, 2009. The theme is "Communities Responding to Human Needs" which focuses on sharing the concrete learning and results that have come from the growing experience of practitioners and stakeholders in their application of a restorative justice approach and process.

Resolution C090907

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality proclaim November 15 - 22, 2009 Restorative Justice Week in the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C090908

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that a representative of the Restorative Justice Division of Correctional Service of Canada be invited to attend a future televised meeting of Council to explain restorative justice in the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Lobster - Mobile Vendors Permit Fee

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Office of the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture advising that the \$40.00 fee required of lobster fishermen applying for mobile vendors permits has been removed.

Year of the Lobster

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from Stephen McNeil, Leader of the Liberal Party, advising that they are in support of the Municipality declaring 2009 as the Year of the Lobster, and suggested that Council write to Premier Dexter seeking his government's support of this designation.

It was noted that correspondence has already been sent to Premier Dexter.

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has also been received from Mr. Jack Layton, Leader of the New Democratic Party, acknowledging receipt of our letter and extending best of luck in our efforts to promote 2009 as the Year of the Lobster.

Resolution C090909

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by M. Atkinson that copies of both letters be forwarded to MLA Sterling Belliveau.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C090910

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that a follow-up letter be forwarded to MP Michael Ignatieff, Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada regarding our request to have 2009 declared “Year of the Lobster”.

Motion carried unanimously.

S.W.S.D.A. - Guarantee Borrowing

The Clerk informed members that a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Frank Anderson, South West Shore Development Authority, from Paul Wills, Municipal Advisor, Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, was received. The letter advised that Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations’ Staff have met with Economic and Rural Development Staff on the resolution to enable municipalities to guarantee the borrowing of corporations, and it has been determined that more consultation is required with the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities on this matter.

Compost Tea Field Day

It was reported that an invitation has been received from the Town of Wolfville inviting councillors to attend a Compost Tea Field Day which will be held on Wednesday, September 23, 2009.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Shaun Hatfield

Councillor Hatfield gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

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

Councillor Murray Atkinson

Councillor Atkinson gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

Councillor Cathy Stoddard

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

Councillor George El-Jakl

Councillor El-Jakl gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

During his report he indicated that there was an accident in front of his store last Thursday.

Resolution C090911

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the Department of Transportation be advised of this matter, and requested to address concerns regarding the speed limit in this area, and the passing lane in front of Anthony's Store.

Motion carried unanimously.

Committee of the Whole

Review of Policy No. 12 Re: Sale of Municipal Property

The Clerk informed members that all proposed amendments relating to Policy No. 12 will be brought forward to Council at the same time.

Resolution C090912

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality advertise in the Coast Guard Newspaper advising the public when proposed amendments will be considered to Policy No. 12 Re: Sale of Municipal Property.

Motion carried unanimously.

Centreville/North East Point Community Hall

Resolution C090913

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by M. Atkinson that a grant of \$1,000.00 be provided to the Centreville/North East Point Community Hall from the District 6 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Change in Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations

Resolution C090914

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality support the establishment of an early September Canada Goose Season.

Motion carried unanimously.

Barrington Municipal Arena

Resolution C090915

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by M. Atkinson that signs be placed on the dressing room doors at the Arena stating that dressing rooms must be vacated by participants within 45 minutes of the end of their rental time, and that these signs be dated.

Motion carried unanimously.

Memorial Park Bench

Resolution C090916

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that \$300.00 be designated from each Community Grant Fund for the purpose of placing a memorial bench at Barrington Municipal High School In Memory of Hattie Perry.

Motion carried unanimously.

Wood's Harbour Baseball Team

Resolution C090917

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that a letter of congratulations be sent to the Wood's Harbour Navigators Baseball Team which won the Bantam "R" Provincials hosted in Shelburne.

Motion carried unanimously.

Barrington Ice Dogs Request

Resolution C090918

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality renew the agreement with the Barrington Ice Dogs for a further three (3) years for the placement of logos in the ice at the Arena.

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Request - Rodney Shand

Resolution C090919

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the request of Rodney Shand for a further leave of absence of six months, to March 21, 2010, be approved as requested, providing the proper medical documentation is provided by Mr. Shand's doctor.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Cecil O'Donnell

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

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

It was reported that international students will soon be arriving at the Barrington Municipal High School.

Resolution C090920

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that a welcome package be put together for students, and that they be invited to attend the televised meeting to be held in October, and that the South West Shore Development Authority Immigration Coordinator also be invited to attend this meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Shelburne County Tourism Development Officer

It was reported that Jeff Spencer of Shelburne has been hired as the Tourism Development Officer for Shelburne County.

Consideration of Amendments to Low Income Property Tax Exemption Policy

It was reported that Notice of Consideration for amendments to Policy No. 41 “Low Income Property Tax Exemption Policy” was given at the last meeting of Council. It is proposed that the maximum income amounts be increased as follows:

\$150.00 for household income up to \$16,000.00  
\$125.00 for household income of \$16,001.00 to \$19,000.00

Resolution C090921

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O’Donnell that proposed amendments to Policy No. 41 “Low Income Property Tax Exemption Policy” be approved as presented.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Murray Atkinson  
Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Cecil O’Donnell  
Cathy Stoddard

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl  
Louise Halliday

Motion carried.

Barrington Business Park Application

The Clerk informed members that ACOA is requesting a letter from the Municipality confirming that we wish to make the application for the Barrington Business Park, joint, with the South West Shore Development Authority, and has asked whether financing is to go through the South West Shore Development Authority.

Resolution C090922

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter be forwarded to ACOA confirming that the application for funding for the Barrington Business Park will be joint with the South West Shore Development Authority, and advising that financing is to go through the Municipality as we have done in the past.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

George El-Jakl  
Louise Halliday  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Cecil O'Donnell  
Cathy Stoddard

**NEGATIVE**

Murray Atkinson  
Shaun Hatfield.

Motion carried.

Nomination of Members to South West Shore Development Authority Board

Correspondence has been received from the South West Shore Development Authority advising that it is time for us to once again nominate a member-at-large, and a member from Council to serve on the South West Shore Development Authority.

Resolution C090923

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that Warden Louise Halliday be nominated to serve on the South West Shore Development Authority Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Building Inspection**

The Joint Services Board is requesting that our Building Inspector be appointed with the units under their Board to act in the absence of their Building Inspector. Their Building Inspector, Carl Smith, has also been appointed Building Inspector for the Municipality to provide assistance to our Building Inspector, and to act in his absence. The Joint Services Board is also suggesting that Building Inspection Assistant, Tina McKay, also be appointed as Building Inspector for the Municipality to act in our Building Inspector's absence.

Resolution C090924

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the Joint Services Board be advised that Council has granted permission for Glen Muise, Building Inspector, to be appointed as their Building Inspector to act in the absence of their Building Inspectors, Carl Smith and Tina McKay, and that Tina McKay be appointed Building Inspector for the Municipality of Barrington to act in our Building Inspectors' absence.

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Sorting Station

Since the Request for Proposals exceeded the budget for the project, it was necessary for the project to be downsized and some of the work carried out by Municipal Staff. Both companies that provided Requests for Proposals for the original project were asked to submit revised proposals for the downsized public sorting station. Both contractors have submitted tenders which were passed to the Warden for opening.

The Warden opened the proposals and advised of the following:

- Mike Hennigar's General Construction Limited, \$57,142.00, plus H.S.T.
- Gardiner Allen Excavation Ltd., \$43,995.00, plus H.S.T.

Resolution C090925

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the Clerk review both Requests for Proposals and discuss this matter with the Municipal Solicitor and provide a report back to members.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

At this time a Closed Session of Council was held to review employee evaluations of Karl Lamrock and Stephen Smith, property of Carroll Knowles, and property for a possible treatment plant site for the C.S.I. Sewer Project.

The regular meeting was called back to order.

Yearly Increment- Stephen Smith

Resolution C090926

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that after having received a satisfactory performance evaluation, Stephen Smith be granted his yearly increment effective August 26, 2009.

Motion carried unanimously.

C.S.I. Sewer

Resolution C090927

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that whereas no other suitable land has become available for the treatment plant for the Cape Sable Island sewer, that we now approach the Town of Clark's Harbour, pending approval from the Project Manager.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

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Warden

Clerk

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website September 16, 2009.**