

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held on Monday, August 10, 2009.

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 6:00 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Warden Louise Halliday
 - Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
 - Councillor Murray Atkinson
 - George El-Jakl (6:25 p.m.)
 - Councillor Shaun Hatfield
 - Councillor Cecil O'Donnell
 - Councillor Cathy Stoddard
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

CLOSED SESSION

A Closed Session was held for the purpose of hosting a conference call with the Municipality's Solicitor, Mr. Kevin MacDonald, regarding a legal matter, and for the purpose of discussing the negotiation of the purchase of a site for the sewage treatment plant on Cape Sable Island.

The Closed Session ended at approximately 6:55 p.m., at which time the meeting was reconvened in the Council Chambers for the purpose of conducting the regular Council meeting.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared by councillors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the minutes of the last regular meeting held July 27, 2009, and the special meeting held August 4, 2009, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Barrington Business Park

Correspondence was received from the Minister of Economic and Rural Development, Mr. Percy Paris, in response to Council's request for funding for a proposed Barrington Business Park. Council had previously requested funding from the Community Development Trust. The Minister informed Council that the project had been reviewed by the Department and that the proposal is not being recommended for Community Development Trust Funding.

There then followed some discussion regarding the funding of the Business Park. It was indicated to members that the Warden and Clerk-Treasurer will be meeting with MP Gerald Keddy on Wednesday afternoon also to discuss funding of the Business Park.

Resolution C090801

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a letter be sent to our MLA requesting him to express to the Minister of Economic Development that this Municipality is in an economic crisis situation. The Municipality needs to have this business park developed in order to provide alternative employment to local residents, and especially to youth since the fishing industry can no longer sustain adequate employment for people. It is of particular importance that our MLA impress upon the Minister the need for alternative solutions for employment in our Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Continuing Care Month

Correspondence has been received from the Association of Health Organizations requesting that September be declared Continuing Care Month in the Municipality.

Having heard no objections, the Warden then declared September *Continuing Care Month* as requested.

Resolution C090802

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that letters of appreciation be sent to the following organizations who provide continuing care in our community:

- Bay Side Home,
- Victorian Order of Nurses; and
- Barrington Group Home.

Motion carried unanimously.

Seniors Tea Party

An invitation has been received from the Town of Clark's Harbour to attend the Seniors Tea Party which is being held on Wednesday, August 12th, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Clark's Harbour Legion. All members are invited to attend.

Archelaus Smith Historical Society

A letter of thanks has been received from the Archelaus Smith Historical Society expressing their appreciation for the annual grant of \$500.00.

Western Shelburne County Health Care Charitable Society

A letter of thanks has been received from the Western Shelburne County Health Care Charitable Society expressing their gratitude for the grant of \$1,000.00 which they recently received from the Municipality.

Year of the Lobster

Correspondence has been received from Gerald Keddy, MP, regarding the request of the Municipality to have the Federal Government declare 2009 as the Year of the Lobster. Mr. Keddy has indicated that the Federal Minister of Fisheries and Oceans is supportive of this positive endeavor, however, she does not feel a federal designation is necessary. The Department of Canadian Heritage also shares this belief. The Department has stated that it is not always necessary for the Government of Canada to officially declare a special day, week, month or year in order for it to be publically observed by Canadians.

There then followed some discussion regarding this response from Mr. Keddy and from the Federal Government.

Resolution C090803

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a letter be sent directly to the Federal Minister of Fisheries and Oceans requesting an official declaration from the Federal Government in support of this positive endeavor of the Municipality to promote the lobster fishing industry which is the second largest industry in the Province of Nova Scotia, and that a copy of this letter be sent to our MLA, and that an additional letter be sent to the Provincial Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture requesting his advocacy for this declaration on behalf of the Municipality. It was also moved by consensus of members that letters be sent to all of the opposition parties in both the federal and provincial governments requesting their support for this declaration as well.

Motion carried unanimously.

Property Valuation Services Corporation

The annual report of the Property Valuation Services Corporation has been received and is circulated to members for their review. A copy of this report will be kept in the Municipal Office for future reference, if necessary.

Regional Summary of Milk Container Recycling

Members were provided with a copy of the Regional Summary of Milk Container Recycling as provided by the Region 6 Solid Waste Management Office. The Municipality has recycled 8.58 metric tons of milk containers during the year ended March 31, 2008. As a result the Municipality has received \$3,475.00 in Diversion Credits for their residents' recycling efforts.

Lobster Industry License Fee

Correspondence has been received from the Municipality of the District of Shelburne indicating that they are requesting the Provincial Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture to abolish the license fee that is required for the selling of live lobsters at roadside.

Resolution C090804

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by Murray Atkinson that a letter be sent to our local MLA thanking him for his previous confirmation to Council that he would endeavor to have this fee abolished and removed, and also that a letter be sent to the Municipality of Shelburne indicating that our MLA has indicated he will make every effort to remove this fee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C090805

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that when the Warden meets with the Opposition Leader, Mr. Michael Ignatieff, on Wednesday, that she also present him with a copy of the letter requesting the designation of 2009 as the *Year of the Lobster*.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden indicated that she has received an invitation to attend at the Tall Ships Ceremony at the Amistad, at 11:00 a.m., on Wednesday, August 12th.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Cathy Stoddard

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

She also indicated that the next meeting of the Tourism Development Committee would be held tomorrow.

Resolution C090806

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipality advertise for a sewage treatment plant site on Cape Sable Island, in the Municipality of Barrington, in order to determine if a suitable site is available.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Murray Atkinson

Councillor Atkinson had no report at this time.

Councillor George El-Jakl

Committee of the Whole

Old Farm Cemetery

Resolution C090807

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that a grant in the amount of \$500.00 be provided to the Old Farm Cemetery from the District 2 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Shelburne County Industrial Commission

Resolution C090808

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that in response to the email from Cecil Swimm that he be informed that since the resignation of Councillor Strang no new member has been appointed to the Commission by Council, and that Council is currently reviewing its involvement in this organization.

Motion carried unanimously.

Barrington Passage Post Office

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter be sent to Canada Post indicating that:

1. Municipal Council has reconsidered the parking situation at the Post Office in Barrington Passage and wishes to advise Canada Post that this is a dangerous situation that will become worse once the new Petro Canada garage has been completed on the adjacent property.
2. Council further suggests that Canada Post improve the parking in front of the building by "indenting" the curb so that more space is available for parking.
3. Council is also disappointed in the response received from Canada Post which seems to indicate a lack of consideration for the care and safety of their customers at that location.
4. This response will also be copied to the local Supervisor for the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

Resolution C090809

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that it also be added to the letter that Canada Post has set a precedent in improving the parking by the changes that they have recently made at the Clark's Harbour Post Office on Cape Sable Island to improve the parking at that location.

The division was then taken on the amendment.

Amendment carried unanimously.

The division was then taken on the main motion as amended.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Louise Halliday
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Vision Statement

Resolution C090810

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Vision Statement be forwarded to the Planning Advisory Committee again for reconsideration of the word “built” in this statement.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Councillor Messenger had no report to give at this time.

Councillor Cecil O'Donnell

Councillor O'Donnell had no report to give at this time.

Councillor Shaun Hatfield

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

HIRING COMMITTEE MEMBER AND MEETING

Resolution C090811

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that Councillor Murray Atkinson serve as the third council member on the Hiring Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed by consensus of Hiring Committee members that the Hiring Committee would meet on Friday, August 14th, at 10:00 a.m., for the purpose of interviewing applicants for the position of Accountant.

SECOND READING OF BY-LAW NO. 8

The second reading of By-Law No. 8 was held at 8:10 p.m. The amendments to By-Law No. 8 will increase the fines being provided by that by-law for illegal dumping within the Municipality. The fines will be increased as follows:

- \$1,000.00 for the first offence,
- \$2,000.00 for the second offence; and
- \$5,000.00 for the third offence.

Resolution C090812

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the amendments to By-Law No. 8 "Collection, Storage and Disposal of Waste" increasing the fines as proposed be approved in second reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO POLICY NO 52 "COUNCIL MEETINGS AND PROCEEDINGS POLICY"

Members are given notice this evening that an amendment to Section 8(16) by adding the words "or by majority vote of Council" will be considered at a future meeting of Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed the agenda of the meeting, the meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of councillors at 8:20 p.m.

Warden

Secretary for the Meeting

On website August 11, 2009.