

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, July 27, 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 with the exception of the vacancy in District 6. Mr. Murray Atkinson, the councillor-elect for District 6, was present in the audience as he has not been sworn in yet.

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

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the minutes of the last previous meeting of Council held July 13, 2009 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOP

The Municipal ICSP Planner, Karen Dempsey, appeared before the meeting for the purpose of providing information for a sustainability workshop for council. Mrs. Dempsey then reviewed information regarding Integrated Community Sustainability Plans and the Natural Step framework for strategic planning and sustainability planning.

Having conducted this workshop and reviewed the information, a proposed Vision Statement for the Municipality was introduced to members.

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that the proposed Vision Statement for the Municipality of Barrington, as recommended by the Planning Advisory Committee, be approved by Council.

There then followed some discussion regarding the wording of this statement and proposed amendments to it.

Resolution C090715

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that the word “independent” be replaced with the word “interdependent” and the word “vibrant” be replaced with the word “rich” in the proposed Vision Statement.

Motion carried unanimously.

The division on the main motion as amended was then requested and the main motion was carried unanimously.

The Vision Statement for the Municipality of the District of Barrington now reads:

Barrington Municipality is a community rooted in tradition and shaped by the sea. Our rural communities offer a great place to live, work and play. We are self sufficient in nature and interdependent in spirit. Strong social networks with lifelong residents and newcomers support inclusive close knit communities and a vibrant volunteer sector. Our unspoiled coastline and abundant environmental resources are our most important natural assets. A rich cultural and built heritage is valued and protected for future generations. Thriving local businesses provide a variety of employment opportunities for all. We all accept responsibility for making decisions that lead to a healthy, equitable and sustainable future.

Having completed her presentation, Karen Dempsey then retired from the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Barrington Passage Post Office

Correspondence has been received from Canada Post regarding the Barrington Passage Post Office. This correspondence was received by email in response to a letter sent to Canada Post by the Municipality. In this email Canada Post is requesting:

1. A detailed site plan indicating the current state of the parking in the area.
2. A detailed site plan outlining the proposed changes for parking.
3. Details surrounding current concerns with existing parking.
4. Details and estimates for cost sharing of the changes.

Resolution C090716

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that further consideration of this matter be referred to Committee of the Whole.

Motion carried unanimously.

Rock Wall at Lighthouse Road

Correspondence has been received from the Nova Scotia Minister of Transportation indicating that the Municipality's request for armor rock protection along the Lighthouse Road at Baccaro Point has been referred to Department staff for further study and recommendations. The Municipality will be advised when the Department study has been completed.

Request for Well Agreement

Correspondence has been received by email from Mr. Ken Anthony requesting an agreement be put in place for the use of the well on municipal property near the former Barrington Municipal High School. This well is currently connected to the former high school building and is being used as a water source for the tenants there.

There then ensued some discussion regarding liability of use and legal issues regarding any proposed agreement.

Resolution C090717

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that this request be referred to Committee of the Whole for further consideration, and in the meantime legal advice be obtained regarding the use of the well.

Motion carried unanimously.

C.S.I. Schools

Correspondence has been received from the Minister of Education in regards to Council's previous letter informing her of the situation with the Cape Sable Island schools. The Minister indicates that the Tri-County Regional School Board is presently conducting a School Utilization and Program Review which will provide them with the information they require to make the best decision possible. Once the Utilization and Program Review is complete, the Board will need to follow provincial policy regarding the school review process.

District of Shelburne

Correspondence has been received from the District of Shelburne pertaining to physician recruitment and the establishment of a medical clinic in Shelburne. The correspondence is seeking to find out what Barrington Municipality's interest is in providing funds this fiscal year for these purposes in partnership with the Municipality of Shelburne.

Resolution C090718

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality of Shelburne be requested to spell out exactly what it is that they are requesting in more detail, bearing in mind of course that the Municipality of Barrington has its own Community Health Centre and is making efforts to recruit doctors to our Municipality as well.

Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Municipality had previously advertised for Requests for Proposals to complete a Phase III Environmental Site Assessment at Sherose Island.

The Warden opened three (3) sealed proposals that had been received. There were two proposals that were received that were noncompliant with the RFP. One proposal was received from Jacques Whitford Stantec which was noncompliant because it was not sent in a sealed envelope as requested. A second proposal from AECOM was received after the due time for proposals. The proposals that were received, as required, were opened by the Warden. They were as follows:

- ECCO Environmental - \$19,000.00, plus H.S.T.
- Maritime Testing - \$13,960.00, plus H.S.T.
- CBCL Limited - Option 1, \$15,725.00, plus H.S.T.; Option 2, \$41,580.00, plus H.S.T.

Resolution C090719

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the compliant proposals be evaluated by Municipal Staff and a recommendation be made to Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

A Closed Session was then held for the purpose of discussing the sale of municipal property at Brass Hill.

The Closed Session began at 8:30 p.m. and was completed at 9:05 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Council then resumed its Open Session.

CORRESPONDENCE CONT'D

CBDC Annual Report

Members were informed that the Annual Report of the Canada Business Development Centre for Shelburne County has been received by email. No written report is provided by this group. The Annual Report has been printed off and will be available in the Municipal Office for review of councillors.

WARDEN'S REPORT

The Warden provided a report of the events she had attended during the previous month. The events included:

- District Planning Commission Meeting
- Barrington Municipal High School Graduation
- Hattie Perry's funeral
- Tri-County Regional School Board Meeting
- Team Shelburne County Meeting
- Nova Scotia Marathon

Resolution C090720

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that correspondence be sent to the Tri-County Regional School Board representative asking if she is allowed to meet with Council to hear and discuss local issues pertinent to the School Board which have been brought to councillors by local residents; and if so, under what circumstances.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Warden also indicated that she had sent an email to Mr. Stephen Banks, the representative of Eastlink Cable. In response, Mr. Banks has informed the Warden that construction of the tower in the Bear Point area will begin sometime in the next fourteen (14) days.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Cecil O'Donnell

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

Councillor George El-Jakl

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

Planning Advisory Committee

Heritage Property Request

Resolution C090721

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the old school building located at #283 Blanche Road, Cape Negro, be considered for registration as a heritage property.

Motion carried unanimously.

The process for registering a heritage property will be initiated for this property.

Committee of the Whole Council Meeting

Vehicle Tender

Resolution C090722

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality accept the tender of Smith & Watt for the provision of a 2009 full size, 4 X 4 truck, for the Building Inspection Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Grant Request

Resolution C090723

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that \$600.00 be provided to the Sou'West Nova Metis Association to assist in the hosting of their "pow wow" on the Stoney Island Beach, and that the funds be taken from the district Community Grant Funds in the amounts of:

- District 1, \$50.00
- District 2, \$50.00
- District 3, \$50.00
- District 4, \$100.00
- District 5, \$300.00
- District 7, \$50.00

for a total of \$600.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Port Readiness Committee

Resolution C090724

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality no longer have our Visitor Information Centre Manager be part of the Port Readiness Committee.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Daycamp Hours

Resolution C090725

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the daycamp hours be extended by one half hour per day from 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in order that parents will have an extra half hour to pick up their children each day. This does not include Fridays when the daycamp ends at 12:00 Noon.

Motion carried unanimously.

Lighthouse Road in Baccaro

Resolution C090726

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that a letter be sent to Mr. Acker, the local Supervisor for the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, requesting that the Lighthouse Road in Baccaro be completely graveled this year and that the cost of doing this not be spread over the next two years.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Cathy Stoddard

Councillor Stoddard gave a brief report on her activities since the last Council meeting which included attendance on July 15th at the Tourism Development Committee; July 16th at PAC, and July 19th at the Garden Party in Shelburne.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Deputy Warden Messenger gave a report of her activities since the last previous Council meeting, which included attendance at the 90th birthday celebrations of Foster Towner, the 89th birthday celebrations of Edith Messenger, the Western Shelburne County Health Care Charitable Foundation meeting and the Nova Scotia Marathon.

Councillor Shaun Hatfield

Councillor Hatfield gave a report of his activities since the last meeting of Council which included attendance at the Marathon. Councillor Hatfield also informed members that the Sou'West Nova Metis Association will be hosting their "pow wow" this weekend on the Stoney Island Beach, and that there will be a sod turning ceremony sometime this summer for the addition to Bay Side Home.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk provided a report of activities for the Municipal Office during the month of June 2009.

NEW BUSINESS

Amendments to Policy No. 52

Council had previously been given notice that consideration would take place this evening for proposed amendments to Policy No. 52 which is the policy that governs council meetings and proceedings.

Members had previously discussed proposed amendments and been provided with a copy of proposed amendments.

Resolution C090727

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Sewer Extension Request

Correspondence was provided from Mr. Jim Nickerson regarding a request for an extension of the public sewer system at Spruce Drive.

Since members had only received this information this evening, there had not been adequate time for them to consider it.

Resolution C090728

Moved by C. O’Donnell and seconded by S. Hatfield that this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole of August 17th for further consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tri-County Housing Authority Member

Correspondence has been received from the Tri-County Housing Authority indicating that the term of the current member, Mrs. Christine Nickerson, will expire in mid July. Council ordinarily appoints a member to the Tri-County Housing Authority for a term of three (3) years.

Resolution C090729

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O’Donnell that a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs. Nickerson, and that the Municipality advertise in the near future for a member to represent the Municipality on the Tri-County Housing Authority.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Members then entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the purchase of property for a sewage treatment plant on Cape Sable Island.

OPEN SESSION

Having completed their discussion of the potential purchase of property, members then returned to Open Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed the business of the meeting, the meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:42 p.m.

Warden

Secretary for the Meeting

On website July 28, 2009.