

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, October 12, 2010.

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 George El-Jakl
- Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor Murray Atkinson
- Councillor Louise Halliday
- Councillor Shaun Hatfield (6:40 p.m.)
- Councillor Cecil O'Donnell
- Councillor Cathy Stoddard (6:42 p.m.)
  
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

### CLOSED SESSION

In advance to the meeting, at 6:30 p.m., a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with personnel matters, Colby Brannen/Carmen Nickerson property, Barrington Passage Business Park, and waste collection.

### DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

#### Councillor Louise Halliday

Councillor Louise Halliday informed members that she will be declaring conflict of interest when dealing with the Martin Hopkins variance request. Mr. Hopkins is a relative to her husband.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that the minutes of the last meeting of Council held September 27, 2010 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Tabled Motion Re: Lobstering Issue

At this time it was reported that the following motion was tabled at the last meeting of Council:

*Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that a letter be sent to the Provincial and Federal Ministers of Fisheries for information asking where they stand on the issue of quotas in the lobstering industry and where does their government stand on this issue as well, and that copies of these letters be sent to the municipalities of Argyle, Shelburne and Yarmouth.*

Councillor O'Donnell informed members that he had asked that this motion be tabled in order to obtain more information concerning this matter. Contact was made with a representative of the lobstering industry and he was requested to contact the Office to make arrangements to appear before Council. Councillor O'Donnell informed members that contact was not made with the Municipal Office.

Resolution C101001

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that no further action be taken on the above motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Cape Sable Light

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from MP Gerald Keddy regarding the Cape Sable Light. The letter advised that it is his understanding that the Cape Sable Light is, and will remain, surplus to Coast Guard so the Town of Clark's Harbour and/or the Municipality of Barrington have the opportunity to take it over. Cape Light is considered an active light meaning that the tower itself is up for transfer but the light will remain the responsibility of Coast Guard. Once the tower is transferred to an individual, municipality or non profit group, ownership and maintenance of the light remains the responsibility of the Canadian Coast Guard at DFO.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank You Letter

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from Helen Leary, member of the provincial 55+ mixed curling team thanking Council for the grant given to their team.

Royal Canadian Legion Dinner

It was reported that an invitation has been received inviting the Warden and a guest to the Annual Remembrance Day Dinner to be held on November 11, 2010 at the Clark's Harbour Legion Hall.

It was agreed that the Warden and Deputy Warden would attend the dinner on behalf of the Municipality.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that the dinner was open to anyone wishing to attend. It was suggested that the Warden's father may be interested in attending with him as he will be visiting Nova Scotia at that time.

#### REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

##### Councillor Louise Halliday

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

##### Councillor Murray Atkinson

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##### Councillor Shaun Hatfield

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##### Councillor Cecil O'Donnell

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##### Councillor Cathy Stoddard

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##### District Planning Commission

Councillor Stoddard informed members that she recently attended a meeting of the Y-A-B District Planning Commission at which time Karen Dempsey's employment was extended to March 31, 2010.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Martin Hopkins - Variance Request

A public hearing was held at 7:30 p.m.

##### Conflict of Interest

Councillor Louise Halliday declared conflict interest, vacated her seat and proceeded to the spectator area. Mr. Hopkins is a relative to Councillor Halliday's husband.

Dave Andrews, Development Officer, was present.

The Clerk reported that an application for a variance from the requirements of the Municipality's Land Use By-Law has been received from Mr. Hopkins on his residential property located at Civic #18 Sidney Heights Road, North East Point, Lot 2. The original application to the Municipal Development Officer was rejected since the request does not meet the requirements of the Land Use By-Law. Mr. Hopkins wishes to build an addition on the side of his storage barn located on his property. The Land Use By-Law requires a side yard of 6 feet and Mr. Hopkins is requesting that the side yard be reduced from the required 6 feet to 2 feet.

The Clerk reported that all property owners located within 30 meters of the proposed variance have been notified of the public hearing being held tonight. Only one response was received to the letters, and that response was from Judy Hopkins giving permission to Martin Hopkins to build an addition on the side of his storage building. It should be noted that the adjoining property owner is Judy Hopkins, Martin Hopkin's spouse.

At this time the Development Officer was asked to address Council regarding this matter. He expressed no reasons why the request should be denied.

#### Resolution C101002

**Moved** by M. Atkinson and seconded by S. Hatfield that the variance requested by Mr. Martin Hopkins for his residential property located in North East Point to reduce the side yard requirement from 6 feet to 2 feet be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Halliday returned to her seat.

#### CONTINUATION OF REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

##### Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

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

##### Committee Recommendations

Councillor Shaun Hatfield reported on recommendations of the Committee of the Whole Council.

##### 2010 Halloween

##### Resolution C101003

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality recognize Saturday, October 30, 2010, as the day for observance of Halloween within the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Municipality will advertise this in the local newspaper.

Trudy Amirault Retirement

Resolution C101004

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipality provide a gift and a plaque of appreciation to Trudy Amirault on her retirement.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tax Write-Offs

	<b>Balance</b>
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- South Shore Guns and Gear Limited	\$257.65
- Cape Nova Fisheries Limited	\$ 15.49
- A & B Sports Inc.	\$ 29.70
- The Hair Emporium	\$ 3.84
- The Shoe Box Limited	\$152.42

Resolution C101005

**Moved** by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the above list of uncollectible business occupancy taxes be written off.

Motion carried unanimously.

Arena Services Technician

Resolution C101006

**Moved** by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Arena Services Technician job description be approved and that the Municipality advertise according to its policy for a new Arena Services Technician.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Murray Atkinson  
George El-Jakl  
Louise Halliday  
Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Cathy Stoddard

**NEGATIVE**

Cecil O'Donnell

Motion carried.

Wood's Harbour Multi-Purpose Trail

Resolution C101007

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Hatfield that Mrs. Marilyn Goreham, Wood's Harbour Multi-Purpose Trail Committee, be notified that the Municipality continues to seek funding for the completion of the Wood's Harbour Sidewalk and Multi-Purpose Trail Project, although to date other sources of funding have not been found.

Motion carried unanimously.

Smith's Lane, Lower Clark's Harbour

Resolution C101008

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by M. Atkinson that Municipal Staff contact the Department of Transportation and request the grading of Smith's Lane in Lower Clark's Harbour.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTINUATION OF NEW BUSINESS

Julie Pinkham Variance Request

A public hearing was held at 7:45 p.m.

Dave Andrews, Development Officer, was present.

The Clerk reported that an application for a variance from the requirements of the Municipal Land Use By-Law has been received from Ms. Julie Pinkham on her cottage property located at Civic #2 Bayview Avenue, Villagedale.

Ms. Pinkham wishes to build an addition on her cottage. The Land Use By-Law requires a side yard of 10 feet and Ms. Pinkham is requesting that the side yard be reduced from the required 10 feet to 3 ½ feet.

The Clerk reported that all property owners located within 30 meters of the proposed variance have been notified of the public hearing being held tonight. No inquiries have been made as a result of the letters being sent out.

At this time the Development Officer was asked to address Council regarding this matter. He presented no reasons for the request to be denied.

Resolution C101009

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that the variance requested by Ms. Julie Pinkham for her cottage property located at Civic #2, Bayview Avenue, Villagedale, to reduce the side yard requirement from 10 feet to 3 ½ feet be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

WARDEN'S REPORT

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

Herring Plant Workers

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from MLA Sterling Belliveau. Mr. Belliveau explained that he and his staff are exploring the option of a partnership with municipalities in which the province would reimburse the labour costs for herring processing workers for short term work projects at community or non profit organizations. These projects would be facilitated and administered by the Municipality. The Municipality will be expected to provide the administrative oversight, record of workers hours, provide workers with the appropriate documents for their employment insurance application and will be responsible for the cost of any supplies resulting from identified projects; i.e. paint, garbage bags, cleaning supplies, etc. The Province agrees to provide reimbursement for all labour and employer contributions. In closing, Mr. Belliveau advised that it is important to have the cooperation and commitment of the Municipality as they move forward with their discussions on this potential program.

Resolution C101010

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that MLA Sterling Belliveau be notified that the Municipality will contact non profit organizations to determine work projects for fish plant workers and look forward to hearing further details on the project.

Motion carried unanimously.

C.S.I. Schools

At this time members were reminded of the meeting with the Minister of Education on October 19, 2010 to discuss Cape Sable Island schools.

The Chair of the Community Health Care Advisory Committee advised that due to the meeting in Halifax with the Minister of Education, the Community Health Care Advisory Committee scheduled for the evening of October 19, 2010 would be cancelled.

NEW BUSINESS

Request from Senior Services

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from Shawna Symonds, Senior Services Coordinator. Mrs. Symonds is requesting a letter of support from the Municipality for the Nova Scotia Department of Senior Services Safety Grant. This grant will provide funding towards a Senior Safety Coordinator for 2011/2012. The Coordinator will organize, promote and educate seniors in crime prevention, senior abuse and enhancing communication between seniors and the police.

Resolution C101011

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that a letter of support be provided to the Senior Services Coordinator for the Shelburne County Senior Safety Grant.

Motion carried unanimously.

Request from UFO Incident Society

The Clerk advised that Cindy Nickerson, Chairperson, of the UFO Incident Society is requesting support of the following two applications:

- An application to Canadian Heritage for funding to assist with the 2011 UFO Festival. Cindy is requesting a letter of support from the Municipality and will be showing the \$500.00 grant as a cash donation towards the festival and will also be showing in-kind donations from the Municipality of \$1,000.00 for use of equipment, projector, etc.
- Cindy is also making application to the Legacy Fund to assist with the cost of the purchase of the building they now occupy. The fund will pay one half of the purchase price. Cindy is requesting from Council a letter of support and any financial contribution Council is willing to make towards this project.

Resolution C101012

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that letters of support be provided for both applications, one to assist with the 2011 festival and the other to assist with purchasing the building which they now occupy.

Motion carried unanimously.

VIC Report

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with the Barrington Visitor Information Centre Statistics Report for 2010. Total visitors for the tourist season were 2,919 as compared to 3,238 last year. There were 319 less visitors this year, leaving a decrease of 10% for the overall year. US visitors were down by 811 over last year and Canadian visitors were up by 550.

MOTIONS RE: CLOSED SESSION

Annual Increments

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Resolution C101013

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that Anna Kenney, Recreation Director, and Wanda Goreham, Tax Clerk, both receive their annual increment.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Warden

Clerk

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website October 14, 2010.**