

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 27, 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 with the exception of Councillor Hatfield who is away on vacation.

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

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

WEBCAST

It was noted that Rick Davis was present this evening to carry out a trial webcast of the municipal council meeting. A trial is being conducted again due to the many difficulties experienced at the September 13, 2010 Council meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

In advance to the meeting at 6:45 p.m. a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with personnel matters.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by C. Stoddard that the minutes of the last meeting held September 13, 2010 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Amendments - Policy No. 52

At the last meeting of Council notice was given that Council will consider amendments to Policy No. 52, "Council Meetings and Proceedings Policy", this evening. It is proposed that a new Section 6(4) be added which reads as follows:

- 6(4) *Councillors shall take turns presenting committee recommendations to council.
The chair shall request a mover and seconder for each recommendation put forth.*

Resolution C100926

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. O'Donnell that proposed amendments to Policy No. 52 as indicated above be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Amendments to Policy No. 57

At the last meeting of Council notice was given that consideration of amendments to Policy No. 57, "Certificates of Recognition Policy", would take place this evening.

It is proposed that the policy be amended to provide certificates of recognition to members of fire department auxiliaries and that the certificates shall be signed by a member of the Barrington Municipal Council.

Resolution C100927

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by M. Atkinson that Policy No. 57, "Certificates of Recognition Policy" be amended as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION - DOUG LANGLEY RE: SC TRANSPORTATION SOCIETY

At this time Doug Langley of the SC Transportation Society appeared before the meeting. Through a power point presentation Mr. Langley presented the results of the Needs Analysis Study carried out by the society. The data was collected from a total of 436 survey respondents. The survey indicated that 54.9% would use public transit within Shelburne County at least once per year; 51.6% of those surveyed indicated that they would use public transit to Yarmouth at least once per year; 49.2% would use public transit to Bridgewater and 57.6% would use public transit to travel to Halifax for shopping and medical appointments.

Mr. Langley is requesting that Council support a transportation system for Shelburne County and that funding for the transportation system be part of the municipal budget each year once it is set up and running.

Upon questioning, Mr. Langley advised that the Society would like to see the municipal units in Shelburne County to at least match the contribution of the Nova Scotia Government of \$1.60 per trip.

It was noted that Mr. Langley will be making his presentation to the other four municipal units in Shelburne County.

Mr. Langley was thanked for appearing before Council and making his presentation.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Employment Benefits

It was reported that emails have been received from Stoney Island Fisheries, Sable Fish Packers (1988) Ltd., and G.M. Newell Ltd., expressing concern that workers will have a difficult time getting the required 525 hours needed for employment insurance due to the current state of the fishery and cuts in fish quotas.

The Clerk informed members that in the economic region of Western Nova Scotia, which includes Shelburne and Yarmouth counties, individuals are required to work 525 insurable hours to qualify for employment benefits. In the economic region of Eastern Nova Scotia, which includes Cape Breton County, individuals are required to work only 420 insurable hours to qualify for employment benefits. The number of insurable earnings required depends on the unemployment rate for the economic region. The unemployment rate for the Western Economic Region is now 10.9% while it is 15.7% for the Eastern Economic Region. It was noted that the economic regions are so large that they do not reflect the individual areas of economic activity. The Western Economic Region includes all counties west of Halifax. High unemployment in Shelburne and Yarmouth counties are absorbed in the numbers from the other counties. The Community Information Database contained on the Canada Rural Secretariat website uses information from Statistics Canada that shows the most recent unemployment rate for the Municipality of Barrington to be 16.6%.

Resolution C100928

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter be forwarded to MP Gerald Keddy, which will be copied to MLA Sterling Belliveau, expressing our concern that the economic regions are so large that they do not reflect individual areas of economic activity, and that employment insurance should be streamlined to account for pockets of economic inactivity that seriously affect local areas, and requesting the opportunity to meet with him to further discuss this matter, and that a letter also be forwarded to municipal units in Shelburne, Yarmouth and Digby counties encouraging them to contact their MPs as well.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed that attempts be made to meet with Mr. Gerald Keddy at his office in Barrington Passage sometime when he is in the area.

Lighthouse Road

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding the Lighthouse Road at Baccaro Point. The letter advised that he is not able to say when the Department might be in a position to gravel the Lighthouse Road, and until this occurs every effort will be made to do the annual maintenance activities to keep the road in an acceptable state of repair.

PRESENTATION - LOLA SEARS RE: AQUATIC PROGRAM

Lola Sears appeared before the meeting and requested Council's permission for use of the Municipal pool on Sherose Island to hold aquatic zumba classes next summer. Ms. Sears was asked to get in contact with the Recreation Director to determine if this program meets current pool policy and whether or not it could be incorporated into the pool schedule.

Ms. Sears was then thanked for appearing before Council.

CONTINUATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Twinkie's Corner

Members were advised that information has been received from the Department of Transportation advising that the guardrail for Twinkie's Corner will be installed this fall under the RIM Program.

Signs - Wood's Harbour, Shag Harbour, etc.

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Department of Transportation advising that the sign for Wood's Harbour, Shag Harbour, Forbes Point and Bear Point has been ordered and will be installed upon arrival.

Old Dam and Bridge - Quinn's Falls Road

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from MLA Sterling Belliveau advising that debris that has accumulated near the old dam and cement bridge at the end of Quinn's Falls Road will be cleaned up on September 22, 2010.

Councillor O'Donnell informed members that this work has been carried out.

PROCLAMATION - RESTORATIVE JUSTICE WEEK 2010

The Warden read the following motion and declared November 14 - 21, 2010 as Restorative Justice Week in the Municipality of Barrington:

***WHEREAS**, in the face of crime or conflict, restorative justice offers a philosophy and approach that views these matters principally as harm done to people and relationships; and*

***WHEREAS**, restorative justice approaches strive to provide support and opportunities for the voluntary participation and communication between those affected by crime and conflict (victims, offenders, community) to encourage accountability, reparation and movement towards understanding, feelings of satisfaction, healing and a sense of closure; and*

***WHEREAS**, this year's theme for Restorative Justice Week is "**Reflexions Past, Present and Future**", it is an opportunity to learn about restorative justice, educate and celebrate along with other communities across the country during the week.*

CORRESPONDENCE

Request for Letter of Support - Black Loyalist Heritage Society

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with correspondence received from the Black Loyalist Heritage Society. The information advised that the Society is preparing their application for Canadian Heritage - Canadian Cultural Spaces Fund Program, which, if approved, will provide 50% of the capital funding of the future Black Loyalist Interpretive Centre to be built in Birchtown. The Interpretive Centre will provide a venue to showcase and create awareness of the unique and uplifting journey of the black loyalists from their enslavement in Colonial America to the freedom in Nova Scotia. The Interpretive Centre will provide an educational environment for all Canadians to learn of the origins of African heritage in Nova Scotia. The Society is requesting a letter of support from the Municipality for this project.

Resolution C100929

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that a letter be provided to the Black Loyalist Heritage Society in support of their Interpretive Centre project.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

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

Motion as a Result of the Closed Session of Council

Shelley Stoddard

Resolution C100930

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that Shelley Stoddard be granted her annual increment effective September 28, 2010.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Cathy Stoddard

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

Councillor Cecil O'Donnell

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

Joint Police Advisory Board

Councillor O'Donnell informed members that the Joint Police Advisory Board met on Thursday, September 23, 2010. The first official meeting of the Board will be held on October 21, 2010.

Councillor Louise Halliday

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

Councillor Murray Atkinson

Committee of the Whole

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

Councillor Atkinson reported on recommendations of the Committee of Whole Council meeting held September 20, 2010.

Capital Investment Plan

Resolution C100931

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that the proposed Capital Investment Plan be approved for the Municipality for the fiscal year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Frelick Property

Resolution C100932

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality engage Cultural Resource Management Group Ltd. for the purpose of evaluating any archeological artifacts located on the Frelick property and determining a future course of action for the Municipality in regards to them.

Motion carried unanimously.

North East Point Beach Sign

Resolution C100933

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality purchase and install an interpretive sign at the North East Point Beach at a cost of \$600.00, plus H.S.T.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Grant Request - Nova Scotia Boat Racers Association

Resolution C100934

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that a grant of \$300.00 be provided to the Nova Scotia Boat Racers Association from the uncommitted portion of Grants to Organizations to pay for the insurance premium for this year only as a one time grant in order for the organization to get started.

Motion carried unanimously.

EHS Award

Resolution C100935

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that a letter of congratulations be sent to Mr. James Currie thanking him for his services as a paramedic in this area.

Motion carried unanimously.

Lobstering Issue

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.

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by C. Stoddard that the above motion be tabled until October 11, 2010 in order to obtain more information concerning this matter.

Motion carried unanimously.

Assessments and Commercial Properties

Resolution C100936

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality contact the Property Valuation Services Corporation to determine if there are alternative methods of assessment or taxation for properties that are no longer being actively used commercially.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council. In his report he suggested that "economic development" be placed on a future Committee of the Whole Council agenda for discussion.

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

The Clerk-Treasurer gave a brief report on his activities during the month of August 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Secretary for the Meeting

On website September 29, 2010.