

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S. on Monday, August 23, 2010.

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Deputy 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
- Councillor Cecil O'Donnell
- Councillor Cathy Stoddard

- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by M. Atkinson that the minutes of the last meeting held August 9, 2010 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Tabled Motion Re: C.S.I. Sewer Project

At the last meeting of Council a motion was made to purchase land in Stoney Island for a sewage treatment plant pending approval from the municipal engineering consultant.

At the February 8, 2010 Council meeting a motion was made to terminate the Cape Sable Island Sewer Project. This motion was tabled at the February 8th Council meeting and again on February 22nd.

Since Council is taking steps to proceed with the C.S.I. Sewer project it is necessary that the tabled motion be dealt with. The tabled motion was then brought forward.

“Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that:

WHEREAS no Sanitary Sewer Survey has ever been completed to determine a location, extent or concentration of any sewer services problems on Cape Sable Island making it impossible to determine the appropriate solution to an undefined problem;

AND WHEREAS no community driven initiative for this project has been apparent in the past, and in the most recent public survey of the residents of Cape Sable Island only a relatively small majority supported the construction of a sewer system;

AND WHEREAS there has recently been a downturn in the local fishery and the local economy, and the construction of a sewer system on Cape Sable Island will add significant debt and increase taxes throughout the Municipality for a lengthy period into the future causing additional economic hardship to all residents of the Municipality, and in particular to the residents of Cape Sable Island;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Barrington terminate the current Cape Sable Island Sewer Project.”

AFFIRMATIVE

Cecil O'Donnell

NEGATIVE

Murray Atkinson

George El-Jakl

Louise Halliday

Shaun Hatfield

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Cathy Stoddard

Motion defeated.

Satellite Dialysis Clinic

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of an email received from Cathy Blades, Vice-President, Clinical Care, South West Health. The email advised that South West Health has received a response to the Renal Services submission for satellite dialysis services in Nova Scotia. The response was not positive as the government budget for 2010/2011 does not include funding to implement the recommended priorities. Mrs. Blades advised that a meeting will be held on September 2, 2010 with the Provincial Renal Program, Clinical VPs', District Renal Program Directors, etc. to discuss home therapies and to explore potential solutions to the current capacity issues at the three provincial renal dialysis units.

Mrs. Blades is suggesting that we wait until after the September 2, 2010 meeting before she meets with us.

Resolution C100818

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that if the Municipality does not hear from Mrs. Cathy Blades, South West Health, within one week of the September 2nd meeting, then this matter be followed up with her.

Motion carried unanimously.

Duck Crossing Signs

It was reported that a response has been received to our letter addressed to the Department of Transportation requesting that “duck crossing” signs be posted in Barrington Passage near Owaissa Park warning motorists of the hazard of ducks crossing the road in this area. The Department of Transportation has advised that they will not put up “duck crossing” signs, but that the Municipality may put up these signs as long as they are installed on municipal posts and do not block any other signs, or affect sight distances in the area.

Resolution C100819

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipal Solicitor and the Municipal Insurance Company be contacted to determine the Municipality’s liability should Council decide to install “duck crossing” signs in Barrington Passage.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Wastewater Management Facilities

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Department of Environment. The letter provided an indication of potential future requirements in regards to the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment Canada-wide Strategy for the Management of Municipal Wastewater Effluents.

This information is being provided to Council at this time for information purposes only.

Speeding Offences in School Zones

Correspondence has been received from the Department of Transportation advising that in an effort to raise awareness and to encourage motorists to slow down in school zones, the Department of Transportation will be installing signs on provincial highways.

During discussion of this matter, the 50 kilometer speed zone in the vicinity of the former Barrington Consolidated School site was questioned. The school was closed in 1999 and demolished a number of years ago. The Visitor Information Centre now occupies the former school site.

Resolution C100820

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Department of Transportation be contacted and asked to investigate the 50 kilometer speed zone in Barrington near the site of the former Barrington Consolidated Elementary School.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
George El-Jakl
Louise Halliday
Shaun Hatfield
Cecil O'Donnell
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Motion carried.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Louise Halliday

Councillor Halliday 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 Shaun Hatfield

Councillor Hatfield gave a brief report on his 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.

Councillor Cathy Stoddard

Councillor Stoddard gave a brief report on her 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.

Committee Recommendations

Councillor Cathy Stoddard reported on committee recommendations.

Barrington Business Park

Resolution C100821

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by C. O'Donnell that Municipal Staff obtain estimated costs of preparing a brochure and web page for the promotion of the Barrington Business Park.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Murray Atkinson

Motion carried.

Presentation of Recommendations to Council

Resolution C100822

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by S. Hatfield that amendments to Policy No. 52 be drafted to provide for councillors taking turns reading the recommendations to Council from Committee of the Whole, and that a mover and seconder for each of the recommendations be requested by the chairperson at council meetings.

Motion carried unanimously.

Draft Municipal Grants Policy

Resolution C100823

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality continue with its current grant policies.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
George El-Jakl
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

Louise Halliday

Motion carried.

North East Point Interpretive Plaque

Resolution C100824

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by S. Hatfield that Municipal Staff prepare an interpretive plaque or sign similar to those used in other areas of the Municipality to be installed at the North East Point Beach area for the consideration of the committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Team Development Workshop

Resolution C100825

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipality of Shelburne be informed that there is no interest at the current time in attending the suggested workshop.

Motion carried unanimously.

Complaint Re: Use of Jake Brakes in Barrington Passage

Resolution C100826

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter be sent to Mr. John Leach providing information and an explanation of the section of the Motor Vehicle Act that is pertinent to his request, and also that the Municipality send a letter to the Department of Transportation requesting that they place “No Engine Braking” signs in the vicinity of Mr. Leach’s residence in Barrington Passage.

Motion carried unanimously.

Trial Period Re: Closed Sessions

Resolution C100827

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by C. O’Donnell that the Municipality continue to schedule closed sessions of meetings at 6:30 p.m., for whatever the required length of time, at the beginning of council and committee meetings.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deferred Council Motion Re: C.S.I. Sewer

Resolution C100828

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by S. Hatfield that our MLA be contacted and be requested to set up a meeting with the Minister of Education for the purpose of discussing the future of the schools on Cape Sable Island.

Motion carried unanimously.

The motion that was tabled at the August 9, 2010 council meeting regarding this matter was then brought forward. The motion reads as follows:

“Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that a letter be sent to the Minister of Education and to the Tri-County Regional School Board expressing concern that the decision of which school is to be closed on Cape Sable Island appears to have become a “Political Issue” and Council also wishes to express concern that overtures and discussions with the Town of Clark’s Harbour amounts to political interference in the decision.”

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Shaun Hatfield

NEGATIVE

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

Motion defeated.

Seal Island Light Museum

Resolution C100829

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that an additional \$500.00 be provided to the Seal Island Light Museum for the purpose of constructing an exterior walkway to the museum site from the Contingency Funds provided for Municipal Grants in the current fiscal year’s budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

Office Air Conditioning

Resolution C100830

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by S. Hatfield that Municipal Staff determine the cost of additional air conditioning being provided to those municipal offices that currently do not have it.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

Ombudsman's Report Re: Sale of Property

The Warden informed members that he and the Municipal Clerk-Treasurer met with representatives of the Ombudsman's Office on August 18, 2010 regarding the report on the sale of municipal property. A final report will be released by the Ombudsman's Office in the near future and the matter will be further discussed at that time.

Fun Day - Nova Scotia Race Boat Association

The Warden informed members that the Fun Day planned by the Nova Scotia Race Boat Association has been changed from September 4, 2010 to September 11, 2010.

Wedding

The Warden informed members that a request has been received from Wanda Pothier requesting permission to have her wedding at the gazebo in North East Point on September 3, 2010. She has advised that the wedding will take place at 10:00 a.m. and that they will probably only use the site for approximately 45 minutes.

No opposition was expressed by members.

NEW BUSINESS

Tax Sale Results

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a report providing details regarding the Tax Sale held on August 16, 2010. At the Tax Sale twenty-three (23) properties were sold. Eleven (11) properties were purchased by private citizens and the remaining twelve (12) were purchased by the Municipality. Since that date one property has been redeemed.

Petition Re: Road Name

A petition has been received from property owners requesting that the road on which they live be officially recognized as "Cottage Lane". This road is located off of the Old Ferry Wharf Road in Port LaTour.

Resolution C100831

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that the request of property owners to have their road name officially recognized as "Cottage Lane" be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tenders for Audit Services

Tenders were invited for auditing services for the Municipality for a five year period commencing September 2010. Two tenders were received which were opened by the Warden. Tenders were as follows:

1. Belliveau Veinotte

	Municipality (audit)	Fire Departments (compilation)
March 31, 2011	\$14,500	\$2,500
March 31, 2012	\$14,500 plus CPI*	\$2,500 plus CPI*
March 31, 2013	\$14,500 plus CPI*	\$2,500 plus CPI*
March 31, 2014	\$14,500 plus CPI*	\$2,500 plus CPI*
March 31, 2015	\$14,500 plus CPI*	\$2,500 plus CPI*

*CPI - as at March 31

2. Redding CA

Year One	\$11,850.00 plus disbursements, plus HST
Year Two	\$12,200.00 plus disbursements, plus HST
Year Three	\$12,600.00 plus disbursements, plus HST
Year Four	\$13,000.00 plus disbursements, plus HST
Year Five	\$13,400.00 plus disbursements, plus HST

\$3,000.00 per year for the annual financial statements for the six Volunteer Fire Departments, plus disbursements, plus HST

Resolution C100832

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that the tenders be referred to Municipal Staff for review and recommendation back to Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

Televised Council Meetings

Resolution C100833

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that Mr. Rick Davis of Compu TECH Multimedia be invited to tape and stream one of our council meetings as a trial to determine any unknowns and that the expenditure to have council meetings taped and streamed be included in expenditures and offset by decreases in other expenditures.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
George El-Jakl
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

Louise Halliday

Motion carried.

August 30, 2010 Committee of the Whole Council Meeting

Resolution C100834

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Committee of the Whole Council meeting scheduled for August 30, 2010 be cancelled unless a very urgent matter arises.

Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be held on Tuesday, September 7, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Hatfield that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

_____ Warden

_____ Secretary for the Meeting

On website August 25, 2010.