

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, March 22, 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 Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger and Councillor Cathy Stoddard who are on vacation.

- Warden Louise Halliday
- Councillor Murray Atkinson
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Councillor Shaun Hatfield
- Councillor Cecil O'Donnell
  
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy 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 S. Hatfield that the minutes of the last meeting held March 8, 2010 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

The Warden informed members that it is necessary to add the following item to the agenda:

- Cost of Living Adjustment.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

#### Renal Dialysis Services

The Clerk reported that correspondence has been received from Cathy Blades, Vice-President, Clinical Care, South West Health, in response to Council's invitation for her to meet with them to discuss the possibility of having a satellite dialysis clinic established in Barrington. Mrs. Blades has advised that a response has not yet been received on the plan that is before the Department of Health regarding satellite dialysis services. Once a response is received, she will contact Council to set up a meeting.

Resolution C100330

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that a letter of acknowledgment be forwarded to Mrs. Cathy Blades, Vice President, Clinical Care, South West Health, acknowledging her letter and stating that Council looks forward to meeting with her to discuss the possibility of the establishment of a satellite dialysis clinic in Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Gate Policy - BMHS

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Minister of Education in response to our letter dated February 11, 2010 regarding the closed gate policy at BMHS. The letter advised that during the planning phase for the new construction of BMHS the School Steering Team requested a gated student parking lot in order to control student traffic movement at the school. In 2008 the Tri-County Regional School Board supported the recommendation of BMHS School Advisory Council to have a closed gate policy at BMHS. The letter further advised that students with work commitments and appointments are permitted to leave the school property with their vehicles.

It was noted that a letter was also forwarded to the Tri-County Regional School Board regarding the closed gate policy and to date no response has been received.

Letter from Ombudsman Re: SWSDA

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Office of the Ombudsman advising that they will be reviewing the Municipality's concern regarding a land transaction and responding further in the upcoming weeks.

Fire Services Study

The Clerk informed members that a Request for Proposals for a fire services study has been prepared.

Resolution C100331

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the request for proposals for a fire services study be approved as presented at a maximum cost of \$30,000.00 which will be included in the 2010/2011 municipal budget, and that a letter be forwarded to the Minister of Service Nova Scotia requesting funding in the amount of 50%.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C100332

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality start a fund for those needs revealed by the fire services study which may include funding for a ladder truck, amalgamation, equipment or building upgrades, etc., subject to the opinions and comments, in writing, of the Municipal Solicitor and Municipal Advisor as to whether or not this is permitted under the Municipal Government Act.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

George El-Jakl  
Louise Halliday  
Shaun Hatfield  
Cecil O'Donnell

**NEGATIVE**

Murray Atkinson

Motion carried.

The amount to be allocated for this fund will be further discussed during budget preparations.

CORRESPONDENCE

Community Economic Development

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from Warden Sherm Embree regarding our letter concerning community economic development. The letter advised that the Municipality of Shelburne has not been involved in any talks on community economic development other than one on January 12<sup>th</sup> held in Barrington, and a meeting held in Shelburne on January 26, 2010. These meetings resulted in one group letter to the SWSDA and one to the Minister of Economic Development.

The letter further advised that the Municipality of Shelburne is open to further talks among Shelburne County municipal units pertaining to economic development.

Resolution C100333

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipal Clerk be given authorization to participate in meetings with other municipal units in Shelburne County to discuss community economic development.

Motion carried unanimously.

National Day of Mourning

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with correspondence from the South Shore Labour Council advising that April 28, 2010 has been declared the National Day of Mourning in Canada, and is requesting the Municipality of Barrington to lower its flag to half mast on that day to show respect of those workers who lost their lives or were badly/seriously injured at their workplaces. The letter further advised that names may be forwarded of those workers who we wish to add to their list of those mourned.

Resolution C100334

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipality lower its flag to half mast on April 28, 2010 to show respect of those workers who lost their lives or were badly/seriously injured at their workplaces.

Motion carried unanimously.

Complaint Re: Saved Seating

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from Kate Newell expressing concern regarding the recent complaint made dealing with the saving of seats at the Arena and the number of signs posted indicating no reserved seating. Ms. Newell indicated in her letter that volunteers who arrive two hours early to donate their time out of the goodness of their heart and the benefit of the team are not allowed to save seats for themselves. Mrs. Newell is requesting that the policy be revised to become a little less rigid for volunteers. She suggested that possibly a special pass could be placed on the blanket to save a seat or a special section set aside for volunteers. Ms. Newell was in the audience and requested an opportunity to address Council.

Resolution C100335

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that Mrs. Kate Newell be permitted to address Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Newell approached Council and again expressed concern regarding no reserved seating for volunteers.

Resolution C100336

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion and that the committee look at the possibility of reserving seating for volunteers.

Motion carried unanimously.

## REPORT OF WARDEN

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

### 2010 Model Volunteer Community of the Year

The Warden informed members that she received correspondence from Recreation Nova Scotia advising that the Municipality of Barrington has been selected as the 2010 Model Volunteer Community of the Year by the Provincial Volunteer Week Awards Committee. Invitations were provided to the 2010 Provincial Volunteer Awards Ceremony and luncheon to be held on Monday, April 12, 2010 where the Municipality will be presented with a framed certificate as the Model Volunteer Community of 2010 award recipient.

Councillor El-Jakl indicated that he would try to attend the awards ceremony and accept the certificate as the Model Volunteer Community of 2010 on behalf of the Municipality.

## REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

### Councillor Cecil O'Donnell

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

### Committee of the Whole Council Meeting, March 15, 2010

#### C & D Landfill Tipping Fees

#### Resolution C100337

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by G. El-Jakl that information from the summary for the month of October 2009 be forwarded to Paul Smith at Wilson's Shopping Centre for his information, omitting the names of the waste depositors.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Municipal Auditor General

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipal Auditor General be requested to review the salaries, wages and expenses of municipal councillors to determine their appropriate level, and also that the Auditor General make a recommendation regarding the establishment of a public body which would determine those benefits for councillors in the future.

Resolution C100338

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that the above motion be amended by adding the word “how” after the word “review”, deleting the word “the” before “salaries”, changing the word “to” to “are” after the word “councillors”, and by adding a “d” to the word “determine”.

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion now reads as follows:

“...that the Municipal Auditor General be requested to review how salaries, wages and expenses of municipal councillors are determined, their appropriate level, and also that the Auditor General make a recommendation regarding the establishment of a public body which would determine these benefits for councillors in the future.”

Motion carried unanimously as amended.

Community Grant Request

White Lily Cemetery Association

Resolution C100339

**Moved** by C. O’Donnell and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the remaining Community Grant Funds for District 5 and District 7 in the amount of \$2,312.90 be granted to the White Lily Cemetery Association for the purpose of erecting a fence around the cemetery.

Motion carried unanimously.

Wood’s Harbour Firemen’s Memorial

Resolution C100340

**Moved** by C. O’Donnell and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the balance of funds in the District 1 Community Grants Fund in the amount of \$570.45 be granted to the Wood’s Harbour Fishermen’s Memorial Association for maintenance and repairs to the memorial site.

Motion carried unanimously.

Lighthouse Road at Baccaro Point

Resolution C100341

**Moved** by C. O’Donnell and seconded by S. Hatfield that a letter be sent to the local office of the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation requesting that gravel be placed on Lighthouse Road at Baccaro Point.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Shaun Hatfield

Councillor Hatfield gave a brief report on his 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 George El-Jakl

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

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

The Clerk-Treasurer gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Re-drafted Arena Policy

The Clerk informed members that notice was given at the last meeting of Council that consideration of proposed amendments to the Barrington Municipal Arena Policy would be considered tonight. The re-drafted Barrington Municipal Arena Policy will replace the Barrington Municipal Arena Policies and Procedures Manual. The content is the same with the exception of some wording being revised to be consistent with current committees and job titles.

The proposed policy also excludes rental rates. Rental rates will be set by Council each year during budget preparations.

The Barrington Municipal Arena Policies and Procedures Manual will be deleted and the new Barrington Municipal Arena Policy will become part of the Council policies governing staff and operations.

Resolution C100342

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Barrington Municipal Arena Policy be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Reserved Seating at Arena

Resolution C100343

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that since we do not currently have a written policy regarding reserved seating at the Barrington Municipal Arena that signs which were recently posted prohibiting reserved seating be removed.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Louise Halliday  
Shaun Hatfield  
Cecil O'Donnell

**NEGATIVE**

Murray Atkinson  
George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Request for Grants

Cape Negro Community Heritage Hall

Resolution C100344

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Cape Negro Community Heritage Hall be provided with a grant in the amount of \$850.00 from the District 4 Community Grants Fund to assist with the cost to replace the main entrance door, door jambs and sill.

Motion carried unanimously.

Greenhill Senior Citizens Club

Resolution C100345

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Greenhill Senior Citizens Club be provided with a grant in the amount of \$900.00 from the District 4 Community Grants Fund to assist with the cost of two loads of gravel for the driveway and a new electric stove.

Motion carried unanimously.

Society for the Preservation of the Greenhill Community Church

Resolution C100346

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Society for the Preservation of the Greenhill Community Church be provided with a grant in the amount of \$438.62 from the District 4 Community Grants Fund to assist with the cost of paint and labour for the floor of the Greenhill Community Church building.

Motion carried unanimously.

Request from Activities Fund

It was reported that a request has been received from the Nova Scotia Mixed Curling Team for a grant of \$200.00 from the Activities Fund to assist with the cost of the team attending the 2010 Canada 55+ games to be held in Ontario.

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Hatfield that \$200.00 be provided to the Nova Scotia Mixed Curling Team to assist with the cost of attending the 2010 Canada 55+ games to be held in Ontario from the District 4 Community Grants Fund.

Resolution C100347

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Murray Atkinson  
Shaun Hatfield  
Cecil O'Donnell

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl  
Louise Halliday

Motion carried.

Dr. Premachandra Incentive Agreement

The Clerk informed members that an incentive agreement has been prepared which provides for a four (4) year agreement and an incentive of \$12,500.00 to be paid per year. Dr. Premachandra is to work 7 ½ hours per day, 5 days per week. He will be entitled to four (4) weeks vacation and time off for medical training. The incentive payment will be prorated if he is away from the office for any other reason than listed above.

The Clerk informed members that the agreement has been reviewed by the Solicitor and signed by Dr. Premachandra.

Resolution C100348

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipal Council approve the agreement as presented and that the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Shelburne County Skills Development Program

The Clerk informed members that the Shelburne County Skills Development Program had previously been administered by the South West Shore Development Authority. The Municipality will be responsible to make application for the program for Shelburne County in order to continue it for another year.

Resolution C100349

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipal Council approve the application for funding for the Shelburne County Skills Development Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

Business Park Financing

Resolution C100350

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the municipal portion of Business Park funding be provided from the Special Reserve Fund Operating in the amount of \$315,000.00.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

George El-Jakl  
Louise Halliday  
Cecil O'Donnell

**NEGATIVE**

Murray Atkinson  
Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried.

Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department Poll of Residents and Ratepayers

The Clerk informed members that on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 a meeting was held at the Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department for the purpose of informing the public of an application being made by the Fire Department for an area rate in District 1. The proposal is to continue to have in place an area rate of 7 cents per \$100.00 of taxable assessment for the purpose of raising funds for the operation of the fire department.

After the information meeting a Poll of Residents and Ratepayers was held and the results of the vote were as follows:

- Number of Votes Polled	23
- Number of Ballots "For"	21
- Number of Ballots "Against"	1

Resolution C100351

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that an Operating Levy be put in place for the Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of 7 cents per \$100.00 of taxable assessment in District 1 for a 5 year period commencing April 1, 2010.

Motion carried unanimously.

PAC Membership

The Clerk informed members that expressions of interest were once again invited from the public to serve on the Planning Advisory Committee. Once again only one (1) response was received. This response was from William R. Malone of Upper Wood's Harbour.

The Clerk informed members that Cecil Swimm was previously appointed by Council to serve on the Planning Advisory Committee as a public member.

Resolution C100352

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by M. Atkinson that William Malone of Upper Wood's Harbour be appointed to serve on the Planning Advisory Committee for a 2 year term commencing April 1, 2010.

Motion carried unanimously.

All vacancies are now filled on this committee.

Diversions Credits

The Clerk informed members that a cheque in the amount of \$9,558.35 has been received for Diversions Credits for the 2008/2009 fiscal year. This amount includes Diversions Credits for the Town of Clark's Harbour in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Consumer Price Index

Consistent with the Personnel Policy, Council shall annually, not later than the end of March, determine whether a cost of living adjustment based on the National Consumer Price Index is to be granted based on statistics as of February 28<sup>th</sup> of each year.

The Clerk informed members that the Consumer Price Index as of February 28, 2010 was 1.6%.

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Municipal Employees be granted a cost of living adjustment in the amount of 1.6% effective April 1, 2010.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Shaun Hatfield  
Cecil O'Donnell

**NEGATIVE**

Murray Atkinson  
George El-Jakl  
Louise Halliday

Motion defeated.

**Building Inspector's Resignation**

The Clerk informed members that the Building Inspector, Glen Muise, has tendered his resignation effective April 1, 2010.

The Clerk informed members that the Municipality of Argyle and the Municipality of Shelburne have both indicated a willingness to provide building inspection services to the Municipality in the short term, or longer, if required.

**Resolution C100353**

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that Council advertise for a Building Inspector/Fire Inspector/Development Officer/By-Law Enforcement Officer to fill the vacancy which will exist April 2, 2010 and rely on the Municipality of Shelburne and the Municipality of Argyle to provide building inspection services in the short term.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution C100354**

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the new building inspector be required to sign a 5 year contract in return for the Municipality providing training and that Andrew Goreham be appointed to provide building inspection services for the Municipality of Barrington in the interim.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution C100355**

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that a letter of thanks be forwarded to Glen Muise for the time he served as building inspector.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Warden \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk

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Secretary for the Meeting

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**On website March 25, 2010.**

