

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held on Monday, February 8, 2010, in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S.

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

ROLL CALL

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the minutes of the last meeting held January 25, 2010 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION - DEBI KARREL, PVSC

Debi Karrel and Jason Brown of Property Valuation Services Corporation appeared before the meeting and provided information on the Property Valuation Services Corporation's legislative mandate, mission, vision, goals, and how property is valued.

During their presentation reference was made to two new brochures "A Guide to Property Assessment in Nova Scotia" and "Appeal Brochure".

Point of Order

At 7:30 p.m. it was noted that we had reached the end of the time allocated for the presentation.

Resolution C100201

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that Council allow the presentation to continue.

Motion carried unanimously.

At the conclusion of the presentation a question and answer period was held.

Ms. Karrel and Mr. Brown were both thanked for appearing before Council and making their presentation.

PRESENTATION - B.M.H.S. STUDENT PARKING LOT, UNLICENCED TAXI SERVICE
AND R.C.M.P. REPORT

B.M.H.S. Student Parking Lot

Shawna Townsend and Sherisse Blades appeared before the meeting and expressed concern regarding the locked gate policy at the B.M.H.S. student parking lot. With the locked gate policy many students are parking along the Oak Park Road in order to have access to their vehicles during the day. Some students go to Barrington Passage for lunch. Others are required to leave at various times throughout the day for appointments and employment obligations. Ms. Townsend and Ms. Blades expressed concern regarding safety and feel it would be much safer for everyone concerned if the gate at B.M.H.S. was open. They informed members that they have approached the B.M.H.S. Principal and the School Advisory Council in an attempt to have the gate unlocked. They were advised that no change would be made to their locked gate policy.

They are requesting Council to send a letter of support to the Tri-County Regional School Board, to the B.M.H.S. School Advisory Committee, and to the B.M.H.S. principal to have an open gate policy.

Resolution C100202

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that:

WHEREAS Section 22 of the Education Act provides a School Advisory Council with only limited authority “to prepare”, “recommend”, and “advise” school policy;

AND WHEREAS the closed gate policy at B.M.H.S. has not resulted in students remaining on campus;

AND WHEREAS the closed gate policy has actually created a safety hazard for students parking on the side of the road;

AND WHEREAS it is impossible for local R.C.M.P., the School Board, or School Administration to secure students compliance with parking behind the closed gate;

AND WHEREAS it may be an infringement on the personal rights of senior high students who have family, community and work commitments which are precluded by a closed gate;

WHEREAS the closed gate policy has lead to no small amount of property encroachment by Barrington Municipal High School on adjacent homeowners;

AND WHEREAS the closed gate policy appears an excessive and ineffectual means of regulating safe student practices;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a letter be sent to the Minister of Education, the Tri-County Regional School Board, and the Principal of B.M.H.S. asking that the recommendation by the School Advisory Council to have a locked gate policy at B.M.H.S. repealed immediately, and that a copy of this letter be forwarded to MLA Sterling Belliveau.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C100203

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that a letter be written to our local R.C.M.P. asking Sgt. Forbes to send a letter to the Minister of Education, the Tri-County Regional School Board and the B.M.H.S. Principal detailing any student safety, property encroachment and policing concerns he may have related to the closed gate policy.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C100204

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a letter be forwarded to the Town of Clark's Harbour asking them likewise to send a letter to the Minister of Education, the Tri-County Regional School Board and the B.M.H.S. Principal asking that the gate at B.M.H.S. be open to allow for self regulatory student parking, and that a copy of this letter be forwarded to MLA Sterling Belliveau.

Motion carried unanimously.

Point of Order

Resolution C100205

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that having reached the end of the time allotted for the above presentation, additional time be allowed to complete the presentation.

Motion carried unanimously.

Sgt. Bob Forbes of the Barrington R.C.M.P. Detachment then approached Council.

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter from Sgt. Forbes to the School Advisory Council on January 6, 2010 concerning student parking at B.M.H.S. The letter provided an update on difficulties being encountered by R.C.M.P. members with complaints being received in the area. Students continue to park along Oak Park Road and on average there are 15 - 25 vehicles parking along this roadway during school hours. Officers have been making daily patrols to enforce the parking in this area since the start of school. At times students gather on the roadway and therefore obstruct passing vehicles creating at times a dangerous situation. A large amount of litter has been thrown on the adjoining properties including B.M.H.S. Sgt. Forbes supports the open gate policy at B.M.H.S.

Sgt. Forbes, Ms. Townsend and Ms. Blades will be making a presentation to the Tri-County Regional School Board requesting an open gate policy on the BMHS student parking lot.

Unlicensed Taxi Services

Sgt. Forbes informed members that the issue of unlicensed taxi services in the Municipality of Barrington is continuing to be investigated by members and will be dealt with under the Taxi By-Law. Sgt. Forbes was informed that Council will be considering repealing the Taxi By-Law.

Deputy Commissioner

Sgt. Forbes informed members that the Deputy Commissioner for the area, Steven Graham, will meet with the Municipal Clerk, the Warden, the Town Clerk and the Mayor for the Town of Clark's Harbour, on February 16, 2010.

Police Advisory Board

Sgt. Forbes informed members that the Department of Justice hopes to carry out training for members of the Police Advisory Board by the end of the month.

Monthly Reports

Monthly reports for December 2009 and January 2010 were circulated to members. Sgt. Forbes informed members that the year end report will be filed at the end of March 2010. At this time the annual performance plan will be reported on.

Sgt. Forbes was thanked for appearing before Council and making his presentation.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Lighthouse Road - Baccaro Point

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal advising that The Honourable Bill Estabrooks is unable to meet with Council to view the Lighthouse Road at Baccaro Point, but that Stuart Clare, Acting District Director, would be available to meet with us in his place.

Resolution C100206

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by G. El-Jakl that contact be made with Mr. Stuart Clare and arrangements be made to meet with him to view the Lighthouse Road at Baccaro Point.

Motion carried unanimously.

Department of Transportation Matters

The Municipal Clerk provided an update on some of the requests made to the Department of Transportation. Details are as follows.

Crosswalk on Route 330 between Trunk 3 and Barrington Bay Trail

The Department of Transportation has advised that the installation of a crosswalk at this location must be equipped with overhead RA-5 crosswalk signs and pedestrian actuated flashing amber lights. The cost of this type of crosswalk may range from \$35,000.00 to \$50,000.00. If Council wishes to have the crosswalk installed, the request must be forwarded to Greg Newell and Council must agree to cover the cost of installation and maintenance of the crosswalk.

Speed Limit and Passing Lane at Anthony's Food Market - Wood's Harbour

The Department of Transportation will be looking into this matter in February.

Hidden Driveway and Bus Stop Signs in Clam Point

Information provided indicated that the Department of Transportation will measure the stopping, site distance, at Civic #491, to determine if a hidden driveway sign is warranted.

The request for a bus stop sign should be forwarded to Dale Royal of the Tri-County District School Board.

Resolution C100207

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Department of Transportation be requested to carry out the required measurements to determine if a hidden driveway sign is warranted at Civic #491 in Clam Point.

Motion carried unanimously.

Hearing Impaired Child, Civic #7495, Wood's Harbour

Attempts have been made to reach resident to have a proper form filled out to have requested sign installed.

Guide Signs for Barrington on Highway 103

This matter will be forwarded to Brian Storrie, Traffic Engineer, in Halifax.

Speed Zone - Route 330, Newellton/Centreville

Council's request to have the speed zones in this area reviewed will be investigated and an answer will be provided shortly.

Nurse Practitioner

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from South West Health which answered questions raised by Council regarding the Nurse Practitioner. The letter advised that this move was not a choice made by South West Health but rather the result of a letter received from Dr. Blair.

Resolution C100208

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that South West Health be requested to forward a copy of the letter they received from Dr. Blair.

Motion carried unanimously.

Kidney Dialysis Satellite Clinic

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Minister of Health which advised that the Renal Program has completed a plan that will inform the department about the burden of illness and make recommendations for the most appropriate locations for establishing satellite units. The letter further advised that the Department will be reviewing the plan in 2010.

The Clerk also informed members that correspondence has been received from Blaise McNeil, South West Health. He advised that they are currently awaiting a response from the Department of Health to the plan submitted for provincial satellite services.

Resolution C100209

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that correspondence be forwarded to South West Health requesting them to advise Council when they receive a response from the Department of Health, and request a copy of the plan submitted for provincial satellite services.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C100210

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that MLA Sterling Belliveau be requested to meet with the Committee of the Whole to discuss renal dialysis services, nurse practitioner, link to Maine, etc.

Motion carried unanimously.

Civic Numbers on Mailboxes

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from The Honourable Rob Merrifield, Minister of State Transport, acknowledging receipt of our letter and advising that the placement of civic numbers on rural mailboxes is an operational issue and therefore our correspondence has been forwarded to Moya Greene, President and Chief Executive Officer of Canada Post.

CORRESPONDENCE

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The Warden informed members that in advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from Eddie Nickerson, of South Side, regarding the C.S.I. sewer. Since the C.S.I. Sewer Project will be discussed later in the meeting, members were asked how they wanted to handle this matter.

Resolution C100211

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that correspondence received from Eddie Nickerson of South Side be added to the agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

C.S.I. Sewer Project

Correspondence received from Eddie Nickerson of South Side was then read. Mr. Nickerson expressed concern regarding the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to terminate the C.S.I. Sewer Project.

Bottled Water Free Day

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with correspondence received regarding Canada's first Bottled Water Free Day. The letter advised that on March 11, 2010 campuses and communities across Canada will take action to ban the bottle and reclaim public water.

Resolution C100212

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that Council accept the pledge not to drink bottled water where public water is available on March 11, 2010, and that others be encouraged to do the same.

Motion carried unanimously.

Wind Energy Development Plan

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities advising of a request for expressions of interest to municipalities interested in receiving funding to prepare a wind energy development plan.

It was agreed that the Clerk copy the entire document and circulate to members.

Resolution C100213

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tri-County Regional Science & Technology Expo

It was reported that correspondence has been received from the Tri-County Regional Science & Technology Expo requesting Councils' support.

Resolution C100214

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality provide t-shirts to be used as prizes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Termination of Office Space - CED Centre

The Clerk informed members that notice of termination has been received for offices occupied by the South West Shore Development Authority in the CED Centre in Barrington Passage. The lease will be terminated effective February 28, 2010.

The South West Shore Development Authority also holds a lease for the office formerly occupied by the Youth Services Centre. This lease will be terminated as of March 31, 2010. This space has been occupied by the West Nova Inclusion Employment Society and they have expressed an interest in entering into a lease with the Municipality beginning April 1, 2010.

The Clerk informed members that as a result of the South West Shore Development Authority forming a new agency on April 1, 2010, it appears that four (4) of the municipal units in Shelburne County will not receive services from the agency because they will not be funding it. The Municipality can continue the services it chooses after March 31st by providing them through other means if possible. The following is a list of services currently provided by or coordinated by the South West Shore Development Authority:

- Shelburne County Skills Enhancement Program
- Shelburne County Tourism Coordinator
- Business Retention and Expansion Program
- Immigration Coordinator
- Volunteer Coordinator
 - Seniors Information Line
 - Seniors Friendly Visiting
 - Seniors Check-in Program
 - Seniors Bus Tours
 - Income Tax Preparation Program

Resolution C100215

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Clerk contact the other four (4) municipal units in Shelburne County to determine if they would be interested in a cost-shared arrangement to provide funding for the Tourism Coordinator and the Volunteer Coordinator, and that they be advised that the Municipality of Barrington is willing to provide free office space and office supplies.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C100216

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality enter into a lease agreement with the West Nova Inclusion Employment Society for office space at the CED Centre.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C100217

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality advertise the space for rent in the CED Centre.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor George El-Jakl

Committee of the Whole Council

Petro Canada

Resolution C100218

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter of welcome be sent to the operator of the new Petro Canada gas station in Barrington Passage.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Meetings

Resolution C100219

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the next public meeting of the Committee of the Whole be held in Port Clyde as soon as arrangements can be made, and that Councillor O'Donnell chair the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tax Write-Offs

Days Gone By Collectibles

Resolution C100220

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that the balance of the business occupancy taxes, in the amount of approximately \$65.00, be written off the tax account in the name of Days Gone By Collectibles as they are deemed to be uncollectible.

Motion carried unanimously.

Waybret Property

Resolution C100221

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that since property erroneously assessed to Mr. Burnley Waybret did not exist, as confirmed by the Assessment Services Office, the outstanding taxes on the account in the amount of approximately \$61.00 be written off as uncollectible.

Motion carried unanimously.

Arena Security

Resolution C100222

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that Municipal Staff again inform regular renters at the Barrington Municipal Arena, that should any conflicts arise, Arena Staff have been instructed to call the RCMP.

Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Taxi By-Law - First Reading

It was reported that it is the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole Council that By-Law No. 32, "Taxi By-Law" be repealed since enforcement has been a problem.

Resolution C100223

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the repeal of By-Law No. 32, "Taxi By-Law" be approved in first reading.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Resolution C100224

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that Mr. Willis Nickerson be refunded his licencing fee for the past two years.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Shaun Hatfield
Cecil O'Donnell
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl
Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Motion carried.

Presentations

Resolution C100225

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that public members who will be making presentations at council or committee meetings be made aware that their picture may be taken, and that the information they are providing is public information, and that they be informed of this prior to making their presentations.

Motion carried unanimously.

Kidney Dialysis Satellite Clinic

Resolution C100226

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality contact the Kidney Foundation again and ask them to reconsider their support for a satellite dialysis clinic in Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

Planters 250th Anniversary

Resolution C100227

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality compose a proclamation regarding the 250th anniversary of the Planters and provide whatever advertising cooperation is possible through the municipal website to those groups planning celebrations.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tax Sale Properties

Resolution C100228

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipality have the property purchased at Tax Sale in Wood's Harbour appraised in preparation for sale of the property.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Community Litter Clean-up Program

Resolution C100229

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality include \$10,000 in its budget and make the same commitment to the Community Litter Clean-up Program for the coming year as in the previous year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C100230

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that McDonalds' and Tim Hortons' be requested to contribute towards the Community Litter Clean-up Program for the coming year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Grant Request

Resolution C100231

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the Villagedale Cemetery Club be provided a Community Grant from District 3 Community Grants Fund in the amount of \$600.00, and that Municipal employees inspect the work that has been done prior to paying the grant.

Motion carried unanimously.

Haitian Relief

Resolution C200232

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that a donation of \$500.00 be provided prior to February 12th for Haitian Relief so that it could be matched by the Federal Government contribution, and that this be offset by anticipating savings in budgeted expenditures in the current years fiscal budget, and that these funds be provided in addition to all of the other funds that have been raised by residents of the Municipality through various local events to assist in the Haitian relief efforts.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson

George El-Jakl

Louise Halliday

Shaun Hatfield

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Cecil O'Donnell

NEGATIVE

Cathy Stoddard

Motion carried.

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Shaun Hatfield

Councillor Shaun Hatfield declared conflict of interest, vacated his seat and proceeded to the spectator area. Councillor Hatfield is a resident of McGray Avenue.

McGray Avenue Petition

Resolution C100233

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality approve and submit an application to the Department of Transportation for funding for the paving of a portion of McGray Avenue under the cost-shared road improvement program.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Hatfield returned to the table.

Bay Side Home Request

Resolution C100234

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that Bay Side Homes' request to use the heliport landing site in the event of an emergency at Bay Side Home in accordance with their emergency evacuation plan be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Point of Order

It was noted that the hour of 10:00 p.m. had been reached and councillors were asked by the Chair if they wished to continue.

Resolution C100235

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that the meeting continue until the business of the meeting is completed.

Motion carried unanimously.

C.S.I. Sewer Project

Resolution C100236

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield:

WHEREAS although numerous properties have been investigated as possible sites for a sewage treatment plant on Cape Sable Island and none of these sites have been determined to be acceptable;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the owners of properties who have been contacted in regards to the location of a sewage treatment plant be informed, by letter, that their site has not been deemed acceptable for this purpose.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C100237

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that:

WHEREAS the Project Manager has discussed use of the Nickerson property in South Side with both the Department of Environment and the Department of Natural Resources;

AND WHEREAS both departments have indicated approval of an effluent pipe from the Nickerson property across the Natural Resources property to reach the ocean would require an extensive and time consuming approval process with no guarantee that approval would be received;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. Nickerson be informed that based on information provided by the Project Manager and the departments involved that the use of his property for this project will not fit the time line required under the Building Canada Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

WHEREAS no sanitary sewer survey has ever been completed to determine the 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.

Resolution C100238

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the above motion be tabled until the next meeting of Council.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried.

At this time the Clerk brought forward the following motion from the December 14, 2009 Council meeting which was deferred until Council had an opportunity to consult with the Project Manager.

“Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by S. Hatfield that the recommendation of the C.S.I. Sewer Steering Committee to accept Option 1C for the expansion of the Barrington/Barrington Passage sewer system to service communities on Cape Sable Island be accepted as presented.”

The deferred motion was then put to a vote.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Shaun Hatfield
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl
Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell

Motion defeated.

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. She informed members that she attended the rally to save the CAT ferry on February 4, 2010, in Halifax. Deputy Warden Messenger requested reimbursement of the hotel expense necessary to attend the rally.

Resolution C100239

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger be reimbursed for her hotel expense for the evening of February 3, 2010.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Amendments Re: Policy 56

The Clerk informed members that notice of consideration of amendments to Policy 56, "Interim Tax Billing Policy", was given at the last meeting of Council.

It is recommended that Policy No. 56 be amended by changing the formula used to calculate the interim tax bill. The interim tax bill will be 50% of a calculation based on current years' taxable assessment and the last tax rate set by Council. The interim bill will also include 50% of the previous years sewer service charge. Local improvement charges such as paving charges will not be included in the interim bill. The total local improvement charges due will be included in the official tax bill sent out in October.

Resolution C100240

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that proposed amendments to Policy No. 56, "Interim Tax Billing Policy", be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Shelburne Physician Recruitment Committee Report

It was reported that each member was provided with a copy of the Shelburne Physician Recruitment Committee Report in advance to the meeting.

Aboriginal Centre

The Clerk informed members that the Sou'West Nova Metis Council is once again requesting space in the Old Court House for their aboriginal display. The Sou'West Nova Metis Council is also requesting office space in the Old Court House.

Resolution C100241

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that space be provided to the Sou'West Nova Metis Council for their aboriginal cultural centre and office space in the Old Court House.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that the Sou'West Nova Metis Council would be responsible for their own insurance coverage.

Dog By-Law

The Clerk informed members that after much discussion regarding proposed amendments to the Dog By-Law, no changes were made.

Notice of Consideration

The Clerk informed members that tonight notice of consideration is given for proposed amendments to Policy No. 52, "Council Meetings and Proceedings Policy", and Policy No. 59, "Policy on Committees of Council", relating to profanity. Proposed amendments will be considered at the next meeting of Council.

By-Law Enforcement Officer

The Clerk informed members that the By-Law Enforcement Officer, Sandra Bower, has requested a leave of absence for four (4) months. An advertisement has been placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper inviting applications for the position of By-Law Enforcement Officer.

Community Grant Requests

A Community Grant application has been received from the Wood's Harbour Fishermen's Memorial. This organization is requesting a grant to assist with maintaining the monument site.

Resolution C100242

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that a grant in the amount of \$600.00 be provided to the Wood's Harbour Fishermen's Memorial from the District 1 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was reported that a grant application has also been received from the Aboriginal Cultural Centre for funding to purchase display units to display aboriginal artifacts. The organization is requesting a grant in the amount of \$250.00.

Resolution C100243

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Aboriginal Cultural Centre be granted \$250.00 to purchase display units, and that the grant be paid from the District 5 Community Grant Fund, and any shortfall would be deducted from the District 4 Community Grant Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Hill Road

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from three of the four residents located on Hill Road requesting that the road be paved and the residents will share in the cost pursuant to the Local Improvement By-Law.

Resolution C100244

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality approve and submit an application to the Department of Transportation for funding of the paving of Hill Road located in South Side under the Cost-Shared Road Improvement Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

At this time a Closed Session of Council was held regarding litigation - former B.M.H.S. property.

The regular council meeting was called back to order.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by G. El-Jakl that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website February 10, 2010.