

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, January 11, 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 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

### DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Hatfield questioned whether or not he should declare conflict of interest when dealing with the request from Focus on Life. Focus on Life is part of the Rosalin Nickerson Care Fund of which Councillor Hatfield is a member.

Councillor Hatfield was advised that if there was no personal gain then he was not required to declare conflict of interest, but that it was a personal choice.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held December 14, 2009, and the Special Meeting of Council held January 4, 2010 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### PRESENTATION - JAMES NICKERSON RE: C.S.I. SEWER

Mr. James Nickerson appeared before Council and made reference to his June 16, 2008 presentation regarding the C.S.I. Sewer. He circulated copies of that presentation and also provided a subdivision plan for review.

Mr. Nickerson's presentation to the Committee of the Whole on June 16, 2008 indicated that he owned a considerable amount of property in the middle of Cape Sable Island which could be further developed if access to the sewer system was provided to the property. Mr. Nickerson's property is located at the top of the Sidney Heights and Daley Roads and could be accessed by the sewer line if it is connected up either of these roads. Mr. Nickerson requested consideration of the Municipality taking over one of these roads, preferably Sidney Heights, and making it a public road if the sewer line is extended in this direction.

Mr. Nickerson expressed disappointment that he did not receive an official or written response to his June 16<sup>th</sup> presentation. Mr. Nickerson indicated that he is once again requesting access to the sewer system in order to further develop Spruce Cove Subdivision.

Mr. Nickerson further asked Council to make a decision regarding the Cape Sable Island sewer system and to proceed.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that Mr. Nickerson has approximately 90 acres remaining in the vicinity of the Spruce Cove Subdivision and access to the beach. He would be willing to discuss possibly providing land for a treatment plant site. He was informed that Council is currently investigating the possibility of purchasing land in the North East Point area for a treatment plant site.

In closing, Mr. Nickerson thanked Council for the opportunity to address them, and once again requested Council to make a decision regarding the C.S.I. Sewer Project.

#### Resolution C100105

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that Council acknowledge Mr. Nickerson's presentation and he be advised once a decision is made regarding the C.S.I. Sewer.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

##### Credentials for Out-of-Province Building Officials

On November 12, 2009, correspondence was forwarded to the Department of Labour and Workplace Development expressing Council's concern over the shortage of building officials in the Province of Nova Scotia. At that time Council suggested that the shortage could partially be addressed by allowing building officials who have proper qualifications in other provinces to transfer to Nova Scotia without being subject to a lengthy training and certification process. A response has now been received to our letter which advised that the Nova Scotia Training and Certification Board must allow those with equivalent qualifications to practice in Nova Scotia. There already exists a process by which out-of-province qualified building officials may have their qualifications recognized in Nova Scotia. This process has been in place for the past eighteen (18) months. To date, there have been a number of informal inquiries made to the Board. The only applicant who actually submitted their credentials was successful and is currently employed in Nova Scotia.

##### Canadian Union of Postal Workers

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers which thanked Council for passing a resolution aimed at preserving public post offices and rural delivery. The letter further advised that the government has introduced a Canadian Postal Service Charter which outlines the government's expectations for Canada Post in regard to service standards. It includes an expectation that Canada Post will maintain "the moratorium on the closure of rural post offices".

Future Research Endeavors

Correspondence was forwarded to the Minister of Environment requesting our municipality to be considered as a prime field location for any upcoming pilot projects for coastal climate change studies since we are extremely vulnerable to coastal erosion, storm surges and salt water intrusion. The Minister's response stated that while many coastal communities fit the description of being vulnerable to climate changes, a willingness to participate is important and has been a factor in selecting communities in the past. In closing, the Minister suggested that Council may wish to meet with Mr. Kyle MacKenzie, Adaptation Specialist with the Climate Change Directorate. Mr. MacKenzie will be able to provide an overview of the Department's activities and discuss further opportunities to work together on climate change issues in coastal communities.

Resolution C100106

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that Mr. Kyle MacKenzie, Adaptation Specialist with the Climate Change Directorate, be invited to meet with Council to discuss our participation in future pilot projects relating to coastal climate change.

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION - WILLIS NICKERSON, CAPE ISLAND TAXI

Mr. Willis Nickerson and his wife Leona Nickerson appeared before the meeting. They operate Cape Island Taxi in the Municipality of Barrington. They meet the requirements of the Taxi By-Law and are licensed each year. Mr. & Mrs. Nickerson expressed concern that there are four (4) individuals in the Municipality who are providing taxi services from Dooleys, District 34, etc. These individuals are not licensed by the Municipality and do not meet the requirements of the Taxi By-Law. Mr. Nickerson informed members that this is affecting the revenues of his company since the four individuals are accepting lesser amounts for their service and/or are accepting donations.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that approximately one year ago Mr. Nickerson had provided the Clerk with three license plate numbers for vehicles operating as unlicensed taxies in the Municipality. These licence plate numbers were forwarded to the RCMP and all three vehicle owners were contacted.

Resolution C100107

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that the names of the four individuals as provided by Mr. Nickerson be forwarded to the RCMP for investigation.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was suggested that this matter be further discussed with Sgt. Forbes at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Resolution C100108

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that this matter and the Taxi By-Law be discussed at the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C100109

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that Willis and Leona Nickerson be kept informed of action being taken to address their concerns regarding unlicensed taxi services in the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTINUATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Kidney Dialysis Satellite Clinic

Correspondence has been received from the Kidney Foundation in response to our letter in which we requested information on assistance the Foundation may be able to provide to us should a satellite clinic be established in the Municipality of Barrington. The letter from the Kidney Foundation advised that our request does not meet the mandate of the Foundation, and therefore they are unable to provide financial assistance for the cost of supplies and for dialysis equipment. The letter further advised that our request has been forwarded to Susan MacNeil, Manager of the Nova Scotia Renal Program, who will respond to us directly.

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has also been received from South West Health in response to our letter regarding a kidney dialysis service in Barrington. The letter advised that they are currently working on a dialysis satellite service plan for the province with timelines and other considerations and expectations. Once this plan is completed, upon our request, they would be happy to share the plan with Council.

The Clerk informed members that a letter has been received from Dr. Lely Abud supporting the request of Council to have a kidney dialysis satellite clinic established in the Municipality of Barrington.

The Clerk informed members that a copy of a letter from the Town of Clark's Harbour addressed to the Minister of Health has been received in which the Town of Clark's Harbour is requesting the establishment of a kidney dialysis satellite clinic in Clark's Harbour.

Resolution C100110

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that this matter be placed on the January 18, 2010 Committee of the Whole agenda for further discussion and follow-up.

Motion carried unanimously.

Year of the Lobster

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans in response to our letter dated November 21, 2009 requesting funding for local community events celebrating the Year of the Lobster. The letter advised that Fisheries and Oceans Canada is unable to provide financial assistance for the Year of the Lobster community events.

ecoNova Scotia Application

The Clerk informed members that approval has been received from ecoNova Scotia for our Clean Air and Climate Change application. A grant for the Energy Audit and Inventory has been approved in the amount of \$10,000.00. The Clerk informed members that the total cost of the project is \$18,000.00.

CORRESPONDENCE

Request from "Focus on Life"

Correspondence has been received from Sharon Symonds on behalf of "Focus on Life". This is a team which raises funds for the Rosalin Nickerson Care Fund. To date, the team has raised nearly \$30,000.00. They are organizing a hockey game with the Sea Star Ice Dogs as a fundraiser for the Rosalin Nickerson Care Fund. The game is scheduled for January 14, 2010 at the Barrington Municipal Arena and they are requesting free ice time.

Resolution C100111

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by S. Hatfield that "Focus on Life" be granted free ice time at the Barrington Municipal Arena to hold a hockey game fundraiser to raise funds for the Rosalin Nickerson Care Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Nurse Practitioner

The Clerk informed members that a copy of a letter addressed to Dr. William Blair, from Jodi Ybarra, South West Health, has been received. The letter advised that due to scheduling conflicts, and the fact that the professional relationship with the Nurse Practitioner does not appear to be working out, South West Health will be relocating the Nurse Practitioner in January 2010.

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from Jodi Ybarra in response to our letter requesting clarification on the need for patients to transfer their files to the Nurse Practitioner. Mrs. Ybarra has advised that the Nurse Practitioner has her own patients/practice and it is not the Nurse Practitioners' role to see doctor's patients when they are not available, as she does not have the capacity to offer a walk-in clinic. At the present time the Nurse Practitioner has a waiting list for people to be part of her practice. It was suggested that copies of the above referred to letters be provided to the Community Health Care Advisory Committee.

Woodland Multi-Use Trail Association

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Woodland Multi-Use Trail Association advising that they are preparing to develop further trails in the Municipality of Barrington. The next section of trail for which development is being planned currently is the abandoned rail bed from the north end of the Wood's Harbour Municipal Multi-Purpose Trail to the Shelburne/Yarmouth County line, a distance of 8.3 kms. Notification to landowners of a public meeting about the trail development is required. The Association is requesting that the Municipality send out the required notices to the adjacent landowners the same as we did when the Port Clyde to Clement's Pond Trail was being considered.

Resolution C100112

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipality of Barrington send out the required notices to the adjacent landowners along the abandoned rail bed from the north end of the Wood's Harbour Multi-Purpose Trail to the Shelburne/Yarmouth County line, and that the Municipality pay the expense to do so.

Motion carried unanimously.

The public meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., at the Wood's Harbour Fire Hall.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

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

Councillor Cathy Stoddard

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Councillor George El-Jakl

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Resolution C100113

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that a formal letter be forwarded to the former Warden and Councillor, Tina (Wickens) Smith, expressing Council's sympathy on the recent loss of her son, Sgt. Kirk G. Taylor, who was killed while serving in Kandahar.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Uniform Assessment Comparison

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a report showing comparative uniform assessments from 2007/2008 to present.

Property Valuation Services Corp. Workshop

The Clerk informed members that Debi Karrel of Property Valuation Services Corporation is willing to provide Municipal Council workshops to better inform Council about Property Valuation Services Corporation and how property assessments are completed.

Resolution C100114

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by M. Atkinson that Debi Karrel, Property Valuation Services Corporation, be invited to attend an upcoming Council meeting to provide a workshop on property assessment.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Warden

Clerk

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website January 13, 2010.**

