

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council, held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, November 28, 2011.

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 Shaun Hatfield.

- 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

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that the minutes of the last meeting of Council held November 14, 2011 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Speed and Safety Issue

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from Cpl Mario Ross, Barrington RCMP, regarding the complaint forwarded to Council by Mr. Reginald Goodwin concerning speeding traffic in the Barrington area. The letter advised that keeping highways safe was one of their main priorities, and that they are aware of the problem and agree with Mr. Goodwin's assessment. Cpl Ross further advised that enforcement is carried out in the neighborhood, regularly, by way of checkpoints which are clearly visible to the community, and on the morning of November 21, 2011, twenty (20) tickets were issued in the location referred to by Mr. Goodwin.

Mr. Goodwin's concerns were also forwarded to Mr. Benny Acker of the Department of Transportation. Mr. Acker advised that he would make contact with Mr. Goodwin to discuss his concerns.

Resolution C111127

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that Mr. Reginald Goodwin be advised of what has taken place as a result of his complaint.

Motion carried unanimously.

Vehicle Tender Recommendation

The Clerk informed members that he and the Property Services Manager have reviewed the tenders received for the purchase of a truck for the Property Services Department.

It is the recommendation of the Property Services Manager that the vehicle tender received from Smith & Watt Limited be accepted, being the lowest tender received.

All of the vehicles tendered would have to be ordered which means there will be a wait of at least 90 days for delivery. In the interim, the Property Services Department will have to operate with one less vehicle. If there is any significant amount of snow it may be necessary to hire a vehicle for snow plowing at times.

Resolution C111128

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that the vehicle tender received from Smith & Watt Limited be accepted.

Motion carried unanimously.

Oak Park Road

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal regarding Council's request to have maintenance carried out on the Oak Park Road. The letter advised that maintenance staff in Shelburne have inspected the road and have repaired the items that were of immediate concern. He advised that he is unable to say when the Department might be in a position to repave the Oak Park Road. Until this occurs every effort will be made through their annual maintenance activities to keep the road in an acceptable state of repair.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence to be dealt with.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden gave a brief report on his 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.

Committee Recommendations

Committee of the Whole Council

Deputy Warden Messenger then reported on Committee Recommendations.

North East Point Wharf Project

Resolution C111129

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. Stoddard that the North East Point Wharf Heritage Society be provided with a grant of \$2,300.00 from the Community Grants Fund to assist with the cost of repairs to the North East Point wharf, and that funding be taken from the Community Grants Fund as follows:

- District 4, \$500.00
- District 5, \$500.00
- District 6, \$500.00
- District 7, \$500.00
- District 3, \$300.00

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C111130

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that the North East Point Wharf Heritage Society be provided with a grant of \$200.00 from the District 2 Community Grants Fund to assist with the cost of repairs to the North East Point Wharf.

Motion carried unanimously.

Crosswalks

Resolution C111131

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that a letter be forwarded to the Department of Transportation requesting requirements to have crosswalks installed on Route 330 where the Barrington Bay Trail crosses the highway, and on Highway No. 3 where the Barrington Bay Trail crosses the highway near Horizon Chalets & Motel in Barrington Passage, and note that both locations are in 50 km speed zones.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C111132

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that the Department of Transportation be requested to repaint the crosswalk on Highway No. 3 near the Robertson Building, and also to paint the crosswalk on the pavement at the intersection of Highway No. 3 and Route 330 since the crosswalk already exists and is currently indicated by lights only.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dangerous Highway Access

Resolution C111133

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that the Department of Transportation be requested to investigate the dangerous situation currently existing at the Tim Horton's drive-thru in Barrington Passage as a result of vehicles parking close to the road, the sign in the Shoppers Drug Mart parking lot, and trucks and transports parking along the highway.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C111134

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by L. Halliday that a friendly letter be sent to Tim Horton's asking that they permanently affix and enlarge the curbing in their parking lot between the parking lot and Route 330 to prevent the curbing from being pushed out close to the highway right of way, as a safety measure.

Motion carried unanimously.

Stirling's Road

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that a new road sign be installed on Stirling's Road in Barrington Passage.

During discussion of this motion question was raised regarding the proper road name, "Stirling's Road" or "Stirl's Road". Also, it was noted that this road is not named on the provincial civic addressing file since the two residences located on the road have been assigned civic numbers off of Highway No. 3. It was noted that there is no requirement to name a road unless it contains three or more residences.

Resolution C111135

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that the above motion be tabled until the Municipal Clerk has an opportunity to discuss the road name and civic numbers with the residents residing on the road.

Motion carried unanimously.

Crow's Neck Beach

Resolution C111136

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that Nova Scotia Nature Trust be requested to upgrade their right of way to Crow's Neck Beach for use by the public.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Louise Halliday

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

Councillor Cathy Stoddard

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Councillor Murray Atkinson

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Hiring Committee

Fire Services Coordinator

Resolution C111137

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. O'Donnell that David Kendrick be hired as Fire Services Coordinator for the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Cecil O'Donnell

Councillor O'Donnell provided 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 during the month of October.

NEW BUSINESS

Second Reading - Amendments to Buy-Law No. 12 "Dog By-Law"

The Clerk informed members that an advertisement has been placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper informing the public that second reading of By-Law No. 12 "Dog By-Law" was to take place tonight at 7:30 p.m.

It is proposed that Section 6 be amended by adding the following:

“When using municipal trails and sidewalks, dogs must be on a leash, at all times, held by a person able to control the dog.”

Resolution C111138

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that amendments to By-Law No. 12, “Dog By-Law” be approved in second and final reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Amendments to Policy No. 33 “Re: Returning Officer”

Notice of consideration of amendments to Policy No. 33, “Re: Returning Officer”, was given at the last meeting of Council. Proposed amendments will require all fees paid to Returning Officer, Deputy Returning Officer, Poll Clerks, etc. to be set by resolution of Council.

Resolution C111139

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by C. Stoddard that proposed amendments to Section 2 of Policy No. 33, “ Re: Returning Officer” be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Application to Utility and Review Board

The Clerk informed members that an application has been prepared for the Utility and Review Board reducing the number of districts and councillors from seven (7) to five (5). Each member was provided with a copy of the application which was reviewed.

Resolution C111140

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. O’Donnell that Council approve the application to the Utility and Review Board reducing the number of districts and councillors from seven (7) to five (5) as presented by the Municipal Clerk.

Motion carried unanimously.

Transit Strategy Meeting

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from David Meyer, Chair, Sou’West Nova Transit, which invited participation by Barrington Municipality in a meeting to be held during the week of December 12, 2011. The outcome of the meeting will be a list of considerations to be forwarded to a subcommittee of Community Transit Nova Scotia. The subcommittee will prepare a report for the Premier’s Office regarding critical issues of strategy and establishing rural transportation in our Province.

Since Councillor Hatfield previously expressed an interest in meetings of Sou’West Nova Transit, it was suggested that he may be interested in participating in the meeting.

Resolution C111141

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by M. Atkinson that contact be made with Councillor Hatfield to determine whether he would be interested in attending the meeting as suggested by Mr. Meyer, and if not, then Mr. Meyer be advised that no-one is available to attend.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by M. Atkinson that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website November 30, 2011.