

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Tuesday, October 11, 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:

- 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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by C. Stoddard that the minutes of the last meeting of Council held September 26, 2011 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION - DR. LYNDA EARLE, MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR SOUTH SHORE/SOUTH WEST/ANNAPOLIS VALLEY DISTRICT HEALTH AUTHORITIES

Dr. Lynda Earle and Nanette Comeau, Public Health Nurse, Barrington Passage Office, appeared before the meeting. Dr. Earle provided a powerpoint presentation explaining how community health and community planning are linked, and provided an overview of how our health is determined by the environments in which we work, live, learn and play. She also suggested opportunities for municipal units to be involved in actively shaping healthy communities such as active transportation, street lighting, installation of bike racks, etc.

At the end of Dr. Earle's presentation a question and answer period was held.

Dr. Lynda Earle, and Nanette Comeau, were both thanked for appearing before Council and making their presentation.

DANGEROUS AND UNSIGHTLY PREMISE - STANLEY MCCANN/DEREK MCCANN

The Clerk informed members that a dangerous and unsightly premise has existed in the Shag Harbour area since September 2010. The property is owned by Stanley McCann and the trailer located on it is owned by his brother Derek McCann. Numerous attempts have been made to have this matter addressed. In the last few weeks Derek McCann has taken steps to address this matter. The By-Law Enforcement Officer has reported today that the trailer has been dismantled and most of the waste has been trucked away. Some debris still remains on the property along with the undercarriage of the trailer. Mr. McCann is continuing to clean the property and has advised that he has plans for the undercarriage.

Resolution C111001

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded M. Atkinson that the Municipal Council issue an Order to Stanley Charles McCann, with a copy to Derek McCann, requiring him to remedy the condition of his property located at 5274 Shag Harbour by removing all debris remaining from the trailer and other debris found on the property.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Variance Request - Blaine Hirtle

Further to the request of Blaine Hirtle for a variance for his property located at 51 Old Post Road, further information has now been received regarding the old road located on his property. Correspondence has been received from the Department of Transportation advising that the road was the original Post Road, otherwise known as the Old Shelburne Road. The Department has found no evidence to suggest this has been closed by law and would therefore remain as a public highway within the meaning of the Public Highways Act.

The Clerk informed members that this information has been forwarded to the Municipal Solicitor and he has advised that the appropriate response to the application would be to have Blaine Hirtle provide a copy of his survey indicating the location of the old road, and the Development Officer should be able to rely on that in considering the application. If there is not sufficient detail then he can require a new survey or professional evidence of location. If the road continues to be a problem then it could be suggested to the Hirtles that they approach the Province to possibly purchasing the road.

Mr. Hirtle's survey has been viewed and there is no reference to the road.

Resolution C111002

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that a letter be written to Blaine Hirtle advising him that Council is unable to grant the variance requested because the Department of Transportation has advised that the road in question still remains as a public highway within the meaning of the Public Highways Act, and suggest that Mr. Hirtle provide professional evidence of the location of the road or contact the Department of Transportation and explore the option of purchasing the property.

Motion carried unanimously.

West River Road - Chip Sealing

As a result of Council's letter, correspondence has been received from the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal concerning Council's request that the West River Road located in Clyde River also be chip sealed. The Minister advised that the contract for the Upper Clyde Road was awarded prior to Council's request. Due to procurement procedures the Department cannot allocate contractual funding from one road location to another road location. The Minister advised that he would forward our request to the Area Office in Bridgewater and have their staff look into the feasibility of chip sealing West River Road at a future date.

CORRESPONDENCE

Western Shelburne County Health Care Charitable Society

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter from the Western Shelburne County Health Care Charitable Society thanking Council for their donation to the Society in 2011.

Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination

Correspondence has been received from the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities regarding the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination. The declaration was read by the Warden and having received no objection, the Warden signed the declaration which reads as follows:

GIVEN THAT The Canadian Commission for UNESCO (United Nation Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization) is calling on municipalities to join a Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination and be part of UNESCO's international coalition launched in 2004; and

WHEREAS Municipal governments in Canada, along with other levels of government, have responsibilities under Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms as well as federal, provincial and territorial human rights codes, and therefore have an important role to play in combating racism and discrimination and fostering equality and respect for all citizens;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of the District of Barrington agrees to join the Coalition of Canadian Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination and, in joining the Coalition, endorses the Common Commitments and agrees to develop or adapt its own unique Plan of Action accordingly.

These Common Commitments and the Municipality's unique Plan of Action will be an integral part of the Municipality's vision, strategies and policies.

In developing or adapting and implementing its own unique Plan of Action toward progressive realization of the Common Commitments, the Municipality will cooperate with other organizations and jurisdictions, including other levels of government, Aboriginal peoples, 3 public and private sector institutions, and civil society organizations, all of whom have responsibilities in the area of human rights.

The Municipality will set its priorities, actions and timelines and allocate resources according to its unique circumstances, and within its means and jurisdiction. The Municipality will exchange its expertise and share best practices with other municipalities involved in the Coalition and will report publicly on an annual basis on actions undertaken toward the realization of these Common Commitments.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

Shelburne County Satellite Dialysis Unit

The Warden informed members that he has received a copy of a letter addressed to the Minister of Health and Wellness from the Town of Shelburne. The Town is requesting clarification on the locations of the twelve satellite dialysis units to be located throughout Nova Scotia and has asked whether there has been any consideration for a satellite dialysis unit to be located at Roseway Hospital in Shelburne County. The Town is further requesting a meeting to discuss the satellite dialysis plan developed by the Nova Scotia Renal Program.

Team Shelburne Funds

The Warden informed members that he has received a letter from the Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism advising that he continues to support using the Team Shelburne Funds strictly for economic development purposes, and he further states that he does understand that there is a financial demand on our Municipality given the current situation with the South West Shore Development Authority, but it would be unfortunate if an economic development opportunity was lost because the investment funds were not available in our Municipality.

Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation

The Warden informed members that he has received a copy of the Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation's 2010/2011 Social Responsibility Community Report. This report will be kept in the Municipal Office for easy access by members.

Resignation - Bay Side Home Board of Directors

The Warden informed members that he has received a letter of resignation from Councillor Cecil O'Donnell resigning from his position on the Bay Side Home Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Resolution C111003

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that Council acknowledge the letter of resignation received from Councillor Cecil O'Donnell resigning from his position on the Bay Side Home Board of Directors and that he be thanked for the time he has served on the Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

Appointments to Bay Side Home Board of Directors

It was reported that an advertisement was placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper inviting applications from individuals wishing to serve on the Bay Side Home Board of Directors. At the time of the advertisement only two vacancies existed on the Board. Now, with the resignation of Councillor O'Donnell, there are currently three vacancies on the Board of Directors of Bay Side Home.

As a result of the advertisement three (3) applications were received. The three applications received were from Donna Malone, Brenda Maxwell and Bradley Pass.

Resolution C111004

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that Donna Malone, Brenda Maxwell and Bradley Pass be appointed to serve on the Board of Directors of Bay Side Home pending the advice of the Municipal Solicitor since the advertisement only advertised two vacancies on the Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Murray Atkinson

Councillor Atkinson gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

Committee Recommendations

Councillor Atkinson reported on committee recommendations.

Fire Services Coordinator

Resolution C111005

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that the list of benchmarks and associated time schedule for the Fire Services Coordinator be approved, and that the position of Fire Services Coordinator be advertised as soon as possible.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C111006

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the wage scale range for the Fire Services Coordinator position be established at \$45,000 to \$55,000 per annum.

Motion carried unanimously.

Vehicle Tender

Resolution C111007

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by C. Stoddard that municipal employees review the tenders and consult the Municipal Solicitor and provide a recommendation to Council as soon as possible.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dog Leash By-Law

Resolution C111008

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality's Dog By-Law be amended to require dogs to be on a leash on any municipal walking trail and sidewalk, and that signs be posted appropriately.

Motion carried unanimously.

Amendments to the existing Dog By-Law will be drafted and presented to Council at a later date for consideration.

Ice Rental Request

A request for a rental of ice time at the Barrington Municipal Arena was received from Mr. Tyler Nickerson. This request is outside the normal policies of the Arena and therefore was considered by the Committee of the Whole Council.

Resolution C110109

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by C. O'Donnell that Tyler Nickerson be advised that Council cannot accept his request, give the various reasons why this request cannot be accepted, and encourage Mr. Nickerson to rent the Arena at the already established rates.

Motion carried unanimously.

Requested Fire Department Information

Pursuant to Policy No. 54 of the Municipality, each fire department is required to provide certain information to the Municipality on an annual basis, including an application form to be registered by the Municipality as a Fire Emergency Services Provider, a list of firefighters together with their completed training, the date of its annual meeting to be held each year, a copy of their financial statements and a budget for the ensuing year. To date, the Port Clyde Fire Department has not provided a budget for the year, and the Port LaTour Fire Department has not provided a budget, the yearly registration form, a list of firefighters and their training or the date of their annual meeting.

Resolution C111010

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter be sent to both fire departments informing them that if the information has not been received then their payment from the Municipality will be withheld until the required information has been provided to the Municipality.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried.

Animals in Need Request

Resolution C111011

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Hatfield that a letter be sent to the Provincial Government requesting emergency funding for the purpose of addressing the stray cat problem identified by the *Animals in Need* group.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C111012

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that a letter be sent to the *Animals in Need* group in response to their Community Grant request communicating to them Council's action requesting funding from the Province for their purposes.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
George El-Jakl
Louise Halliday
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

Cecil O'Donnell

Motion carried.

Resolution C111013

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded L. Halliday that a letter be forwarded to the *Animals in Need* group indicating what will be done by the Municipality as a result of their requests.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C111014

Moved by C. O'Donnell seconded S. Hatfield that a letter be sent to the local Harbour Authorities requesting funding from their groups for the *Animals in Need* organization in order for them to take care of cats in the areas provided by the Harbour Authorities, and to site the example provided from the Municipality of Clare to them.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
George El-Jakl
Louise Halliday
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell

Motion carried.

Resolution C111015

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by L. Halliday that a letter be sent to Veronica Smith-Hopkins on behalf of the *Animals in Need* organization explaining to them that the Municipality is not able to provide medications as requested due to the advice received from the Municipality's insurers and the Municipal Solicitor.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that correspondence has been received from Veronica Smith-Hopkins today advising that since their presentation to Council, there have been a few changes in their groups dynamics. The correspondence advised that Minnie Atkinson will continue to operate *Animals in Need* and will focus on the Clark's Harbour area. Her group, *Feral Cats of Barrington Municipality*, operates in the Municipality of Barrington. Mrs. Veronica Smith-Hopkins is asking the Municipality to support the newly formed group *Feral Cats of Barrington Municipality* since the group is made up of the majority of the people who attended the Council meeting on September 12th.

It was agreed that Council would reply to the original group, *Animals in Need*, with a copy to the new group, *Feral Cats of Barrington Municipality*.

Seal Island Light

Resolution C111016

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality send correspondence to the Cape Sable Historical Society indicating the unfavorable results they have received from the application to the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, and requesting them to provide any further suggestions for funding of this project.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dangerous and Unsightly Premise Property

Resolution C111017

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the By-Law Enforcement Officer further investigate the Leroy Martin property in Brass Hill.

Motion carried unanimously.

Lighthouse Road Baccaro

Resolution C111018

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by C. Stoddard that municipal employees determine whether or not the wall being constructed along the Lighthouse Road in Baccaro will be done this fall or not.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Shaun Hatfield

Councillor Hatfield gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

Councillor Cathy Stoddard

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Councillor Cecil O'Donnell

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Councillor Louise Halliday

Councillor Halliday 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointments to Bay Side Home Board of Directors

Council dealt with this matter earlier in the meeting.

Request from Canada Post

Canada Post is requesting permission to locate community mailboxes at Civic #3322, Highway #3, Barrington Passage, which is the Community Health Centre parking lot. Canada Post will be surveying customers impacted by the closure of Crowell's Post Office and offer them options for their new delivery mode. One option proposed by Canada Post is for them to receive their mail at the Barrington Passage Post Office and another option would be to receive delivery in a community mailbox.

Resolution C111019

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that a letter be sent to Canada Post expressing Council's concern regarding the traffic congestion in the vicinity of the Barrington Passage Post Office, and request a remedial approach to parking in the area if former customers of Crowell's Post Office wish to pick up their mail at the Barrington Passage Post Office.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C111020

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that Canada Post be advised that due to the negative impact on the Community Health Centre, and possible future expansion of that facility, and by-law requirements, that the Municipal Council not approve the request of Canada Post to install community mailboxes in the parking lot of the Community Health Centre located at 3322 Highway #3, Barrington Passage.

Motion carried unanimously.

Shag Harbour Incident Society Request

The Shag Harbour Incident Society is once again requesting funding through the Department of Canadian Heritage for the Shag Harbour Incident Festival for 2012. The Society is requesting Council's support which is a requirement of the application.

Resolution C111021

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipality of Barrington once again support the application of the Shag Harbour Incident Society to the Department of Canadian Heritage for funding for their 2012 Shag Harbour Incident Festival, and that the Municipal Clerk be authorized to sign the application on behalf of the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

V.I.C. Stats

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of the Barrington Visitor Information Centre Statistics Report for the period May 16th to September 30th, 2011. There were 228 less visitors this year which resulted in an 8% decrease from 2010. The majority of visitors were from Nova Scotia looking for information about the local area. Other Canadians were mainly from Quebec and Ontario as well as the western provinces. U.S. visitation was up by 2% from last year. Other country visitation was also up 2% over last year. A large number of the U.S. visitors were from New England. Other U.S. visitors were looking for ocean scenery and there were some who were spending a few days or more at cottage rentals. The total number of visitors for 2011 was 2,691.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by S. Hatfield that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

_____	Warden	_____	Chair

Secretary for the Meeting			

On website October 13, 2011.