

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, September 12, 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 Cecil O'Donnell. Councillor O'Donnell was absent due to medical reasons.

- Warden George El-Jakl
- Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor Murray Atkinson
- Councillor Louise Halliday
- Councillor Shaun Hatfield
- Councillor Cathy Stoddard (7:00 p.m.)

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

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

At 6:30 p.m. a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with personnel matters and the South West Shore Development Authority legal matter.

Councillor Cathy Stoddard was absent for the Closed Session of Council.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

The Warden gave a brief report on the Closed Session of Council held earlier this evening.

The Closed Session was held to discuss a legal matter concerning the South West Shore Development Authority and the evaluation of two municipal employees.

Resolution C110901

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Hatfield that Donna Shand, Janitor, receive her annual increment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C110902

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by M. Atkinson that Laura Lee Greenwood receive her annual increment.

Motion carried unanimously.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that the minutes of the last meeting held August 22, 2011 be approved as presented.

It was noted that Councillor Stoddard's report was not included under the heading "Report of Councillors."

Resolution C110903

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by S. Hatfield that the above motion be amended to include Councillor Cathy Stoddard's report under the heading "Report of Councillors".

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion now reads as follows:

"...that the minutes of the last meeting held August 22, 2011 be approved as amended by adding the report of Councillor Cathy Stoddard under the heading "Report of Councillors."

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION - VERONICA SMITH-HOPKINS RE: *ANIMALS IN NEED*

Mrs. Veronica Smith-Hopkins and another member of her organization appeared before Council. Council members viewed a slide show featuring some of the animals *Animals in Need* have been successful in helping. Mrs. Smith-Hopkins made Council aware of the problem of unwanted and dumped kittens, mature breeding females, and even families of cats with kittens.

The *Animals in Need* organization is requesting the Municipality to consider providing the following assistance:

- A. Purchase medication needed such as worm and flea medication and sell to *Animals In Need* at cost.
- B. Set up a municipal animal shelter in the Municipality of Barrington and adopt policies and guidelines to address the problem.
- C. Provide assistance to *Animals in Need* with funding for shelters for feral cats. Houses would be constructed and placed in areas occupied by feral cats.

During discussion of this matter, Council was requested to contact the local veterinarian clinic and request that the fees charged to *Animals in Need* be reduced. It was noted that the Jordan Branch Veterinary Clinic does provide reduced rates to *Animals in Need*, but the clinic is so much further away than the clinic in Barrington Passage.

Resolution C110904

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Hatfield that after having reached the allotted time for the presentation that Council continue with the matter.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C110905

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipal Clerk obtain information on the following and present findings to the Committee of the Whole:

- What steps are being taken by other municipal units to address this problem.
- Possibility of requesting local veterinarian clinic to reduce fees charged to *Animals in Need*.
- Investigate the establishment of a municipal by-law.
- Possibility of providing funding from the Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was also suggested that the Municipality look into the possibility of purchasing required medication such as worm and flea medication.

Members of *Animals in Need* were thanked for appearing before Council and making their presentation.

SOU'WEST NOVA TRANSIT ASSOCIATION

Mr. David Meyer, Sou'West Nova Transit, appeared before the meeting. In advance to the meeting members were provided with a statement of progress for the society and a draft policy on abuse. Mr. Meyer informed members of the need to change their name from SC Transportation Services to Sou'West Nova Transit due to confusion caused with another group using a similar name.

The society has been successful in purchasing a 14 passenger bus with a wheelchair lift and is now in the process of licencing the bus. The society is in need of volunteer drivers and Mr. Meyer requested Council members to forward names of individuals within the community who may be interested in becoming a driver. All volunteer drivers will be required to have background checks carried out.

Mr. Meyer invited members of Council to become members of the society. He informed members that the Sou'West Nova Transit is a non profit society and all meetings are open to the public. Members of the public are welcome to take part in discussions as well.

DRAFT AGREEMENT - ROSS PROPERTY DRAINAGE, BARRINGTON PASSAGE

The Clerk informed members that the proposed agreement for the provision of drainage on the Ross property adjacent to the Barrington Municipal Library has been reviewed and accepted by Mary and Reuben Ross.

Resolution C110906

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the agreement for the provision of drainage on the Ross property adjacent to the Barrington Municipal Library be approved by the Barrington Municipal Council and that the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign the agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION - EDDIE NICKERSON, NOVA SCOTIA BOAT RACERS ASSOCIATION

Mr. Eddie Nickerson of the Nova Scotia Boat Racers Association appeared before Council. Mr. Nickerson indicated that he was there to provide clarification on the request of the Association. The Association is requesting the Municipality to partner with them to promote the local area and is requesting an annual sponsorship to the Association of \$1,500.00 per year for the next three years starting in 2012. Mr. Nickerson also raised concern regarding the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole which supports this request, in principle. The recommendation from the September 6, 2011 Committee of the Whole Council was then brought forward:

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality support the funding request of the Nova Scotia Boat Racers Association, in principle.

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by L. Halliday that the above motion be amended by deleting the words "in principle" and inserting the words "in the amount of \$1,500.00, per year, for the next three years commencing the fiscal year 2012/2013".

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the main motion be amended to state that if the organization is still in operation and funding is permitted by the Municipal Government Act.

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion now reads as follows:

Resolution C110907

“...that the Municipality support the funding request of the Nova Scotia Boat Racers Association in the amount of \$1,500.00, per year, for the next three years, commencing fiscal year 2012/2013, subject to the organization still being in operation and funding is permitted by the Municipal Government Act.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eddie Nickerson was then thanked for appearing before the meeting and making his presentation.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Property Services Technician - C & D Landfill

The Clerk informed members that the Municipal Solicitor has advised that the Municipal Council may proceed with both the hiring of the Property Services Technician - C & D Landfill and the tender for the North East Point Boardwalk Extension as these two issues are unrelated.

The motion that was tabled at the August 22, 2011 Council Meeting was then brought forward.

Resolution C110908

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Hatfield that Gardiner M. Allen be hired as Property Services Technician - C & D Landfill.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank-You

The Clerk informed members that a thank you card has been received from the Sou'West Nova Metis Council thanking Barrington Municipal Council for their support of the 2011 PowWow.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

Crystal Larkin

The Warden informed members that Crystal Larkin, paramedic, was recently awarded an Exemplary Service Medal by Lieutenant-Governor Mayann Francis.

Resolution C110909

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by M. Atkinson that a letter be forwarded to Crystal Larkin congratulating her on receiving the Exemplary Service Medal.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Deputy Warden Messenger reported on recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Council meetings.

Roseway Hospital Health-Care Professional Student Sponsorship Program

Resolution C110910

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that a letter be sent to Kim Ott, Shelburne County Health-Care Recruitment and Retention Committee, thanking her for her presentation to Council on August 22, 2011, and advising that Council agrees with the concept of the Roseway Hospital Health-Care Professional Student Sponsorship Program, but before a final decision can be made by Council, additional information is required, such as the length of commitment requested of Council, start date of the program, and whether or not the agreement to be signed by student participants is legally binding and enforceable.

Motion carried unanimously.

eSmart Project

Resolution C110911

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Community Business Development Corporation be thanked for their invitation for a member to sit on the Monitoring Committee for the eSmart Project, but decline the offer at this time and encourage the CBDC to address Council in six (6) months to provide a report on advances of the program.

Motion carried unanimously.

North East Point Wharf Project

Resolution C110912

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that Mr. Wayne Nickerson be advised that the Municipality is unable to provide a grant to private individuals, and should he decide to form an organization and can prove ownership of the wharf, then this request can be further considered by Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Services Coordinator Job Description

Resolution C110913

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Clerk prepare a list of targets, with time frames, to gauge the performance of the Fire Services Coordinator.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C110914

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that the job description for the Fire Services Coordinator be accepted as amended by the Committee of the Whole Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

Barrington Ballfield Playground

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality establish a playground on municipal property behind the Visitor Information Centre adjacent to the Barrington ballfield, in partnership with the Barrington Ballfield Playground Society who will raise funds for the purchase of equipment and construction of the playground, with continuing maintenance to be done by the Municipality in the future.

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by S. Hatfield that the above motion be amended by adding the words “allow the establishment of”.

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion now reads as follows:

Resolution C110915

“...that the Municipality allow the establishment of a playground on municipal property behind the Visitor Information Centre adjacent to the Barrington ballfield, in partnership with the Barrington Ballfield Playground Society who will raise funds for the purchase of equipment and construction of the playground, with continuing maintenance to be done by the Municipality in the future.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Policies

Policy 6 “Policy Governing Use of Municipal Facilities

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that it be added to Policy 6 on page 3 that the policy be amended to allow for use of the Recreation Centre by exercise instructors for one event per week.

Resolution C110916

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by L. Halliday that the above motion be deferred to the Committee of the Whole Council for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy 7 Operating Policies of the Recreation Centre

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipality delete paragraph 16 of Policy 7.

Resolution C110917

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that the above motion be deferred to the Committee of the Whole Council for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Municipal Recreation Centre Rental Agreement

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Recreation Centre Rental agreement be amended to include paragraph 3(f) stating that: “Instructors of programs to be held at the Municipal Recreation Centre at Sherose Island would be charged 1/3 of whatever fee they charge participants in their program.”.

Resolution C110918

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that the above motion be deferred to the Committee of the Whole Council for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Vehicle for Property Services Department

Resolution C110919

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality tender for a 2011, 3/4 ton truck, for the Property Services Department. This truck is to be a new truck and cannot be a used truck.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Councillor Louise Halliday

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Councillor Cathy Stoddard

Councillor Stoddard gave a brief report on her 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.

Maritimer of the Week

Resolution C110920

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the Clerk determine whether the Municipality of Barrington can submit nominations for the Maritimer of the Week Award, and if so, then a letter be forwarded to CTV News nominating Shelley d'Eon and committee members of the Rosalin Nickerson Care Fund as Maritimers of the Week.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Murray Atkinson

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

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

The Clerk-Treasurer gave a report on his activities during the month of August.

NEW BUSINESS

V.I.C. Statistics

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with the V.I.C. Stats Report from May 16th - August 31st, 2011. The report shows that there were 223 less visitors this year, to date, compared to last year. This results in a 9% decrease over last year.

Arena Services Technician Term Position

An Arena Services Technician is being hired on a term basis to start work as soon as possible and continue until the end of January when the regular Arena Services Technician will return to work.

Resolution C110921

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by L. Halliday that Melvin (Tom) Maye be offered the term position of Arena Services Technician.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C110922

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by D. Messenger that should Mr. Maye not be able to fulfill the position, or the term of the position, that Mr. Sidney Scott be offered the position in his place.

Motion carried unanimously.

Bay Side Home Board of Directors Vacancies

It was reported that there are currently two vacancies on the Board of Directors of Bay Side Home. As requested, Bay Side Home has provided information on required attributes for members of Bay Side Home Board.

Resolution C110923

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by L. Halliday that an advertisement be placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper inviting resumes from individuals interested in filling the two vacancies currently existing on the Bay Side Home Board of Directors.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C110924

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by L. Halliday that Bay Side Home be requested to provide information on benefits to public members such as mileage, remuneration, etc.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by L. Halliday that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website September 14, 2011.