

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Tuesday, May 24, 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 Cathy Stoddard

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

Absent was Councillor O'Donnell due to a medical appointment.

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

At 6:10 p.m. a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with the South West Shore Development Authority Guarantee.

OPEN SESSION OF COUNCIL

At 7:00 p.m. the Open Session of Council was called to order.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that the minutes of the last meeting of Council held May 9, 2011 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION - SHYFT YOUTH SERVICES

At 7:00 p.m., Leslie Robinson, of SHYFT Youth Services, appeared before the meeting and informed members that he was filling in for Krista Dunn.

Mr. Robinson informed members that since their last presentation to Council a house has been purchased at 6 Trinity Place, Yarmouth. SHYFT Youth Services provides a safe and supportive housing option for homeless and at risk youth between the ages of 16 and 24. The Federal Government has provided funding for the purchase of the house and the manager's salary. The house was opened in January of 2011 with limited funding. It is hoped that provincial funding will be obtained to provide for the ongoing operational costs of the Society. Funding is also generated through fundraisers and donations.

At present 15 youth have used the facility. The house will accommodate 7 people and there is normally 3 - 4 people in the house at any one time.

Mr. Robinson thanked Council for their donation of \$500.00 last year and is requesting future support from Council.

Mr. Robinson was thanked for appearing before the meeting and making his presentation.

Resolution C110519

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that the request for funding received from SHYFT Youth Services be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION - HELEN GOREHAM, BMHS ENVIRONMENT CLUB

Helen Goreham, Staff Advisor for the Environment Club; Pat Hudson of the Cape Sable Important Bird Area; and Club members Emma Rossetti and Makaela Wickens appeared before the meeting. A power point presentation was provided informing councillors of the activities of the club. Their activities include the following:

- beach sweep
- receding sand dunes
- environment awareness
- turtle boxes
- bird boxes
- adopt a stream
- memorial garden at BMHS
- tidal impact

This year, July 1 - 9, 2011, the Club will once again attend the International Gulf of Maine Institute Conference, in Massachusetts. This will make 7 years that Pat Hudson, Ethern Goreham and Helen Goreham have volunteered to take students. Mrs. Goreham informed members that they are not financially assisted and this year have to raise \$500.00 to attend. Some students attending these conferences have chosen an environmental career. Any assistance towards attending the conference would be appreciated.

At the end of their presentation, members were presented with gifts from the Environment Club of parsley and cilantro as well as samples of environmentally friendly detergents and cleaners.

Mrs. Goreham, Mrs. Hudson, and members of the Environment Club, were thanked for appearing before Council and making their presentation.

PROCLAMATION - CHILD CARE AWARENESS DAYS

The Warden read the following proclamation and declared June 2011 as *Child Care Awareness Days* in the Municipality of Barrington:

WHEREAS quality childcare is an investment in our present and in our future;

AND WHEREAS by providing strong stable relationships and safe and stimulating environments to our children today, parents are productive and children can grow into successful and responsible adults;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that our municipality proclaim the month of June 2011 as *Child Care Awareness Days* and urges all citizens to support quality childcare in our community.

PROCLAMATION - SHADES OF FUN DAY

The Warden read the following proclamation and declared May 26, 2011 as “Shades of Fun” day in the Municipality of Barrington:

WHEREAS, CNIB is celebrating Vision Health Month in May, 2011, to raise awareness about the importance of safeguarding vision health;

AND WHEREAS, more than 836,000 Canadians are living with significant vision loss, and an additional 4.25 million Canadians have some form of age-related macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma or cataracts - and if left untreated most of these people will be at risk of significant vision loss;

AND WHEREAS, regular eye exams are the best form of early detection and prevention - improving the chances of detecting any of the four major eye conditions early enough to help control and treat the disease; and wearing sunglasses protects our eyes from harmful UVA and UVB rays:

AND WHEREAS, CNIB has declared May 26 “Shades of Fun” day and asked people to wear their sunglasses to work and consider a donation to CNIB;

THEREFORE, I, Warden George El-Jakl, do hereby proclaim May 26 “Shades of Fun” day in the Municipality of Barrington. I encourage everyone to learn more about protecting their vision and to wear sunglasses that have UVA and UVB protection. On May 26, I encourage employees to show their support by wearing sunglasses to work and donating to CNIB.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Bullying

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from Ron Hines, Chair of the Tri-County Regional School Board, in response to Council's letter asking what action is being taken by the School Board to address bullying in schools and inviting representatives to address Council and discuss their bullying policies. The letter from Mr. Hines advised that the Board was in the process of reviewing and updating the bullying policy to include cyber bullying. He further advised that the matter will require a lot of discussion and preparation, and it is anticipated that a draft will be presented to the Board's Education Committee in the fall. Council members are welcome to attend the Education Committee meeting when the draft policy is brought forward for review.

Regional Development Authority

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter addressed to Mayor Delaney, Town of Shelburne, from Economic & Rural Development & Tourism regarding the establishment of a new regional development authority for southwestern Nova Scotia. The letter advised that the Department's approach to community economic development in the Province is intended to build the capacity of both individual communities and regions who work jointly to present both their individual and collective assets and opportunities to the world. The letter confirmed that the Department does not want to create any additional RDAs and does not support a new RDA unique to the municipalities in Shelburne County. His Department does not object to the Shelburne municipalities organizing themselves and doing something outside the RDA structure and without provincial financial support.

FCM Conference Booth

The Municipal Clerk informed members that two responses have been received from Council's request for other municipal units in Shelburne County to partner with them in funding and staffing a booth at the FCM Conference. Correspondence has been received from the Town of Shelburne and the Town of Clark's Harbour both advising that they are unable to provide funding for the proposal.

CORRESPONDENCE

Shelburne County Tourism Association

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter from Shannon Crowell, President of the Shelburne County Tourism Association. The letter thanked Council for their continued support of tourism in Shelburne County and reminded Council of their commitment to the Tourism Manager's position of \$15,000 for the 2011/2012 fiscal year and requested \$8,507.70 based on the Tourism Manager's request for projects and proposals during her Council presentation on March 28, 2011.

It was noted that both of these items have been included in the proposed municipal budget.

Resolution C110420

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that the Shelburne County Tourism Association be added to the agenda for the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Annual Cadet Review

An invitation has been received from the 327 Unicorn Cadet Corps, Barrington, inviting councillors to attend their Annual Review to be held on June 11th at the Barrington Municipal Arena.

Lobster Festival Planning Committee

Correspondence has been received from the Lobster Festival Planning Committee informing Council of new events for this years' Lobster Festival to be held at the Barrington Arena. This year the Lobster Festival will be hosting the ceremonies at the Barrington Arena in conjunction with a new event "*The Real Lobstermen of Shelburne County*" pageant. Saturday night events have been scheduled to take place at the Cape Sable Island Causeway in conjunction with the Barrington Recreation Department's events.

The Planning Committee has been working with the Nova Scotia Boat Racers Association to host a Barrington arena dance. The boat races will be held earlier in the day and awards will be handed out at the dance. The committee is asking for Council's assistance in helping to grow the Lobster Festival to its potential by waiving the Arena fee for both days of the festival, June 3rd and 4th, 2011.

Resolution C110521

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that due to Lobster Festival events being sponsored or hosted by the Recreation Department there will be no fees charged for the use of the Arena on June 3rd or 4th, 2011.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk is to verify that this motion is not in breach of any policy of the Municipality.

Queen of Hearts Dory Club

In advance to the meeting each member was provided a copy of a letter addressed to Nicole Nickerson, Queen of Hearts Dory Club, from the Town of Clark's Harbour. The letter advised that they will provide funding for their project to build a building and floating docks at the CSI Causeway for the purpose of storing the Club's equipment and to have better access for the public. The Town's funding will be dependent on the Club securing funding from Nova Scotia Sport and Recreation for 50% of the project. If this is obtained the Town will fund 15% of the remaining portion which is the percentage used when funding projects jointly with the Municipality of Barrington.

Resolution C110522

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded S. Hatfield that the request for funding from the Queen of Hearts Dory Club be referred to the Committee of the Whole Council to be considered for inclusion in the upcoming budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

Bill No. 41 - Re: Dangerous & Unsightly Premises

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Region of Queens which was addressed to the House of Assembly expressing concern regarding the provinces' introduction to the quick passage of second reading to proposed Bill No. 41 "Respecting an Act to Strengthen Municipal Restrictions on Dangerous and Unsightly Premises". The Region of Queens is requesting that Bill No. 41 not be sent for third reading at this time and that Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations immediately undertake a comprehensive consultation with all of Nova Scotia's 55 municipalities concerning this proposed legislation to determine whether these amendments are necessary, desirable or enforceable.

Resolution C110523

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that correspondence received from the Region of Queens regarding Bill 41 be referred to the Committee of the Whole Council for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

NSCC - Shelburne Campus

An invitation has been received from the Nova Scotia Community College Shelburne Campus inviting Warden George El-Jakl to attend the graduation ceremonies to be held on June 9, 2011.

The Warden informed members that he would be available to attend.

LED Lighting

Correspondence has been received from the UNSM advising that the NSPI Vice President sent a letter to all CAOs requesting a conference call on May 20th to discuss proposed LED street lighting rates for 2012. These proposed rates were submitted to the UARB last week and will be recommended at the UARB hearings taking place September 23-29, 2011. At no time did the NSPI consult with the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities in arriving at these rates. The UNSM Board has requested formal meetings with NSPI to discuss the proposed LED rate structure. They had chosen to bypass the UNSM Board in favour of a conference call with all 55 municipalities. The UNSM is requesting that municipalities not participate in the May 20th conference call. The Clerk informed members that the Municipality of Barrington did not participate as requested by the Union.

2nd Annual Row for Nanny's Cure Event

Correspondence has been received from Bethany Nickerson advising Council of the 2nd Annual Row for Nanny's Cure, and invited councillors to be part of the event on July 9, 2011.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

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.

Councillor Murray Atkinson

Councillor Atkinson gave a brief report on his 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.

Bay Side Home Corporation

Deputy Warden Messenger also informed members that during discussion regarding the relationship between the Municipality of Barrington and Bay Side Home Corp. it has been learned the Municipality's only role is to appoint members to serve on the Board of Directors of Bay Side Home. Since this has not been done recently, it was suggested that the Municipal Council officially appoint the current board members.

Resolution C110524

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality of Barrington appoint the following members to serve on the Bay Side Home Board of Directors:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Shaun Hatfield was not included in the appointment since he recently resigned from the Board on May 2, 2011.

During discussion of this matter it was suggested that the appointment of members to the Board of Directors of Bay Side Home be added to the list of committee and board appointments which is considered yearly by the Nominating Committee.

Resolution C110525

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Halliday that the Municipal Clerk provide history of the relationship between the Municipality of Barrington and Bay Side Home Corp. and an update on the relationship of these two entities to date.

Motion carried unanimously

Deputy Warden Messenger reported on committee recommendations.

Fire Services Information Re: Coordinator

Resolution C110526

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipal Clerk get information pertinent to the request of the fire chiefs to look into hiring someone to administer the fire services in the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

James Mood Re: Municipal Properties

Resolution C110527

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that pending clear and positive confirmation, in writing, of financial support from our MLA and MP, as well as provisions of a viable business plan, that the Municipality of Barrington look further into the viability of supporting this seafood project as presented to the Committee of the Whole by James Mood on May 16, 2011 for the sake of bringing jobs to our community.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C110528

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by D. Messenger that pending legal advice the Municipality give permission to the development group to do the necessary water testing on municipal property in Forbes Point.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C110529

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipal Clerk send correspondence to both our MP and MLA expressing the Municipality of Barrington's support for this project, in principle, and asking them to verify their stand on this project, and to clarify specific funding amounts they are committing to this seafood canning project.

Motion carried unanimously.

BMHS Environment Club

Resolution C110530

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality assist the BMHS Environment Club with their environmental project again this year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Website Policy

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that Municipal Staff draft a website policy to ensure that the municipal website is revisited on a regular basis.

Resolution C110531

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the above motion be tabled.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Louise Halliday

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

REPORT OF WARDEN

Warden George El-Jakl gave 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 April.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Amendments to Policy No. 52

At the last meeting of Council, notice was given that Council will consider amendments to Policy No. 52 "Council Meetings and Proceedings Policy" this evening. It is proposed that a new Section 6(1)(ea) be added which reads as follows:

Section 6(1)(ea)

Whenever Council emerges from a Closed Session held under the conditions permitted by the MGA, that it be the first order of business for the Warden or Chairperson to provide for the record and public gallery the type of matter that was discussed in Closed Session and then invite from members any motion related to Closed Session business.

Resolution C110532

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that proposed amendments to Policy No. 52 as indicated above be approved as presented.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Consideration of Amendments to Personnel Policy

At the last meeting of Council notice was given that consideration of amendments to the Personnel Policy would take place this evening. It is proposed that the policy be amended by replacing the existing Article 7.02 with the following:

7.02

Council shall annually provide Municipal Staff with a Cost of Living Adjustment based on the National Consumer Price Index, based on statistics as of February 28th of each year for any Cost of Living increase up to 2.5%. Any Cost of Living Adjustment over 2.5% will be referred to Council for consideration. The Cost of Living Adjustment shall be effective April 1st of each year.

Resolution C110533

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that Article 7.02 of the Personnel Policy be amended as indicated above.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Request for Street Light

Conflicts of Interest

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger declared conflict of interest, vacated her seat and proceeded to the spectator area. Deputy Warden Messenger's daughter lives next door to Ms. Goldie Blizzard.

Councillor Shaun Hatfield declared conflict of interest, vacated his seat and proceeded to the spectator area. Councillor Hatfield is a neighbor to Goldie Blizzard.

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with information on a request received from Goldie Blizzard, Civic #106, McGray Avenue, North East Point, requesting the Municipality to take over the street light she had installed 18 years ago before the Municipality provided street lights in that area. To take over this light at this location would not be in keeping with our systematic plan of lighting. Members were provided with a plot plan showing the lighting arrangement in that area.

Resolution C110534

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by M. Atkinson that Ms. Goldie Blizzard be advised that the Municipality is unable to take over the street light as per her request since it does not meet the requirements of the policy.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger and Councillor Shaun Hatfield returned to their seats.

ecoNova Scotia - Final Report

The Clerk informed members that the ecoNova Scotia for Clean Air and Climate Change Final Report has been received. Projects carried out at the Barrington Municipal Arena and the Barrington Regional Curling Club were highlighted in the report.

CLOSED SESSION RE: CLERK'S EVALUATION

At this time a Closed Session of Council was scheduled to deal with the Clerk's evaluation. Since not all council members were present, it was agreed that this matter be postponed until the first Committee of the Whole Council Meeting in June. Since members will be away on June 6, 2011 the meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by C. Stoddard that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

_____ Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website May 26, 2011.