

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, May 9, 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

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

At 6:45 p.m. a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with a personnel matter.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINTUES

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

Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION - SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

The Warden read the following proclamation and declared May 2011 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the Municipality of Barrington.

WHEREAS, sexual assault is a violent crime that could impact every citizen in the Municipality of Barrington;

WHEREAS, through community partnerships we can work to improve sexual assault response and to provide community awareness; and

WHEREAS, no one can eliminate sexual violence on their own - with leadership and commitment, we can work together to respond to modern challenges in sexual violence and increase support for specialized sexual assault services, thus creating a future where all women, men and children can live safe from violence and exploitation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Warden George El-Jakl, on behalf of members of Barrington Municipal Council, do hereby proclaim the month of May as SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH in the Municipality of Barrington.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Organizational Study Motion

The Clerk informed members that Notice to Reconsider Resolution #C110241 was given at the last meeting of Council.

Resolution C110241 reads as follows:

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality move in the direction of pursuing a CAO model system pending legal advice with respect to liability.

Resolution C110501

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that the Resolution #C110241, as written above and contained in the minutes of the February 28, 2011 Council meeting, be rescinded.

AFFIRMATIVE

Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

Murray Atkinson
George El-Jakl
Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried.

North East Point Beach Boardwalk and Look-off

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from Harold Carroll, Director, Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Carroll stated that he is supportive of the proposal and provided the following comments:

1. Wood piles should be used to support the structure rather than cement piling.
2. Prior to finalizing the project and issuing authority to proceed, the actual area for construction will need to be staked on the ground.
3. View platform location needs to be set back from the cobble dune (can be finalized at a site meeting).
4. Railings should be the full length of the ramp to restrict access over the dunes.

In order to proceed with the project a Letter of Authority is required.

Resolution C110502

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Letter of Authority be redrafted for signing by both parties.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk informed members that the next step in this process would be to have Mr. Carroll come to the area and view the site after the ramp and platform are “staked off”.

Resolution C110503

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by L. Halliday that a letter be forwarded to Taskforce South West Nova making them aware of our project and requesting funding support.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Shelburne Association Supporting Inclusion

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of an invitation received from the Shelburne Association Supporting Inclusion to attend their annual celebration dinner and general meeting on Thursday, May 19, 2011.

Warden George El-Jakl indicated that he would be attending the event.

Dalhousie Medical School

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation which was addressed to MLA Sterling Belliveau. The letter expressed the Foundations' concerns with the recent announcement that the 10 placements opening up at Dalhousie Medical School have been sold to medical students from Saudi Arabia instead of being filled by qualified and deserving Nova Scotian students who would eventually fill many of the physician vacancies within the province. The Foundation is requesting the government to rethink its position and reinstate the seats to Nova Scotia students which would be of greater benefit to all residents of the province.

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by S. Hatfield that a letter of support be forwarded supporting the position of the Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation.

Resolution C110504

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that the above motion be tabled pending additional information.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Cathy Stoddard

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

She reported she recently attended a Planning Conference in Halifax at which sessions were conducted by Dr. Robert Strang. She suggested that Dr. Strang be invited to address Council and the public.

Resolution C110505

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by C. O'Donnell that Dr. Robert Strang be invited to attend an upcoming Council meeting at which time he could address both Council and the public.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Shaun Hatfield

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

Councillor Murray Atkinson

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Councillor Cecil O'Donnell

Councillor O'Donnell gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

Hiring Committee

Councillor O'Donnell reported on the Hiring Committee Meeting held on Thursday, May 5, 2011, at which time interviews were conducted for the position of Property Services Technician.

Resolution C110506

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that Tyler Symonds be hired as Property Services Technician for the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C110507

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Hatfield that Gardiner Allen be designated as the alternate for the position of Property Services Technician should Tyler Symonds decline the position or be unable to accept the position.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Louise Halliday
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Councillor Louise Halliday

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

Committee Recommendations

Councillor Halliday reported on committee recommendations.

Forest Ridge Academy Mini Log Fundraiser

Resolution C110508

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that Forest Ridge Academy be given permission to host its Mini Log Run fundraiser on June 4, 2011, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., on municipal property adjacent to the Barrington River.

Motion carried unanimously.

Lieutenant Governor's Awards

Resolution C110509

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter of congratulations be sent to Emily Rose and Justin Cottreau who will be receiving the Lieutenant Governor's medals for Grade XI students at Barrington Municipal High School.

Motion carried unanimously.

Clean-up

Resolution C110510

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by M. Atkinson that a letter of thanks be sent to Michelle (Chris) Swim of Clark's Harbour for her continued diligence in cleaning litter from the roadways in the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

MLA Meeting

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that an invitation be sent to our MLA to attend a council meeting to discuss job opportunities in the area.

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Hatfield that the above motion be amended to include health care, education and environment.

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion now reads as follows:

Resolution C110511

"...that an invitation be sent to our MLA to attend a Council meeting to discuss job opportunities in the area, health care, education and environment."

Motion carried unanimously.

Baccaro Light Road

Resolution C110512

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that a letter be sent to Mr. Benny Acker, the local Supervisor for the Department of Transportation, reminding him of the numerous times that he has promised to have work done on the Baccaro Lighthouse Road, and that as yet nothing has been done.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

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

During her report she made councillors aware of a workplace wellness program conducted by the Western Counties Regional Library. This workplace wellness initiative was put in place as a result of a meeting with Ian White, Public Relations Manager. The intent of the program is to motivate staff in a fun way to become or stay physically active. Deputy Warden Messenger suggested that the Recreation Director contact Ian White to discuss the possibility of setting up a Workplace Wellness Program for municipal staff and councillors.

Resolution C110513

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that Anna Kenney, Recreation Director, contact Ian White, Public Relations Manager of the Western Counties Regional Library, to discuss the possibility of setting up a Workplace Wellness Program for municipal staff and councillors.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Amendments to Policy No. 52 Re: Closed Sessions

The Clerk informed members that notice is given this evening that Council will consider amendments to Policy No. 52, "Council Meetings and Proceedings Policy" at their next meeting. It is proposed that a new section 6(ea) clause be added. The new clause will read as follows:

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.

Proposed Amendments to Personnel Policy Re: CPI

It is proposed that Article 7.02 of the Personnel Policy be amended to read as follows:

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.

Notice is given tonight that Council will consider these amendments to the Personnel Policy at the next meeting of Council.

CSI Sewer

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter from Willard d'Eon, Project Manager for Cape Sable Island Wastewater Collection and Treatment Project. The letter advised that as part of the site evaluation process a Receiving Water Study was initiated and an Open House was held on March 26, 2011.

The initial findings of the RWS, and input received from participants of the Open House, indicated that servicing Stoney Island and Clam Point using sites 9 and 11 was not an option because of their locations adjacent to a protected coastal wetland. These sites were subsequently eliminated from further review.

The proposed receiving body of water for sites 5 and 10 in South Side is Baker's Flat. The initial water sample collected during the RWS from the Baker's Flat outlet indicated a phosphorous concentration of 60 ug/L. This concentration indicates that Baker's Flat can be classified as being in a eutrophic state. Additional water samples were collected on April 14, 2011 in an effort to verify the initial findings at the outlet and to determine the phosphorous concentrations in inflows to Baker's Flat. The results confirmed the elevated phosphorous concentrations in Baker's Flat and indicate that the inflow from north of the Flat (from Amos Brook and Brook No. 1) have very elevated concentrations of phosphorous.

Mr. d'Eon recommended that the Nova Scotia Department of Environment be officially advised of the elevated phosphorous concentrations in the inflow to Baker's Flat, and that they be requested to conduct an investigation into the sources.

Representatives of Service Nova Scotia have indicated that a decision to proceed or not to proceed with the Cape Sable Island Wastewater and Collection and Treatment Project is required by May 10, 2011.

In summary, Mr. d'Eon advised that Site 9 and 11 are not acceptable because of their proximity to a coastal wetland, and therefore the only remaining suitable site in the Stoney Island and Clam Point area is the Frelick site which has been rejected by Council.

The use of Baker's Flat as a receiving body of water for Sites 5 and 10 will require an investigation of the phosphorous input by NSE, and there is no acceptable site to service South Side at this time. An ocean discharge is not an option in this area because of the proximity to the Nova Scotia Natural Resources property and a beach.

In conclusion, Mr. d'Eon stated that he will be advising the Steering Committee that after the investigation of approximately 27 potential wastewater treatment sites, we do not have a site that would allow us to proceed with the Cape Sable Island Wastewater Collection and Treatment Project at this time.

Resolution C110514

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by L. Halliday that the Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Secretariat be notified that we have been unable to identify a wastewater treatment site and therefore cannot proceed with the C.S.I. Sewer Project.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried.

Resolution C110515

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that in the letter to the Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Secretariat we ask whether the funding earmarked for the Municipality of Barrington can be redirected to some other infrastructure project within the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C110516

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that based on the recommendation of the Project Manager, Willard d'Eon, that the Department of Environment be officially advised of the elevated phosphorous concentrations in the inflows to Baker's Flat and they be requested to conduct an investigation into the source.

Motion carried unanimously.

Letter of Understanding Re: EMO

The Clerk informed members that a Letter of Understanding has been received from the Barrington Ground Search & Rescue Group. The Letter of Understanding is dated February 15, 2011 and gives permission to the Emergency Measures Organization to use the administrative area of their headquarters located in Barrington Passage as an EMO Operations Centre in case of emergency.

Resolution C110517

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipal Council accept the Letter of Understanding between the Barrington Ground Search & Rescue Group and the Joint Emergency Measures Organization.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was suggested that the Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department be officially notified of the Emergency Measures Organizations' plan to have the EMO Operations Centre located at the Search & Rescue building in Barrington Passage, and that the Island & Barrington Passage Fire Hall would be designated as an alternate site for the EMO Operations Centre.

Surplus Federal Property

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with correspondence received from Public Works and Government Services Canada advising that the Loran Station located in East Baccaro has been declared surplus federal property and asks whether the Municipality has any interest in acquiring the property. The property is comprised of approximately 8.23 acres of land. All buildings on the property have been removed.

During discussion of this matter, question was raised regarding environmental issues.

Resolution C110518

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion and additional information regarding environmental issues be obtained on the property.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
George El-Jakl
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

Louise Halliday

Motion carried.

Economic Development

The Clerk informed members that a meeting will be held in Yarmouth, at the Rodd Grand Hotel, on May 17, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon for the purpose of discussing a regional development authority. The Warden requested as many councillors to attend as possible.

The Clerk informed members that he is expecting additional information on the meeting and it will be forwarded to councillors upon receipt.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by M. Atkinson that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website May 11, 2011.

