

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

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 3:00 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

### DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held March 14, 2011 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### PRESENTATION TO TIM HORTONS, BARRINGTON PASSAGE

Mr. David Arenburg, owner, and Ms. Cindy Stoddard, Manager, of Tim Horton's in Barrington Passage, appeared before the meeting. The Warden presented them with a plaque on behalf of the Municipality for their continued support and participation in the Community Litter Clean-up Program which the Municipality has conducted for the past seven years. The local Tim Horton's has provided gloves, T-shirts and refreshments to people who have been participating in the clean-up at various times, and has been very cooperative in also providing financing each year to pay the participants for cleaning up litter from sections of the roadway.

Mr. Arenburg and Ms. Stoddard were thanked by the Warden and Council and had their picture taken for distribution to the local newspaper.

SHELBURNE COUNTY RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE

Emily Tipton, Chair of the Committee, appeared before the meeting for the purpose of updating them on activities of the Committee over the previous year, and their plans for the coming year. A power point presentation was reviewed and discussed with members.

Having completed her presentation, Ms. Tipton then retired from the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Barrington Court Facility

Return correspondence has received from our MLA, The Honourable Sterling Belliveau, regarding the Barrington Court facility. In his correspondence, Minister Belliveau indicates that cabinet meetings and discussions are governed by confidentiality rules, and therefore he is not at liberty to answer the question that was asked of him. Minister Belliveau reiterated that he understands the importance of the Barrington Court facility to the community and that he has discussed the matter with Justice Minister Ross Landry on behalf of the Municipality.

Me to We Tri-County

Gidget Kendrick, Alannah Pass, Fawne Atkinson, Jerica Matthews, Lauren Atkinson, Lori Smith and Laurie Pass appeared before the meeting on behalf of the Me to We Tri-County Group. This group is in the process of fundraising so that they can travel to Kenya in March of 2012 to build a school on the Maasai Mara Reserve. When the students return from Africa they will make presentations to schools and community groups about their experience and the importance of education. Their goal is to raise \$97,000.00 which will cover the cost of everything in the project including their trip to and from Africa and the building of the school. They are requesting a contribution from the Municipality and will be making presentations to other municipal units in the tri counties. Funds are required by January of 2012 in order to enable this project to take place.

Resolution C110319

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that the treasurer of the group, Mrs. Fawn Atkinson, be allowed to comment and provide information to councillors.

Motion carried unanimously.

Fawn Atkinson, Treasurer, then informed members that the group has already raised in the vicinity of \$30,000.00 and will require any funding to be provided by January of 2012.

The group completed their power point presentation.

Resolution C110320

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by M. Atkinson that the request of the Me to We Tri-County be referred to the budget deliberations and that a letter be requested from the group indicating the dollar amount of funding they are requesting from the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Having completed their presentation, the group then retired from the meeting.

TOURISM COORDINATOR PRESENTATION

Mrs. Suzy Atwood, the Shelburne County Tourism Coordinator, appeared before the meeting for the purpose of presenting the Annual Report for Shelburne County Tourism, and to present the proposed budget for the coming year. Mrs. Atwood then presented this information via a power point presentation. The funding being requested from the Municipality for the coming year is \$15,000.00 which had previously been approved for a five year period to fund the Tourism Coordinator position. In addition, the Municipality is being asked to provide \$8,570.50 in project funding to fund the various projects for the coming year which include the Shelburne County Activities Brochure, a geocaching project, visitor kiosk capturing the visitor experience, sign panels and a visitor exit survey, the Saltscapes Expo in Halifax, a Best Practices Mission, the South Shore Guide, Doers and Dreamers Guide and the Nova Scotia Tourism banner ad on novascotia.com. These projects are designed to produce tourism activity in the county which will benefit all portions of the County. The total cost of the Tourism Initiatives for this year, including the Tourism Coordinator, will be \$73,569.03. All municipal units in the County are being asked to fund a proportional amount of this cost.

Having completed her presentation, the Tourism Coordinator then retired from the meeting.

Council then took a brief break before reconvening.

CORRESPONDENCE

Youth Theatre Program Request

Correspondence has been received from the Town of Clark's Harbour indicating that they wish to host a youth theatre program at the Royal Canadian Legion during the coming summer. The estimated cost of the program is \$4,000.00 and the Town is requesting funding support from the Municipality of Barrington to put this program in place.

Resolution C110321

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by C. O'Donnell that this request for funding from the Town be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Senior's Garden Party

Correspondence has been received the Town of Clark's Harbour requesting the Municipality to provide funding for the Senior's Garden Party which is held each summer in the Town. The estimated cost of last year's event was approximately \$2,400.00. The Town is requesting a donation from the Municipality to help defray these costs.

Resolution C110322

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Town's request for funding for the Senior's Garden Party be referred to the budget process for further consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

Search & Rescue Request

Correspondence has been received from the Barrington Ground Search & Rescue. This group would like to use the land which is currently adjacent on the west side of their building in Barrington Passage. This land was formerly used as a tennis court but has not been used for that purpose for some time. Search & Rescue wishes to change the entry to their building so that their vehicles can be brought in and out of the building without having to stop traffic on the highway in front of the building. They would like to put the entries on the western side of the building so that vehicles can enter and exit to the adjacent property rather than to the highway.

Resolution C110323

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that this matter be referred to Committee of the Whole for further discussion and that representatives of Search & Rescue be invited to the meeting to discuss the matter with them.

Motion carried unanimously.

Regional Development Authority

A copy of correspondence from the Town of Shelburne to the Nova Scotia Minister of Economic Development has been received and circulated to members. In this correspondence, the Mayor of Shelburne is expressing concern of his council. They still wish to proceed in developing a strategy that is community based that will meet the needs of the Town residents, business and industry, and are requesting a meeting with the Deputy Minister Ian Thompson, and Charles Maillet from the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agencies to further discuss issues around this economic development strategy.

Councillors were updated as to the current progress of discussions among CAOs and Clerk-Treasurers of the various municipal units in the region and the development of a future economic development body.

Resolution C110324

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that a letter be sent to the other municipal units in Shelburne County requesting their participation, and asking if they are interested in starting a county wide regional development authority and requesting their participation in a meeting for this purpose.

Motion carried unanimously.

Day of Mourning

Correspondence has been received from the South Shore Labour Council requesting that the Municipality lower its flag to half mast on April 28<sup>th</sup>. This is being requested as a gesture to show respect for those workers who lost their lives or who were badly/seriously injured at their workplaces.

The flag will be lowered to half mast on April 28<sup>th</sup> for this purpose as has been done in previous years.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Cecil O'Donnell

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

Councillor Louise Halliday

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Councillor Murray Atkinson

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Councillor Shaun Hatfield

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Recommendations to Council from Committee of the Whole

Deputy Warden Messenger reported on recommendations.

Saltscapes Expo

Resolution C110325

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded C. Stoddard that the Municipality fund its prorated percentage of the cost of a booth at the Saltscapes Expo at Exhibition Park providing other municipal units in Shelburne County also support this tourism initiative, and that the funding be provided from the budget for Grants to Organizations for 2010/2011.

Motion carried unanimously.

Seal Island Light Museum

Resolution C110326

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality again approach our MLA for funding suggestions for repairs to the Seal Island Light.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C110327

**Moved** by M. Atkinson and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality continue to pursue funding from the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency and from the Nova Scotia Department of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism for repairs to the Seal Island Light.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Grant Requests

Sou'West Metis Association

Resolution C110328

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that \$1,000.00 be granted to the Sou'West Metis Association in equal amounts of \$250.00 each from Districts 4, 5, 6, and 7 Community Grant Funds.

Motion carried unaimously.

Archelaus Smith Historical Society

Resolution C110329

**Moved** by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. O'Donnell that a grant of \$865.00 be provided from the District 6 Community Grants Fund to the Archelaus Smith Historical Society for the purpose of purchasing a new computer and printer for historical research at the museum.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

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

**NEGATIVE**

Louise Halliday  
Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried.

Old Kirk Cemetery

Resolution C110330

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that a grant of \$750.00 be provided to the Old Kirk Cemetery Society from the District 5 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Society for the Preservation of the Greenhill Community Church

Resolution C110331

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that a grant in the amount of \$205.85 be provided to the Society for the Preservation of the Greenhill Community Church from the District 4 Community Grants Fund for the purpose of paying for repairs to the furnace.

Motion carried unanimously.

Centreville Cemetery

Resolution C110332

**Moved** by M. Atkinson and seconded by S. Hatfield that a grant of \$865.00 be provided from the District 6 Community Grants Fund for the purpose of upgrades and repairs to the Centreville Cemetery.

Motion carried unanimously.

Request for Letter of Support from Shag Harbour Incident Society

Resolution C110333

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Hatfield that a letter of support be provided to the Society for the purpose of their grant application, and that the letter include, specifically, that no lease agreement has been reached between the Society and the Municipality at this time.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C110334

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipality request a business plan from the Shag Harbour Incident Society for the establishment of their proposed museum on Municipal property before approving the lease.

Motion carried unanimously.

Queen of Hearts Dory Club Request for Funding

Resolution C110334

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that a letter be sent to the Queen of Hearts Dory Club requesting their business plan for their project and a copy of their application to the Province for funding, and informing them that their request for funding would be considered during Council's budget deliberations.

Motion carried unanimously.

District Planning Commission

Resolution C110335

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality provide one year's notice to the District Planning Commission of its intention to withdraw from the Commission, and informing the Commission that it will be evaluating the cost of planning services in light of the current economic circumstances.

Motion carried unanimously.

Queen of Hearts Dory Club Cont'd

Resolution C110336

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by S. Hatfield that the information required from the Queen of Hearts Dory Club be provided to the Municipality prior to their request for funding being considered during the budget process.

Motion carried unanimously.

Becky Meyers-Adams Request

Resolution C110337

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by L. Halliday that a letter be sent to Becky Meyers-Adams wishing her the best of luck with her promotion and informing her that the Municipality is unable to make a donation for this purpose at this time.

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Meeting Re: Multi-Use Trail Development

Resolution C110338

**Moved** by M. Atkinson and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality pay the cost of mailing notices out for the purposes of the public meeting regarding trail development on the former CNR right of way between Wood's Harbour and Shag Harbour.

Motion carried unanimously.

Distribution of Flyers

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that a letter be sent to the distributors of flyers within the Municipality expressing Council's concern regarding the littering problem that these flyers produce, and requesting them to provide better orientation for the local distributors of these flyers, and also indicating to them that the Municipality has a Community Litter Clean-up Program which is costing it in the vicinity of \$10,000.00 each year.

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that this motion be amended to include:

1. that the distribution companies be requested to provide a donation towards the Community Litter Clean-up Program.
2. that their orientation for local distributors include instruction that flyers should no longer be distributed at uninhabited residences.

Amendment carried unanimously.

The amended motion now reads:

Resolution C110339

“...that a letter be sent to the distributors of flyers within the Municipality expressing Council’s concern regarding the littering problem that these flyers produce and requesting them to provide better orientation for the local distributors of these flyers and also indicating to them that the Municipality has a Community Litter Clean-up Program which is costing it in the vicinity of \$10,000.00 each year and including:

1. that the distribution companies be requested to provide a donation towards the Community Litter Clean-up Program; and
2. that their orientation for local distributors include instruction that flyers should no longer be distributed at uninhabited residences.

Motion carried unanimously.

Arena Speed Bump

Resolution C110340

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by C. O’Donnell that speed bumps be installed in the roadway at the Arena before and after the main entry.

Motion carried unanimously.

Department of Transportation

Resolution C110341

**Moved** by C. O’Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that a request be made to the Federal Member of Parliament, the Honourable Peter McKay, that a small portion of the \$47,000,000 from the Building Canada Infrastructure Fund which is to be used for roads, bridges, water and waste water be provided to be used in Shelburne County for projects which this fund is intended, and not to give this full amount to the City of Halifax for a convention centre.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C110342

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and S. Hatfield that a letter be sent to the Nova Scotia Minister of Transportation and also to the local Department of Transportation Office requesting them to repair the posts on the Causeway and to install a metal guardrail on the Causeway. It is believed the installation of a metal guardrail will more than offset the cost of repairing the posts for the current guardrail on the Causeway as they are frequently damaged.

It was agreed by consensus of members that the words “for the current guardrail” would be deleted from the motion so that the last sentence of the motion would then read “it is believed that the installation of a metal guardrail will more than offset the cost of repairing the posts on the Causeway as they are frequently damaged”.

Motion carried unanimously.

The motion now reads as follows:

“...that a letter be sent to the Nova Scotia Minister of Transportation and also to the local Department of Transportation Office requesting them to repair the posts on the Causeway and to install a metal guardrail on the Causeway. It is believed that the installation of a metal guardrail will more than offset the cost of repairing the posts on the Causeway as they are frequently damaged.”

Population Forum

Resolution C110343

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality pay the cost of councillors attending the Population Forum if they so wish.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Population Forum is to be held on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, in Truro.

Business Occupancy Write-Off

Resolution C110344

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that since the Business Occupancy taxes in the name of Shawn Landry, in the amount of \$6,698.00, are deemed to be uncollectible, that they be written off by the Municipality.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

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

**NEGATIVE**

Louise Halliday  
Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried.

WARDEN'S REPORT

The Warden gave a report of his activities during the past two weeks.

The Warden indicated that correspondence has been received indicating that our MLA, Minister Belliveau, will meet with representatives of the Municipality and with Department of Transportation staff to discuss local roads.

Resolution C110345

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Warden attend the meeting with the Department of Transportation regarding local roads.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Warden also informed members that he has received a letter from the Tri-County Regional School Board indicating that the Annual General Meeting for the School Board's Association will be held in Digby, at the Digby Pines Resort, on May 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. In the letter they are requesting that the Warden attend.

Resolution C110346

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that this matter be deferred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Cost of Living Adjustment

Paragraph 7.02 of the Municipality's Personnel Policy indicates that: "the Council shall annually not later than the end of March determine whether a Cost of Living Adjustment based on the National Consumer Price Index is to be granted based on statistics as of February 28<sup>th</sup> of each year".

This information was previously circulated to members. This information was obtained from Statistics Canada and indicates that the Consumer Price Index to the end of February 2011 has increased by 2.2% nationally.

Resolution C110347

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that a Cost of Living Adjustment of 2.2% based on the National Consumer Price Index be granted.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C110348

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Cost of Living Adjustment be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Barrington Ballfield Committee Request

A grant application has been received from the Barrington Ballfield Committee. The representative of the Committee indicated they wish to have this grant request considered for the current year. The purpose of the grant request is for the painting and repair of outbuildings at the ballfield. A copy of the bank statement for the Association accompanies the grant request.

Resolution C110349

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that a grant of \$600.00, as requested, be provided from the District 3 Community Grants Fund to the Barrington Ballfield Committee for the purpose of painting and repairing of buildings.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Members then entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter related to the requirements of certification for the Arena Manager.

It was agreed by members that this matter would be further discussed at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 5:56 p.m.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Warden

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website March 30, 2011.**