

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, January 9, 2012.

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 6:45 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 RE: PERSONNEL MATTERS AND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE RENTAL

A Closed Session of Council was held to deal with personnel matters and rental of space at the Community Health Centre.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

As a result of the Closed Session of Council the following motion was made:

Yearly Increment – Cameron Whiteway

Resolution C120101

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the yearly increment for Cameron Whiteway, Property Services Manager, be approved, effective January 13, 2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Health Centre Rental

The Warden informed members that further discussion is required on the "Community Health Centre Rental".

This matter will be reported on at a later date.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger informed members that she will be declaring conflict of interest when dealing with the "Barrington Dental Agreement".

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that the minutes of the last meeting held December 12, 2011 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Tabled Motion Re: Stirling's Road

The Clerk informed members that as a result of the November 28, 2011 Council Meeting contact has been made with Michelle Nickerson of Stirling's Road and the posting of their civic address. Stirling's Road is a locally known road name which is not named on the Provincial Civic Addressing File since the two residences located on the road have been assigned civic numbers off of Highway #3. There is no requirement to name a road unless it contains three or more residences.

Mrs. Nickerson has advised that she will discuss this matter with her husband, Greg, and advise the Municipal Office as to what they want to do.

The Clerk informed members that she indicated that they may simply want to put the civic numbers at the intersection of Highway #3 and the road. No further word has been received from Mrs. Nickerson.

The Clerk then questioned the tabled motion contained in the November 28, 2011 minutes:

"Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that a new road sign be installed on Stirling's Road in Barrington Passage."

It was agreed by members that the motion remain tabled until further word is received from Mr. and Mrs. Nickerson.

Baccaro Lighthouse Road and other Roads

The Clerk informed members that as a result of Council's request to the Honourable Bill Estabrooks and the MLA for Shelburne County for the inspection of local roads, the following responses have been received:

- Correspondence from MLA Sterling Belliveau suggested that any concerns related to road conditions within the Municipality of Barrington may be further discussed with him when he meets with the Committee of the Whole on January 30, 2012.
- The Clerk informed members that he received a call from Mr. Steven MacIsaac of the Department of Transportation advising that he would visit local roads within the Municipality of Barrington on behalf of the Minister of Transportation.

The Clerk advised that Mr. MacIsaac is available to view roads with Council members on January 18, 2012 or February 6 or 7, 2012.

It was agreed that members would meet with Mr. MacIsaac on January 18, 2012 to view local roads.

Members were asked to advise the Warden or Clerk of roads of concern in the area.

Councillor Hatfield advised that he would be unable to view roads with Mr. MacIsaac on January 18th and asked that the Stoney Island/Clam Point Road be listed as a road to be viewed.

E-Smart Project

The Clerk informed members that as a result of Councils' inquiry, Dixie Redmond of CBDC Shelburne, has provided the following information regarding the E-Smart Project:

- Number of businesses participating in Municipality of Barrington – 2
- Two days of group training was held in classroom at CBDC Conference Room; some one on one consulting and future one on one took place either at place of business or in boardroom; mentorship as requested by businesses will take place at place of business; most training and all assignments are online with consultants at ACSBE, topic experts are online and are from various locations/countries.
- Each participant pays \$200.00, plus HST for program.

Mrs. Redmond was scheduled to meet with Council in January to provide an update on the program. She has suggested that she now meet with Council during the month of April after year end.

Upper Clyde Road

The Clerk informed members that as a result of the December 12, 2011 Council meeting a motion was made to send correspondence to the Department of Transportation asking them to patch and repair holes in the chip seal on the Upper Clyde Road. On December 13, 2011 the Clerk received a telephone call from Councillor O'Donnell advising that the holes had been repaired, therefore no letter was sent to the Department of Transportation.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEEK PROCLAMATION

Correspondence has been received from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities advising that they will celebrate 25 years of International Municipal Development in 2012. As part of its 25th Anniversary Celebrations, FCM is asking members to issue the following proclamation.

The Warden read the following proclamation and declared the week of February 5-11, 2012 as International Development Week in the Municipality of Barrington:

WHEREAS Canadians significantly help improve the quality of life in various communities around the world by their involvement as international development stakeholders, volunteers, and supporters;

WHEREAS throughout 2012, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) will celebrate 25 years of mobilizing the expertise of Canadian municipalities to support local governance, democratic practices, and the providing of essential services in 43 developing countries, and counting;

WHEREAS since 1987, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has been a valued partner, together with the Canadian International Development Agency and member municipalities, in strengthening the effectiveness and focus of Canada's international aid;

WHEREAS during the first full week of February each year, the Government of Canada celebrates Canada's contribution to international development and its commitment to improving the quality of life in various communities around the world;

THEREFORE, as Warden of the Municipality of the District of Barrington, I hereby proclaim that the week of February 5-11, 2012, shall be "International Development Week" in the Municipality of Barrington. I recognize the Federation of Canadian Municipality's contribution over the past 25 years as a Canadian and world leader in international municipal development. Finally, I invite all citizens to become informed about international development, to show their solidarity with developing countries, and to continue to support Canadian municipalities' international community-building efforts.

CORRESPONDENCE

B.M.H.S. Green Team Environment Club

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from Helen Goreham, B.M.H.S. Green Team, thanking Council for their continued support in their projects.

Western Counties Regional Library

Correspondence has been received from the Western Counties Regional Library Board thanking Council for their willingness to provide the same operational funding in 2011 as was provided in 2010.

Letter of Resignation

The Clerk informed members that a letter of resignation has been received from Debra Atwood resigning from her position as janitor, effective December 29, 2011, due to health reasons.

Resolution C120102

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that a letter be sent to Debra Atwood thanking her for her service to the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk informed members that the position of janitor will be filled by advertising internally first as per municipal policy.

Woodland Multi Use Trail Association

Correspondence has been received from the Woodland Multi Use Trail Association advising that the association is now in the process of seeking funds from ACOA, NSHNW and NSOHV Fund for an 11.9 km section of trail connecting the Municipality of Barrington trails that end near Doctor's Cove and Lower Wood's Harbour. The Association is once again looking for a letter of support to accompany funding requests.

Resolution C120103

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. O'Donnell that a letter of support be provided to the Woodland Multi Use Trail Association in support of trail development for an 11.9 km section of trail connecting the Municipality of Barrington trails that end near Doctor's Cove and Lower Wood's Harbour.

Motion carried unanimously.

Memorandum of Understanding

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Mayor of the Town of Stewiacke which was addressed to the President of UNSM expressing their displeasure with the government's decision to back out of the Memorandum of Understanding which was duly signed by all parties on November 8, 2007, due to financial constraints faced by the Province. The letter advised that on December 2, 2011 Premier Dexter announced a 5 year financial package worth some \$50 Million Dollars for the Bowater Mersey paper mill. The Mayor is suggesting that there must a significant shift in provincial revenues which enables a "financially constrained government" to find \$50 Million Dollars for a private company, therefore the Mayor is requesting the UNSM to invite the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations back to the table to initiate discussions regarding possible reconsideration of the MOU decision.

Resolution C120104

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality of Barrington also request the UNSM to initiate discussions with the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations regarding possible reconsideration of the Memorandum of Understanding decision as suggested by the Town of Stewiacke.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Cecil O'Donnell

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

Committee Recommendations

Councillor O'Donnell reported on Committee Recommendations.

Former B.M.H.S. Property

Resolution C120105

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipality instruct the Municipal Solicitor, Mr. Kevin MacDonald, to submit a defense to the legal action that has been commenced relating to the former B.M.H.S. property, and also submit a cross claim to the Tri-County Regional School Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

Rental Rate at Arena

Resolution C120106

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipal Policy be amended so that Council consider any request for rental of the entire Arena for any significant event on an individual basis providing this resolution is legally acceptable on the advice of the Municipal Solicitor.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried

The Clerk reported that contact has been made with the Municipal Solicitor and the Solicitor has advised that it would be legally acceptable to amend our policy accordingly.

Mayor/Warden Plebiscite

Resolution C120107

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by D. Messenger that:

1. A plebiscite be held during the coming election asking the electorate if they preferred to elect a mayor or continue with the warden system.
2. That information regarding the differences between a mayor and a warden be circulated to the general public by the Municipality with information similar to that circulated by the District of Lunenburg.
3. That this be done in a timely fashion prior to the 2012 municipal election.
4. Include information that the ultimate decision still remains with Council.
5. An election of a mayor would not take place until the subsequent municipal election in 2016.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried

Parking Along Highway 330

Resolution C120108

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by S. Hatfield that correspondence be sent to the local RCMP Detachment asking them to monitor the area along Highway #330 near the Superstore parking lot and enforce the “no parking” zones which have signs posted.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C120109

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that a letter of thanks be sent to the Department of Transportation for placing the “no parking” signs along Highway 330 adjacent to the Superstore parking lot, and indicating to them the lack of effectiveness of these signs, and asking if there is additional means that may be employed in this area that would prevent parking by tractor trailers along this side of the road.

Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Services Coordinator

Resolution C120110

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by D. Messenger that the Fire Services Coordinator position again be referred to the Hiring Committee for further action.

Motion carried unanimously.

Since there has been some changes made to the Hiring Committee membership, it was agreed that the Hiring Committee consist of the original members to further discuss the Fire Services Coordinator position.

It was agreed that the Hiring Committee would meet on January 20, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

It was further noted that Councillor O’Donnell was absent from the interviews of the Fire Services Coordinator and therefore would not be required to attend the Hiring Committee Meeting scheduled for January 20, 2012.

Community Grant Request

Resolution C120111

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by M. Atkinson that a Community Grant of \$900.00 be provided from the District 2 Community Grants Fund, to the Shag Harbour Community Hall for the purpose of painting the exterior of their building.

Motion carried unanimously.

North East Point Look-off

Resolution C120112

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by L. Halliday that the Department of Natural Resources be contacted in an effort to provide a safe secondary egress from the North East Point Look-off in order to maintain the safety of the handicapped individuals who may be accessing this area.

Motion carried unanimously.

Municipal Physical Activity Coordinator

Resolution C120113

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Hatfield that Samantha Reyno be hired as the Municipal Physical Activity Coordinator for the Municipality of Barrington.

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 Cathy Stoddard

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Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

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Councillor Louise Halliday

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NEW BUSINESS

Barrington Dental Agreement

Conflict of Interest

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger declared conflict of interest, vacated her seat and proceeded to the public gallery. Deputy Warden Messenger's husband may be a contractor involved with renovations to the building.

The Clerk informed members that since Don Harding is the Solicitor for both the Municipality of Barrington and Barrington Dental Inc., Council approval is required permitting Mr. Harding to represent both parties.

Resolution C120114

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipality of Barrington agree that Donald Harding be permitted to represent both the Municipality and Barrington Dental Inc. in this matter dealing with the establishment of a dental practice at the CED Centre.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried.

Resolution C120115

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Warden and Clerk be authorized to enter into a rental agreement with Barrington Dental Inc. for the establishment of a dental practice at the CED Centre located in Barrington Passage.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger returned to the table.

Notice of Consideration of Amendments

The Clerk informed members that Notice of Consideration of Amendments to the following policies is given tonight and amendments will be further considered at the next meeting of Council:

- Article 8-A.01 Re: Hiring – Personnel Policy
- Article 8-B.01 Re: Hiring – Personnel Policy
- Article 25.01 Re: Occasion Fund – Personnel Policy

Repeal Recreation Policies:

- Policy No. 8 Recreation Committee Orientation Policy
- Policy No. 9 Financial Reports Policy
- Policy No. 10 Policy Governing Use of Announcement Banner
- Policy No. 13 Fri-Y Program Guidelines

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by D. Messenger that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website January 11, 2012.