

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, February 27, 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 with the exception of Councillor Cecil O'Donnell.

- 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

Councillor Cecil O'Donnell was on leave of absence.

### CLOSED SESSION RE: PERSONNEL MATTER

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

### REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

During the Closed Session the performance evaluation for the Deputy Clerk was presented to members.

### DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Murray Atkinson indicated that he would be declaring conflict of interest when dealing with the Volunteer of the Year selection.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by M. Atkinson and seconded by D. Messenger that minutes of the last meeting of Council held February 13, 2012 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Tri-County Pregnancy Care Centre

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Tri-County Pregnancy Care Centre thanking Council for their ongoing support of the centre.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Cathy Stoddard

Councillor Stoddard gave a brief report on her activities since the last meeting of Council. She informed members that she attended a function held in honour of Brendan Nickerson on February 23, 2012, at which time a certificate was presented to him on behalf of the Municipality congratulating him on bringing home the bronze medal from the 2012 Youth Winter Olympics held in Innsbruck, Austria, in January 2012.

Councillor Stoddard informed members that Brendan Nickerson presented signed Nova Scotia flags to officials attending the event.

Councillor Stoddard then reported on recommendations from the Committee of the Whole.

Review of Salaries

Members of the Committee of the Whole Council at their meeting held February 16, 2012 discussed wage scales for each of the positions listed within the Municipality and are recommending changes to the wage scale for several employees.

Resolution C120229

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that the proposed amended schedule of payroll ranges for municipal employees be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Yarmouth-Argyle-Barrington District Planning Commission

Resolution C120230

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by S. Hatfield that the District Planning Commission be required to provide all materials pertinent to the Municipality upon withdrawal from the Commission.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Yee Request Re: Purchase of Computers

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipality purchase two new computers to replace the computers in Dr. Germanus' office that have been returned to the Municipality and used elsewhere in municipal offices.

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by M. Atkinson that the above motion be amended to require computers to be returned to the Municipal Office when no longer being used at the doctor's office, as in the past.

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion now reads as follows:

Resolution C120231

"...that the Municipality purchase two new computers to replace the computers in Dr. Germanus' office that have been returned to the Municipality and used elsewhere in municipal offices. As in the past, computers are to be returned to the Municipal Office when no longer required for use at the doctor's office."

Motion carried unanimously.

Election Preparations

Preliminary List

Resolution C120232

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipality obtain a Preliminary List of Electors from Elections Nova Scotia as has been done in the past.

Motion carried unanimously.

Advance Polls

Resolution C120233

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipality hold the first Advance Poll on the Saturday prior to the regular Municipal Election in October 2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

## Release of Right-of-Way

### Resolution C120234

**Moved** by M. Atkinson and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Release of Right-of-Way requested for the Greenwood property adjacent to the municipal property at Sherose Island be approved, pending advice by the Municipal Solicitor.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk reported that correspondence has been received from the Municipal Solicitor indicating that he sees no problem with approving the above request.

## Heritage Property Deregistration

### Resolution C120235

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by M. Atkinson that Marven Nickerson and Deborah Stoddard, who have applied for deregistration of a municipal heritage property owned by them, be informed of the information obtained from the Municipal Solicitor so that they may consider an appropriate course of action.

Motion carried unanimously.

## Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

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

## Councillor Louise Halliday

Councillor Halliday gave a brief report on her 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.

## Councillor Shaun Hatfield

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

Councillor Hatfield also reported on the recent meeting of the Hiring Committee.

The Hiring Committee met on February 22, 2012 to carry out interviews to fill the position of Janitor.

Councillor Hatfield informed members that 26 people applied for the position of Janitor. The Committee short-listed and interviewed five (5) applicants.

Councillor Hatfield indicated that there was a very narrow margin between all candidates.

Resolution C120236

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that Roseanne Brown be hired as Janitor for the Municipality of Barrington as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C120237

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that Joanne Ross be designated the alternate should Roseanne Brown not accept the position.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Amendments to Purchasing Policy

At the last meeting of Council notice was given that consideration of amendments to the Purchasing Policy would be considered this evening. The Clerk reviewed proposed changes to the Purchasing Policy.

Resolution C120238

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that proposed amendments to the Purchasing Policy be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Notice of Consideration of Amendments to the Personnel Policy

The Committee of the Whole Council met on February 16, 2012 and reviewed proposed amendments to the Personnel Policy. Members were advised that we are currently awaiting legal advice on a few proposed amendments and these amendments will be dealt with at a later date. All other amendments will be considered by Council at their next meeting.

Volunteer of the Year

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Murray Atkinson declared conflict of interest, vacated his seat and proceeded to the public gallery. Murray and his wife Joan were both nominated by the Shelburne County ATV Association and Woodland Multi-Use Trail Association for recognition.

Ballots were received from five (5) councillors which resulted in Shelly Perry receiving the most votes. Shelly was nominated by the Rosalind Nickerson Care Fund Society.

Resolution C120239

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that Shelly Perry be recognized as Volunteer of the Year for the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Atkinson returned to the table.

Question was raised as to whether the Dory Club and the Boat Racers Association were notified that the Municipality was accepting nominations for Volunteer of the Year. It was agreed that the names of these two organizations be forwarded to the Recreation Director.

Oak Park Road by School

Deputy Warden Messenger indicated that she has been in conversation with constituents from the Oak Park area and the School Board representative for the Municipality regarding the parking situation near the school. There appears to be an interest in working together with Council and other stakeholders to address the parking situation along the Oak Park Road.

Resolution C120240

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that an invitation be forwarded to the Department of Transportation, the Tri-County Regional School Board, Barrington Municipal High School, School Advisory Committee and the Barrington RCMP, to meet with Warden, Councillors and Municipal Clerk, in an attempt to address the parking situation along the Oak Park Road in the vicinity of the Barrington Municipal High School.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was suggested that such a meeting be arranged to be held some time during the month of April. Key stakeholders identified were as follows:

- Greg Newell, Department of Transportation
- Andrea Huskison, Tri-County Regional School Board
- Steven Stoddart, Tri-County Regional School Board
- Lisa Doucette, Superintendent, Tri-County Regional School Board
- Cathy Breen, Principal, B.M.H.S.
- Chair, School Advisory Committee
- M.J. Deluco, Sergeant, RCMP Detachment

PUBLIC HEARING RE: WIND TURBINE GENERATORS

Brad Fulton, Senior Planner, Y-A-B District Planning Commission was present.

At 8:00 p.m. a Public Hearing was held pursuant to the Municipal Government Act to consider amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law.

Proposed amendments are intended to provide policies and provisions to accommodate various scales of wind turbine generators, and to enable the issue of Development Permits for wind turbine generators on lots where the minimum yard and/or setback distance requirements are insufficient.

The Clerk informed members that the Public Hearing was duly advertised in the Coast Guard Newspaper on February 7th and February 14th, 2012. Copies of proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law have been available for viewing at the Municipal Office. Some inquiries have been made, but as of today's date no submissions, written or oral, have been received.

The Warden asked for verbal or written presentations from the public. At this time Angus Atkinson addressed Council and requested information on the setback distances and information was provided.

The Warden then asked for further comments. No further comments being received, the Public Hearing was then closed.

Resolution C120241

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipality approve the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law to provide policies and provisions to accommodate various scales of wind turbine generators and to enable the issuance of Development Permits for wind turbine generators on lots where the minimum yard and/or setback distance requirements are insufficient.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

**Moved** by L. Halliday that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Warden

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Clerk

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website February 29, 2012.**