

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 12, 2012.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 RE: PERSONNEL MATTERS

At 6:30 p.m. a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with personnel matters.

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

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

It was reported that during the Closed Session the performance evaluation for the Secretary was presented to members.

Discussion also took place regarding Arena personnel matters.

It was suggested that discussion on these matters continue at another Closed Session of Council to be held at the end of the meeting.

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that a second Closed Session of Council be held at the end of the meeting tonight to discuss personnel matters concerning employees of the Barrington Municipal Arena.

Motion carried unanimously.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Deputy Warden informed members that she will be declaring conflict of interest when dealing with the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole Council concerning Dr. Mailman's lease agreement.

Deputy Warden Messenger 's husband has been contracted by Dr. Mailman leasehold improvements.

Councillor Stoddard also informed members that she will be declaring conflict of interest during the second Closed Session of Council to be held this evening to deal with personnel matters at the Barrington Municipal Arena. Councillor Stoddard's husband, Eugene Stoddard, has been working on the compressors at the Curling Club.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. Stoddard that the minutes of the last meeting of Council held on February 27, 2012 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Board of Directors of Bay Side Home Appointments

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Minister of Health and Wellness in response to our letter dated January 30, 2012 in which Council inquired as to the process to amend the by-laws of Bay Side Home Corporation so that the Municipality of Barrington will no longer be required to appoint members to the Board of Directors of Bay Side Home. The letter advised that if Bay Side Home Corporation chooses to change the method of appointment of members to its Board, approval from the Municipality of Barrington, in accordance with Section 15(1) of the Municipal Housing Corporation's Act must be obtained. Once obtained, Bay Side Home Corporation must submit their amended by-laws to the Ministers of the Department of Health and Wellness and Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations for approval. The letter further advised that these by-law amendments will result in a significant change in the relationship between Bay Side Home Corporation and the Municipality of Barrington, and it is therefore recommended that Bay Side Home Corporation consult with its external legal counsel as to whether the facility should continue to be incorporated under the Municipal Housing Corporations Act, or if it should opt to become and function as a society under the Societies Act.

Resolution C120301

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that a copy of the letter received from the Minister of Health and Wellness be forwarded to the Board of Directors of Bay Side Home, and ask that they take steps to release the Municipality from their obligation of appointing directors to the Board of Directors of Bay Side Home.

Motion carried unanimously.

Appointments to Bay Side Home Board of Directors

The Clerk informed members that the three (3) vacancies currently existing on Bay Side Home Board of Directors were advertised in the Coast Guard Newspaper. As a result of the advertisement, two applications have been received; one from Bonnie Shand and one from Ethel Nickerson. Resumes were circulated to members by email in advance of the meeting.

Resolution C120302

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that Bonnie Shand and Ethel Nickerson be appointed to serve as members on the Board of Directors of Bay Side Home Corporation.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C120303

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality re-advertise to fill the vacancy still existing on the Board of Directors of Bay Side Home.

Motion carried unanimously.

Field Tour with Department of Transportation

Correspondence has been received from Steve MacIsaac of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal as a result of the field tour held on January 18, 2012. The letter provided information on various roads and the Department's review of the issues. The letter advised that they do not have a request on file to have McGray Avenue paved under the "J" Class Cost Share Paving Program.

The Clerk informed members that this request was made some time ago.

Resolution C120304

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that a letter be forwarded to Steve MacIsaac, District Director, Department of Transportation, confirming that a request has been made for the "J" Class Cost Share Paving Program for McGray Avenue.

Motion carried unanimously.

During review of the letter it was noted that all roads viewed during the field tour were not listed in the letter. It was noticed that during the tour, Factory Hill Road, Clam Point Road and Pope's Road were all viewed. It was indicated by the Department of Transportation representatives that these roads would be chip sealed.

Resolution C120305

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that a letter be sent to Steven MacIsaac, Department of Transportation, advising that his letter of March 1, 2012 did not list all roads viewed during the field tour, and that during the tour it was indicated that Factory Hill Road, Clam Point Road and Pope's Road would all be chip sealed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Update - Crow's Neck Beach Access

The Clerk informed members that Nova Scotia Nature Trust is in the process of transferring Crow's Neck Beach property to the Department of Natural Resources. Nova Scotia Nature Trust will still be stewards of the property, but the Province will own it. The Nature Trust would like to have a plan in place to improve access by the end of March.

The Clerk informed members that he and the Property Services Manager will be meeting with Mr. Garrett of the Nature Trust sometime during March to determine what we can do together to improve the access. Once this meeting is held the Municipal Council will be brought up to date.

CORRESPONDENCE

Fire Department Amalgamation

The Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department and the Shag Harbour/Bear Point Volunteer Fire Department have been having regular meetings since January for the purpose of amalgamating their fire departments. Correspondence has been received from both departments requesting Council to approve the proposed amalgamation. The fire departments are also requesting approval of the proposed budget for the amalgamated fire department and an area rate of approximately \$0.12/\$100.00 of assessment.

Resolution C120306

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipal Council accept the proposal from the Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department and the Shag Harbour/Bear Point Volunteer Fire Department for amalgamation of the two departments.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by L. Halliday that Council accept the proposed Area Rate of \$0.12/\$100.00 of assessment, subject to their being no serious breach of Policy No. 18, and their being no legal concerns after discussing the matter with the Municipal Solicitor.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that the above motion be rescinded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C120307

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by M. Atkinson that Council accept the proposed Area Rate of up to \$0.12/\$100.00 of assessment, subject to their being no serious breach of Policy No. 18, and their being no legal concerns after discussing the matter with the Municipal Solicitor.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Committee of the Whole Council

Councillor Halliday was scheduled to report on recommendations from the Committee of the Whole, but due to her having laryngitis Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger reported instead.

Review of Community Grants Policies.

Resolution C120308

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by C. Stoddard that Municipal Staff compile information to be considered by members for a revised Grants Policy that would accommodate both larger and smaller grants to the various organizations in the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that the revised Grants Policy would include the Economic Development Fund, the Activities Funds, Grants to Organizations and Community Grants.

Provincial Boundary Review

Resolution C120309

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that Council respond to the Municipality of Argyle indicating that they will be attending the Provincial Boundary Review meetings and will provide a response after the meetings after obtaining further information for consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

Draft Civic Addressing By-Law

Resolution C120310

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by S. Hatfield that Municipal Staff obtain the cost of civic addressing signs, and posts on which to mount them, and bring the costs back to the Committee for consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

Pension Plan For Councillors

Resolution C120311

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by S. Hatfield that councillors be given an opportunity to join the Municipal Pension Plan after the next municipal election.

Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes on Municipal Website

Resolution C120312

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that minutes of municipal meetings posted on the website be noted as unapproved until such time as they have been approved, after which the date of approval will be noted on the website.

Motion carried unanimously.

Encounters with Canada Competition

Resolution C120313

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter of congratulations be sent to Michaela Newell recognizing her accomplishment in the *Encounters with Canada* competition, and suggesting that she contact MP Gerald Keddy to request a tour of Parliament while she is in Ottawa.

Motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Policies and Rental Agreement

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that Policy 6, "Policy Governing Use of Municipal Facilities" be amended to provide for a rental rate of \$75.00 per session for all business usages, including exercise classes, effective June 1, 2012, and that insurance coverage be required. Programs initiated by the Recreation Department shall be exempt.

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that the above motion be amended by inserting after "Policy Governing Use of Municipal Facilities", "pertaining exclusively to the use of the Recreation Centre".

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion now reads as follows:

Resolution C120314

"...that Policy 6 "Policy Governing Use of Municipal Facilities", pertaining exclusively to the use of the Recreation Centre, be amended to provide for a rental rate of \$75.00 per session for all business usages, including exercise classes, effective June 1, 2012, and that insurance coverage be required. Programs initiated by the Recreation Department shall be exempt."

Motion carried unanimously.

The above motion serves as notice of proposed changes to Policy No. 6 Re: Rental of the Recreation Centre. Consideration of amendments will take place at the next meeting of Council.

Mailman Lease Agreement

Conflict of Interest

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger declared conflict, vacated her seat and proceeded to the public gallery. Deputy Warden Messenger's husband has been contracted by Dr. Mailman.

Councillor Stoddard continued to report on the recommendations from the Committee of the Whole.

Resolution C120315

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipality acquire the blueprints for a compressor room to be added to the Barrington Municipal library building, and publicly tender this building for construction.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson

George El-Jakl

Louise Halliday

Cecil O'Donnell

Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger resumed her seat.

Fire Services Coordinator

The Clerk informed members that as a result of the direction given to him further contact has been made with Dave Kendrick regarding the Fire Services Coordinator position. Mr. Kendrick has accepted the Municipality's offer and is willing to commence employment with the Municipality on April 2, 2012.

Resolution C120316

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. Stoddard that David Kendrick be hired as Fire Services Coordinator for the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

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

Deputy Warden Messenger also reported that a group of students from Barrington has won a National Poster Contest aimed at educating children about sexual abuse. Shana Newell's 2011 Grade 6 class, at Forest Ridge Academy, entered the "By Kids, For Kids" poster contest.

Resolution C120317

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality write a letter of congratulations to Forest Ridge Academy for the job well done by students of last year's Grade 6 class, and Shana Newell, teacher, involved in the Canada-wide contest.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger also requested that a copy of the poster be framed and displayed somewhere within the Municipality for a period of time.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger informed members that she will be away from Tuesday, March 20th to Tuesday, March 27th, 2012.

At this time it was also reported that the Warden would be away from Wednesday, March 21st to Wednesday, March 28th, 2012.

Councillor Louise Halliday

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

Councillor Cathy Stoddard

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Councillor Shaun Hatfield

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Councillor Cecil O'Donnell

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Councillor Murray Atkinson

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NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Amendments to the Personnel Policy

Notice was given to Council at their last meeting that consideration of amendments to the Personnel Policy would take place this evening.

Resolution C120318

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by C. O'Donnell that amendments to the Personnel Policy be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Barrington Passage Sidewalk Extension

Discussion took place regarding the Barrington Passage Sidewalk Extension Project.

Three areas have been identified to have sidewalks installed which are as follows:

Section A

From the former Old Schoolhouse Restaurant to Causeway Interiors

Section B

From the Municipal Library to the Irving Station

Section C

From the Irving Station to Stirling's Road (Business Park)

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by S. Hatfield that Section C be amended to cover the area from the Irving Station to The Courtyard.

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by S. Hatfield that the above motion be amended by deleting the word "Courtyard" and inserting "driveway of the Richard Swaine Track & Field".

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion now reads as follows:

Resolution C120319

"...that Section C be amended to cover the area from the Irving Station to the driveway of the Richard Swaine Track & Field."

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Stoddard declared conflict of interest, vacated her seat and left the meeting room at 8:45 p.m.

At this time a Closed Session of Council was held to continue discussion on Arena personnel.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Discussion took place regarding Arena personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by S. Hatfield that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website March 19, 2012.