

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Barrington Municipal Council held in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, March 26, 2012.

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported that all councillors representing all districts of the Municipality were present with the exception of Warden George El-Jakl and Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger due to vacations.

- Councillor Shaun Hatfield, Chair
- Councillor Murray Atkinson
- Councillor Louise Halliday
- Councillor Cecil O'Donnell
- Councillor Cathy Stoddard

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Moved by S. Hatfield that Councillor Louise Halliday be nominated as Chairperson.

Nomination declined.

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by C. Stoddard that Councillor Shaun Hatfield be nominated as Chairperson.

Nomination was accepted.

Nominations were called three more times with no further nominations being received.

Councillor Hatfield was declared chairperson for the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL RE: PERSONNEL MATTERS

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

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

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

The Chairperson reported that during the Closed Session the Performance Evaluation for Robert Williams, Property Services Technician - C & D Landfill, was presented to members and discussion took place regarding Arena personnel.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that the minutes of the last meeting of Council held March 12, 2012 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION - SOU WEST NOVA TRANSIT ASSOCIATION

Renata Tweedy, Coordinator, and David Meyer, Board of Directors Chairman, appeared before the meeting.

Mrs. Tweedy first thanked Council for providing free office space to them in the Old Court House, and also a place to house their bus at the Brass Hill Treatment Plant.

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a written copy of their presentation. The Association is requesting that funding for transportation become a part of the Municipality's yearly budget. They are requesting a contribution of \$11,000.00 from the Municipality for the 2012/2013 fiscal year. This amount represents approximately \$1.60 per capita based on the 2011 census data. The Association is also seeking financial assistance in the amount of \$4,000.00 to cover operational and volunteer training costs over the next several months. The current provincial grant will expire March 31st and additional provincial funding will probably not be available to the Association until late summer.

The Association further requested that a link to their website be placed on the Municipal website.

Resolution C120320

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by M. Atkinson that a link to Sou'West Nova Transit Association be placed on the Municipal website.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Meyer informed members that the Association will be painting their bus in the near future and requested permission to include the Municipal crest on the bus.

Resolution C120321

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the requests from the Sou'West Nova Transit Association be referred to the Committee of the Whole Council for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C120322

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by M. Atkinson that having reached the allotted time for the Sou West Nova Transit Association presentation, that discussion on this matter continue.

Motion carried unanimously.

During discussion of this matter some discrepancies in the proposed budget were noted. Members of the Association advised that the budget contained only estimated figures since this is their first year, and that some revision will need to take place.

The Association representatives were requested to forward any revised or updated information to members prior to the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Renata Tweedy and David Meyer were both thanked for appearing before the Council and making their presentation.

PRESENTATION - EON WINDELECTRIC

Mr. Andrew Arbuckle of Eon WindElectric appeared before the meeting. Mr. Arbuckle advised that Watts Wind Energy is a community wind energy developer with 1.5MW operating and 10.6MW worth of power purchase agreements from the Provincial Department of Energy's Community Feed-n-Tariff (COMFIT) Program. Watts Wind Energy is currently investigating a site in the Barrington area for the development of 1-2 turbine projects to qualify under the COMFIT Program. Application to the Department of Energy requires preliminary Municipal and/or community engagement. If Watts is successful with the COMFIT project application for Barrington, extensive community engagement will occur over the duration of project development. The proposed area for the Barrington wind power project is located near Bear Point Pond between Atwood's Brook and the Wireless Station Road.

Resolution C120323

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by M. Atkinson that after having reached the allotted time for the presentation, Mr. Arbuckle be permitted to continue.

Motion carried unanimously.

Further discussion took place regarding the proposed project.

Mr. Arbuckle was then thanked for appearing before Council and making his presentation.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Atlantic Woodworks Project

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with correspondence received from Atlantic Woodworks.

No action was taken on the information provided.

Letter of Resignation - Joint Police Advisory Board

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from Bill Durling resigning from his position on the Joint Police Advisory Board, effective May 1, 2012.

Resolution C120324

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by L. Halliday that a letter of thanks be forwarded to Mr. Durling for serving as a member of the Joint Police Advisory Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C120325

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by L. Halliday that an advertisement be placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper to fill the vacancy on the Joint Police Advisory Board as a result of Mr. Durling's resignation.

Motion carried unanimously.

DR. KIM MAILMAN

The Clerk informed members that an email has been received from Dr. Kim Mailman thanking Council for allowing him to proceed with a dental office in the CED Centre located in Barrington Passage. He advised that he is preparing for a formal start date of July 2, 2012.

YARMOUTH-ARGYLE-BARRINGTON DISTRICT PLANNING COMMISSION

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from Brad Fulton, Senior Planner, with the Yarmouth-Argyle-Barrington District Planning Commission. The letter advised that with the withdrawal from the District Planning Commission, effective March 31, 2012, the draft Municipal Planning Strategy will require careful review and oversight by the Planning Advisory Committee and Council.

REPORT OF WARDEN

No report due to Warden's absence.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Louise Halliday

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

Councillor Louise Halliday also reported on recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Council.

Barrington Ball Field Playground

Resolution C120326

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipality partner with the Barrington Ball Field Playground Society in making an application for a grant from the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness for the purchase of playground equipment and construction of a playground at the Barrington Ball Field.

Motion carried unanimously.

Wood's Harbour Days Committee

Resolution C120327

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. Stoddard that a grant of \$500.00 be provided from the District 1 Community Grants Fund to the Wood's Harbour Days Committee for the purpose of contributing towards their event to be held during the summer of 2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

Request for Private Road Name

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the name Jarumaro Lane be approved for a private subdivision road on Sherose Island.

The Clerk reported that additional information has been received from Marianne Sears advising that she and her sister have reconsidered the name of the road to the subdivision of land on Sherose Island and they would now like to request the road be named Perry-Lyons Lane.

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the above motion be amended by removing the name Jarumaro and inserting the name Perry-Lyons.

Amendment carried unanimously.

The amended motion now reads as follows:

Resolution C120328

"...that the name Perry-Lyons Lane be approved for a private subdivision road on Sherose Island."

Motion carried unanimously.

Job Description - Secretary to the Building Inspector

Resolution C120329

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by C. Stoddard that the proposed updated job description for the Secretary to the Building Inspector be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Year End Accruals

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality accrue funds for the following expenditures that will be made during the year end period, or early in the new year:

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| - Ice Rescue Equipment | \$ 5,000.00 |
| - Seal Island Light Restoration | \$17,000.00 |
| - Sherose Island Playground Equipment | \$ 5,570.00 |
| - Landfill Concrete Slab and Fence | \$ 8,000.00 |
| - Soccer Field Shelters | \$11,000.00 |
| - Wood's Harbour Sewage Treatment Plant Aerator | \$30,000.00 |
| - Court Room Ceiling | \$10,000.00 |
| - Fire Services Fund Transfer | \$40,000.00 |

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by C. Stoddard that the above motion be amended by inserting the word "fiscal" before "year end period".

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion now reads as follows:

Resolution C120330

"... that the Municipality accrue funds for the following expenditures that will be made during the fiscal year end period, or early in the new year:

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| - Ice Rescue Equipment | \$ 5,000.00 |
| - Seal Island Light Restoration | \$17,000.00 |
| - Sherose Island Playground Equipment | \$ 5,570.00 |
| - Landfill Concrete Slab and Fence | \$ 8,000.00 |
| - Soccer Field Shelters | \$11,000.00 |
| - Wood's Harbour Sewage Treatment Plant Aerator | \$30,000.00 |
| - Court Room Ceiling | \$10,000.00 |
| - Fire Services Fund Transfer | \$40,000.00 |

Motion carried unanimously.

Student Sponsorship Program

Resolution C120331

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality respond to the Shelburne County Health Care Professional Recruitment and Retention Committee that it supports their efforts to recruit students to become health professionals at Roseway Hospital, but there is a limit to the Municipality's ability to pay for health care recruitment expenditures, and that the expenditures currently being made by the Municipality are substantial, and that this be explained to the Committee so that they may understand that the Municipality is already contributing significantly to the recruitment and retention of health care professionals in our area.

Motion carried unanimously.

Economic Development Council

Resolution C120332

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipality accept the recommendation of the Barrington and Area Chamber of Commerce that Liliana Stoddard serve as the Municipality's representative on the Regional Economic Development Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

Lobster Industry Modernization

Resolution C120333

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. O'Donnell that a letter be sent to the Federal Minister of Fisheries requesting them to uphold and support the current fleet separation policy which includes the owner/operator provisions for licence holders, and that copies of this letter also be sent to the other municipal units in Southwestern Nova Scotia requesting their support, and also to MPs, Kerr and Keddy, and the MLA for Shelburne County.

Motion carried unanimously.

Baccaro Lighthouse Road

Resolution C120334

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that a letter be sent to the local Area Supervisor for the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal asking him: "Will the gravel road at the Baccaro Lighthouse be upgraded or not?".

Motion carried unanimously.

Crow's Neck Beach

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that \$1,500.00 be provided from the District 4 Community Grants Fund for the purpose of assisting in the upgrade of the access road to Crow's Neck Beach on Department of Natural Resources property, pending approval of the Municipal Solicitor for the legal expenditure of these funds, and approval of the Department of Natural Resources as the access road is located on their property.

The Clerk informed members that the Municipal Solicitor has advised that the MGA will permit the money to be expended for this purpose providing there is an application from a community organization as required under Section 4 of the Community Grants Policy. Since there is no organization applying, funds could be expended as part of the cost of transportation services contained in Account #23230000. This account is currently under budget and could absorb the expenditure.

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that the above motion be amended by deleting "District 4 Community Grants Fund" and inserting " Roads and Streets Account 23230000".

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion now reads as follows:

Resolution C120335

"...that that \$1,500.00 be provided from the Roads and Streets Account 23230000 for the purpose of assisting in the upgrade of the access road to Crow's Neck Beach on Department of Natural Resources property, pending approval of the Municipal Solicitor for the legal expenditure of these funds, and approval of the Department of Natural Resources as the access road is located on their property."

Motion carried unanimously.

Female Bantam Hockey Team

Resolution C120336

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that a letter of congratulations be sent to the Female Bantam Hockey Team for their achievement during the current season.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Cecil O'Donnell

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

Councillor Murray Atkinson

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Councillor Cathy Stoddard

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

Resolution C120337

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by M. Atkinson that a letter be forwarded to Brad Fulton in appreciation for his work on behalf of 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.

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

The Clerk-Treasurer gave a brief report on his activities during the month of February 2012.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Amendments to Policy Governing Use of Municipal Facilities

The Municipal Clerk informed members that notice of consideration of amendments to Policy No. 6 "Policy Governing Use of Municipal Facilities" was given at the last meeting of Council.

Resolution C120338

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. Stoddard 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.

Cost of Living Adjustment

The Municipal Clerk informed members that the Cost of Living Adjustment based on statistics as of February 28th was 2.6%.

Resolution C120339

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by C. O'Donnell that Municipal Staff be granted a Cost of Living Adjustment in the amount of 2.6%, effective April 1, 2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

TENDERS - SHELTERS AT SOCCER FIELD

The Clerk informed members that tenders were recently invited for the construction of shelters at the soccer field. In accordance with the Purchasing Policy, tenders were opened publicly by Municipal Staff earlier today. Tenders have also been reviewed by the Property Services Manager.

It is the recommendation of staff that the tender received from ARB Scott Masonry, being the lowest tender received and meeting requirements of the tender call, be accepted.

Resolution C120340

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the tender received from ARB Scott Masonry for the construction of shelters at the soccer field in Barrington Passage, at a cost of \$11,400.00, plus H.S.T., be accepted.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by C. O'Donnell that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website March 28, 2012.