

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Tuesday, April 10, 2012. The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:00 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
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

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 26, 2012 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION - SUE ABBOTT, BIRD STUDIES CANADA RE: PIPING PLOVER

The Clerk informed members that Ms. Abbott of Bird Studies Canada contacted him at approximately 5:30 this evening and advised that she would be unable to keep her appointment with Council due to car troubles.

PRESENTATIONS RE: E-SMART PROJECT AND CLIMATE DATA PROJECT

E-Smart Project

Mrs. Dixie Redmond of CBDC and Mr. Jerry Locke of the Town of Shelburne appeared before Council and made a power point presentation regarding the E-Smart Project. She advised that the overall objective of the project was to create and increase awareness among local businesses of the use of current digital tools and to increase the digital footprint of Shelburne County. They provided the following highlights from Year One:

- Four (4) months of training wrapped up mid March 2012.
- Twelve (12) businesses from throughout Shelburne County completed the program.
- The program consisted of two face-to-face workshops, business counseling and technology sessions and 8 on-line learning modules. Over the period of the program participants developed a growth strategy and finished with an action plan to assist them in prioritizing and implementing what they learned.
- Local companies have gained extensive knowledge in new and social media and the application of this knowledge through their own e-strategies.
- Participating business owners are networking among themselves and other local companies, encouraging effective use of digital technology.
- Program report by Acadia Center for Social and Business Entrepreneurship and participant's survey.

They advised that they have exceeded their expectations and goals for the first year and have witnessed an increased awareness of the value of digital based activity, an increased competency in digital media, and an increased web presence for participating companies.

In 2011 Council made a financial commitment to the E-Smart Project of \$3,000.00 per year for three (3) years. Funding for Year 2 includes community contributions of \$14,724.00. This contribution is made up of funding from the municipal units in the County and the two Chambers of Commerce. The total budget proposed for 2012-2013 is \$86,866.00. During discussion of funding it was noted that the Town of Lockeport did not contribute financially towards the program last year.

Mrs. Redmond and Mr. Locke were both thanked for appearing before Council and making their presentation.

Climate Data Project

Mrs. Redmond informed members that the Southwest Nova Scotia Temperature and Solar Radiation Study 2011 Project Summary has been received. This report was for a nine (9) month period only, but if data continues to be consistent from year to year this area would support the growth of peaches, wine grapes and highbush blueberries.

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that having reached the time allotted for the presentation that Council continue with the presentation of the Climate Data Project.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Redmond informed members that the data from the Temperature and Solar Radiation Study will be summarized and placed on the CBDC and Department of Agriculture websites which municipal units will be permitted to link to if they so wish.

The Municipality has provided a funding commitment of \$1,500.00 per year for the next three years for the Climate Data Project.

Mrs. Redmond was then thanked for appearing before Council and providing an update on the Climate Data Project.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Bay Side Home Board of Directors

Correspondence has been received from the Chair of Bay Side Home Board of Directors stating that releasing the Municipality from their obligation of appointing directors to the Board of Directors of Bay Side Home will have a negative financial impact on Bay Side Home. For this reason the Board wishes to maintain the current relationship with the Municipality.

Much discussion took place regarding this matter and reference was made to the information received from the Municipal Solicitor and the letter received from the Minister of Health and Wellness.

Resolution C120401

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that additional information be obtained in this matter.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ongoing Fisheries Policy Consultations

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Municipality of Argyle, addressed to the President of LFA 34. The letter advised that the Municipality of Argyle strongly support the current owner/operator rules that are in place to protect the integrity of the fleet. The Municipality of Argyle expressed concern that changes to these rules will result in large corporations taking over lobster fishing in the area.

In response to our letter, MP Greg Kerr has advised that the Minister is doing the responsible thing by gathering the thoughts of those in the fishing industry to get their views on the future of the industry before any decisions are made.

In response to our letter to MP Gerald Keddy, his Assistant has advised that Mr. Keddy understands and supports fishers' request for the owner/operator and fleet separation policies to remain in place and has communicated this to Minister Ashfield.

CORRESPONDENCE

Joint Committee to address energy concerns

An invitation has been received from Warden Leland Anthony of the Municipality of Yarmouth inviting mayors and wardens in Shelburne, Digby, Clare, Argyle and Yarmouth areas to form a joint committee to address energy concerns such as transmission capacity and substation capacity.

Resolution C120402

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Warden attend the first meeting of the joint committee to address energy concerns and decide from there if we should continue to participate.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C120403

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole dealing with the request of Logan's Legacy Fisheries Limited be brought forward now.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor O'Donnell reported on the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole Council.

Logan's Legacy Fisheries Request

Resolution C120404

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipality consider the sale of the former Wilmer Crowell property to Logan's Legacy Fisheries pending the information on the sale price, and that the legal expenses and legal migration of the property be paid by the purchaser, and that the sale be approved by the Municipal Solicitor.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C120405

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipality sell the property formerly owned by Wilmer Crowell on the Port LaTour Road at a price of \$500.00, plus legal expenses, pursuant to Section 51A of the Municipal Government Act, to Logan's Legacy Fisheries, an adjacent property owner, pending approval of the Municipal Solicitor.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTINUATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

Western Counties Regional Library

Correspondence has been received from the Board Chair of the Western Counties Regional Library requesting Council to consider the same level of funding this year as they provided last year in the amount of \$43,946.00.

Resolution C120406

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by M. Atkinson that the request from the Western Counties Regional Library, for funding in the amount of \$43,946.00 for the fiscal year 2012-2013, be referred to the budget process for consideration, and that when dealing with this request information be available on the Provincial Library Funding Formula.

Motion carried unanimously.

National Day of Mourning

Correspondence has been received from the South Shore Labour Council advising that April 28th has been declared as the National Day of Mourning, and requesting the Municipality to lower its flag to half mast on April 28th as a much appreciated gesture of showing respect to those workers who lost their lives or were badly/seriously injured at their workplaces.

Resolution C120407

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality lower its flag to half mast on April 28th as requested by the South Shore Labour Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

Thank You Letter

The Clerk informed members that a thank you letter has been received from Michaela Newell thanking Council for recognizing her accomplishment in the *Encounters with Canada* competition, and advised that she will be contacting MP Gerald Keddy to request a tour of parliament.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

He also informed members that he has received an application for a grant from the Shelburne County Museum. It was noted that the deadline for grant requests from organizations was March 31, 2012. After further discussion it was agreed that this application would be dealt with during the budget process.

CONTINUATION OF REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor O'Donnell continued to report on the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole Council.

Leslie Chetwynd Re: Tax Sale Property

Resolution C120408

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Hatfield that Leslie Chetwynd be notified should his former warehouse property be offered for sale by the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mapping Services

Resolution C120409

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipality enter into a three (3) year agreement for the provision of mapping services through the local information utility from Landmark Geographics Solution Inc. of Middleton, N.S.

Motion carried unanimously.

Yarmouth Hospital Charitable Foundation

Resolution C120410

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality make a donation of \$1,200.00 to the Yarmouth Hospital Charitable Foundation for its 8th Annual Spring Gala, and that it be noted by the Foundation on one of the tables at that event, and that the places at that table still be sold either individually or as a group in order to raise additional funds for the Foundation.

Motion carried unanimously.

Nova Scotia Boatracers Request

Resolution C120411

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by S. Hatfield that since the Fundraising Committee is not hosting bingos at the Arena, that the Boatracers Association be allowed to host a bingo according to Municipal Policy upon paying the required rental fees.

Motion carried unanimously.

Nature Conservancy Proposal

Resolution C120412

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality host a public meeting for the purpose of determining future use of the Swaine's Road bog, and that the Nature Conservancy of Canada be invited to attend the public meeting and make a presentation regarding its protection proposal so that the public can be provided with information regarding the future use of the bog.

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl
Louise Halliday
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

Murray Atkinson

Motion carried.

Waste Disposal Fees

Councillor O'Donnell informed members that it is being recommended by the Committee of the Whole Council that a letter be sent to the Nova Scotia Minister of Environment expressing concern over the high cost of processing recyclables compared to the cost of disposal of residual waste.

The above recommendation failed to receive a mover.

Island and Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department Loan Guarantee

The Island and Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department currently have two loans which are now up for renewal. By consolidating the loans, and by shortening the term of the consolidated loan, the fire department will save taxpayers considerable funds. The total amount of the loans that will be consolidated is \$349,946.00. It is proposed that this be done at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce where the Municipality can guarantee the loan and obtain a preferred interest rate. Consolidation of these two loans will result in total savings of approximately \$45,000.00.

Resolution C120313

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger and carried that:

WHEREAS the Island/Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department is registered with the Municipality of the District of Barrington;

AND WHEREAS the Island/Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department has determined to borrow the aggregate principal amount of Three Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Six Dollars (\$349,946) for the purpose of purchasing a pumper, tanker and a chasis for a rescue vehicle;

AND WHEREAS the Island/Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department has requested a municipality to guarantee the said borrowing;

AND WHEREAS Section 294(6) of the Municipal Government Act provides that a municipality may grant or lend money to, or guarantee a loan for, a registered fire department for operating or capital purposes;

AND WHEREAS Section 88(3) of the Municipal Government Act provides that no guarantee of a borrowing by a municipality shall have effect unless the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations has approved of the proposed borrowing or debenture and of the proposed guarantee;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT the Municipality of the District of Barrington does hereby approve the borrowing by the Island/Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department of Three Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Six Dollars (\$349,946) for the purpose set out above;

THAT subject to the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations of the guarantee, the Municipality unconditionally guarantee repayment of the principal and interest of the borrowing so made;

THAT upon the issue of the debentures, the Warden and Clerk of the Municipality do sign the guarantee attached to each of the debentures and affix thereto the corporate seal of the Municipality.

Street Crime Unit

Resolution C120414

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by L. Halliday that a letter be sent to the Nova Scotia Minister of Justice expressing concern that the Street Crime Unit in Shelburne County may be under review and the Municipality does not wish this unit to be discontinued.

Motion carried unanimously.

Nova Scotia International Ferry Partnership

Resolution C120415

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that correspondence be sent to the Nova Scotia International Ferry Partnership indicating to them that Council strongly supports the reinstatement of the Yarmouth to USA ferry, and that Council request the partnership to provide information on the funding it has received to date, and how those funds have been expended, and also their financial plan for future funding and expenditure of the related funds.

Motion carried unanimously.

Flyers

Resolution C120416

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by L. Halliday that a letter be sent to the distributors of flyers within the Municipality explaining to them the Municipality's costs in cleaning up litter within the Municipality and the concerns local residents have with the method of distributing these flyers.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C120417

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by L. Halliday that it be determined whose flyers are being distributed in the pink bags and letters be sent to those businesses informing them of the litter problem in our area as a result of flyer distribution.

Motion carried unanimously.

Liberal Caucus

It was reported that correspondence has been received from the Liberal Caucus Office requesting the Municipality to provide information regarding the Memorandum of Understanding with municipal units that have been discontinued by the Province.

Resolution C120418

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that the Liberal Caucus consult with the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities in this matter as they have done extensive analysis on the affects of discontinuing the Memorandum of Understanding.

Motion carried unanimously.

Nova Scotia Boaters Association Request

Resolution C120419

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Nova Scotia Boaters Association be charged a rental fee of \$100.00 to host a bingo at the Barrington Municipal Arena.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

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

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.

Resolution C120420

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by L. Halliday that "Introduction of New Employees" be added to the next Committee of the Whole Council agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of non-council members to Planning Advisory Committee

The Clerk informed members that an advertisement was placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper for applications from individuals wishing to serve on the Planning Advisory Committee. The term for the two non-council members serving on the Planning Advisory Committee expired March 31, 2012.

The Clerk informed members that two applications were received, one from Cecil Swimm and one from Cindy Nickerson.

Resolution C120421

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment to Bay Side Home Board of Directors

The Clerk informed members that an advertisement was placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper to fill the one remaining vacancy on the Board of Directors of Bay Side Home. Applications were received from the following:

- Charla Strang
- Larry Stewart
- Brennan Goreham

It was agreed that the selection would be made by secret ballot. Ballots were cast by each member resulting in a tie vote for Brennan Goreham and Charla Strang.

Resolution C120422

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that names be placed in a hat and the name of the successful applicant be drawn out.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl
Louise Halliday
Cathy Stoddard

Motion carried.

The name drawn was Charla Strang.

Resolution C120423

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by S. Hatfield that Charla Strang be appointed to serve as a member on the Board of Directors of Bay Side Home.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by M. Atkinson that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website April 12, 2012.