

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, April 23, 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 with the exception of Councillor O'Donnell who was absent due to illness.

- 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. Stoddard that the minutes of the last meeting of Council held April 10, 2012 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION - SUZY ATWOOD, TOURISM COODINATOR

In advance to the meeting each member of Council was provided with a copy of the Annual Report for Shelburne County Tourism as well as a copy of the new Marketing Plan. Mrs. Suzy Atwood, Tourism Coordinator, and Shannon VanBuskirk, President of the Shelburne County Tourism Association, appeared before the meeting and made a power point presentation to Council. The power point presentation provided details on visitor statistics, marketing initiatives, projects carried out last year and proposed projects for 2012/2013.

The Shelburne County Tourism budget proposed for 2012/2013 is \$80,492.00. Mrs. Atwood is requesting that the Municipality of Barrington contribute \$23,854.00 towards this budget.

Councillors were then given an opportunity to ask questions.

Mrs. Atwood and Mrs. VanBuskirk were both thanked for appearing before Council and making their presentation.

PRESENTATION - ROBBIE NEWELL

Mr. Robbie Newell, of Eugene Newell & Sons Construction Ltd., appeared before the meeting. Mr. Newell advised members that he would like to open a small rock quarry on his property located on the 103 Highway across from the C & D Landfill Site. As part of the environmental requirements, any property owner who has structures within 800 meters of a quarry must give written permission to blast. The C & D Landfill Site is within 800 meters and Mr. Newell is therefore requesting Council to consider giving him an irrevocable letter of permission to open a quarry at this site.

Resolution C120424

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipal Clerk research this matter and speak with the Municipal Solicitor and bring information forward at the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting for further discussion.

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl
Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Shaun Hatfield reported on recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Council.

Arena Rental Request

Resolution C120425

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that the 1688 Professional Lobster Fishermen Association be granted use of the Arena for a meeting, at a fee of \$100.00, providing the date is available and adequate arrangements are made with the Arena Manager.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C120426

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that the "Arena Rental Policy" be added to the next Committee of the Whole Council for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Department Amalgamation

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Fire Services Coordinator review and provide advice concerning the need for, and purpose of, the new vehicle included in the proposed budget of the amalgamated fire department.

Resolution C120428

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by L. Halliday that fire department representatives be permitted to address Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shannon Newell of the Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department, and Mr. Jason Shand of the Shag Harbour/Bear Point Volunteer Fire Department, appeared before the meeting. Mr. Newell provided specs for the new proposed vehicle, for review by the Fire Services Coordinator. Mr. Newell informed members that the quote he has received is valid until May 12, 2012.

It was suggested to Mr. Newell that he may want to contact the company that provided the quote and request an extension.

It was agreed that there will be a Special Meeting of Council held at the beginning of the April 30, 2012 Committee of the Whole Council meeting to deal with this matter further.

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by L. Halliday that the above motion be amended to require the Fire Services Coordinator to report back to provide a response within a week, if possible.

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion now reads as follows:

Resolution C120427

"...that the Fire Services Coordinator review and provide advice concerning the need for, and purpose of, the new vehicle included in the proposed budget of the amalgamated fire department, within a week, if possible.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Hatfield reported that the Committee of the Whole Council is recommending that a letter be sent to the fire department indicating the requirements of Policy No. 18, Section 4, and that a copy of this policy be sent together with the letter.

This recommendation failed to receive a mover.

Resolution C120429

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipality maintain funding of the current fire departments during the amalgamation process.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C120430

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter be written to both the Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department and the Shag Harbour/Bear Point Volunteer Fire Department asking them to notify Council as soon as the amalgamation has been completed and former departments have been dissolved.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Appointment of Public Members to Planning Advisory Committee

The Clerk informed members that an advertisement was placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper inviting applications from individuals wishing to serve on the Planning Advisory Committee. Applications were received from Cecil Swimm and Cindy Nickerson.

Resolution C120431

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that Cecil Swimm and Cindy Nickerson be appointed to serve on the Planning Advisory Committee for a two year term, to expire March 31, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

Board of Directors of Bay Side Home

The Clerk informed members that Doug Drane was asked what his concerns were and to determine the potential impact of the Municipality being released from their obligation of appointing directors to the Board of Directors of Bay Side Home. Mr. Drane has advised that they are in the process of looking into this matter further.

Joint Committee to address Energy Concerns

The Clerk informed members that a copy of a letter has been received from the Warden of the Municipality of Argyle, addressed to the Warden of the Municipality of Yarmouth, regarding the proposed joint committee to address energy concerns. The Municipality of Argyle has advised that they are interested in obtaining additional information as to the role of this committee.

CORRESPONDENCE

Friday the 13th Destination

Correspondence has been received from Linda Symonds of Newellton requesting Council to support the efforts of the local motorcycle community in making Barrington/Cape Sable Island area the Friday the 13th Motorcycle Gathering Area for Nova Scotia. She is further requesting that welcome signs be placed during the upcoming Friday the 13th event in July, and each Friday the 13th thereafter.

Resolution C120432

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard and carried unanimously:

WHEREAS the Barrington/Cape Sable Island area provides the perfect destination for motorcyclists with its winding rural roads and beautiful vistas and seascapes; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Barrington has made a commitment to promoting the Barrington/Cape Sable Island area as a tourism destination; and

WHEREAS members of the local motorcycle community have undertaken to make Barrington/Cape Sable Island area the Friday the 13th Motorcycle Gathering spot for Nova Scotia;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of the District of Barrington, supports the efforts of the local motorcycle community in making Barrington/Cape Sable Island area the Friday the 13th Motorcycle Gathering Area for Nova Scotia.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C120433

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that a banner be ordered recognizing Friday the 13th Motorcycle Gathering.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C120434

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter be forwarded to Linda Symonds thanking her for “latching on to such a good idea”, and informing her of Council's support.

Motion carried unanimously.

Day of the Honey Bee

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of an email received from Clinton Shane Ekdahl requesting Council to declare May 29, 2012 as Day of the Honey Bee.

Resolution C120435

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipal Council proclaim May 29, 2012 as the 3rd Annual Day of the Honey Bee in the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

Cost Shared Program for Paving - McGray Avenue

The Clerk informed members that confirmation has been received from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal advising that the lower portion of McGray Avenue has been approved for paving under the Cost Shared Program.

Resolution C120436

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipal Council accept the partnership with the Province of Nova Scotia to have the lower portion of McGray Avenue paved under the cost shared paving program, and that the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign the Notice of Acceptance.

Motion carried unanimously.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

An email has been received from the Crime Prevention Unit inviting councillors to attend events to mark May 2012 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

3rd Annual Row for Nanny's Cure

Correspondence has been received advising that the 3rd Annual Row for Nanny's Cure will be held on July 14, 2012, at 1:30 p.m., at the Cape Sable Island Causeway. This event is held in support of the Rosalin Nickerson Care Fund.

Resolution C120437

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that a letter be forwarded to organizers of the Row for Nanny's Cure acknowledging their efforts to raise funds for cancer patients in our area.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

Shelburne County Street Crime Unit

The Warden also reported that he has received correspondence from the Minister of Justice advising that there are no plans in his office to implement changes to the Shelburne County Street Crime Unit at this time.

CONTINUATION OF REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Shaun Hatfield

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

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

Property Services Department

Resolution C120438

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that Stacey Chetwynd be transferred, and employed in the Property Services Department until such time as summer students are hired in that department, to assist employees of that department to complete the work required.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ralph "Creamer" Atwood Memorial Ball Field

Resolution C120439

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality accept ownership of the ball field and enter into an agreement with the Barrington Volunteer Fire Department to take over the ownership of the field and agree that there would be no change to use of the ball field without further consultation with the fire department or its successors.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C120440

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Recreation Director be requested to contact previous renters of the Barrington ball field, and fees be put in place consistent with what has been charged in the past.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C120441

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Hatfield that "ball fields" be added to the agenda for the next Committee of the Whole Council for the purpose of discussing rental fees, and that the Recreation Director be notified of this discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C120442

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Paul Thomas for his continued operation of the Barrington ball field over the past number of years, and have it copied to the Barrington Volunteer Fire Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C120443

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by D. Messenger that the agreement between the Municipality and the Barrington Volunteer Fire Department include a provision that the Fire Departments' Show & Shine event be scheduled each year on the weekend prior to the civic holiday in August.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C120444

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipality advertise that the scheduling of the ball field will be done by the Municipal Recreation Department in future.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mobile Burn Unit

Resolution C120445

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by M. Atkinson that the request for use of the parking lot at the Barrington Municipal Arena from July 3 – 10, 2012, by the Mobile Burn Unit, be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Nova Scotia Boatracers Association

Resolution C120446

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Boatracers Association be charged a fee of \$100.00 to rent the Barrington Municipal Arena for the purpose of holding a fundraising dance on June 16, 2012, and that they be required to provide insurance coverage, security, and a waiver of indemnification to the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Members Liability

Resolution C120447

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by C. Stoddard that a meeting be scheduled with the Municipality's insurance brokers after the upcoming Municipal elections for the purpose of discussing liability consideration for councillors and committee members.

Motion carried unanimously.

Provincial Government Department Offices Relocation

Resolution C120448

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter be sent to Minister Belliveau in support of having Provincial Government offices, for the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, relocated to Shelburne County, and that a copy of this letter be forwarded to all municipal units in Shelburne County.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C120449

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by S. Hatfield that a press release be drafted indicating that the Municipality is in support of the Province relocating government offices to the Municipality of Barrington, and to Shelburne County, which are excellent locations to accommodate such offices.

Motion carried unanimously.

Senior Services

Resolution C120450

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipality approve funding for Senior Services for the 2012/2013 fiscal year in the amount of \$7,590.88.

Motion carried unanimously.

Introduction to New Employees

Resolution C120451

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by C. Stoddard that Municipal Staff determine what other units do in regards to the introduction of new employees to Council, and suggest what might be done in regards to such introductions and in regards to informal gatherings between employees and councillors.

Motion carried unanimously.

Active Transportation

Resolution C120452

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Physical Activity Coordinator be requested to include Active Transportation initiatives in the Municipal Physical Activity Strategy being developed for the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Nova Scotia Power Inc. Easement

Resolution C120453

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipality provide the requested easement to Nova Scotia Power Inc. on Municipal property, at the end of Strang's Lane, in Port Clyde.

Motion carried unanimously.

Gravel Pit

Resolution C120454

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Nova Scotia Department of Environment be requested to look at all gravel pits on the Upper Clyde Road to determine if they are being regulated and operated properly.

Motion carried unanimously.

Upper Clyde Road Repairs

Resolution C120455

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that the local Nova Scotia Department of Transportation Office be requested to repair the chip sealed portion of the Upper Clyde Road.

Motion carried unanimously.

West River Road

Resolution C120456

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the Department of Transportation be requested to sweep the pavement at the end of West River Road to clear the rocks off the area.

Motion carried unanimously.

Barrington Passage Sidewalks

Resolution C120457

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipality proceed with the construction of a concrete sidewalk in the Barrington Passage area and proceed to tender the project.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Murray Atkinson

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

Councillor Cathy Stoddard

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

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

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

Congratulations

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to Brandon Huskison on being chosen to represent Nova Scotia on the Provincial Stars Elite Team, in New Hampshire, in May, 2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Louise Halliday

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

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

The Report of Clerk-Treasurer will be presented at the next meeting of Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Joint Police Advisory Board Member

The Clerk informed members that an advertisement was placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper inviting applications from individuals wishing to serve on the Joint Police Advisory Board. No applications were received.

Resolution C120458

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality once again advertise for applications from individuals interested in serving on the Joint Police Advisory Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mechanical Room Tenders

The Clerk informed members that an advertisement was placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper inviting tenders for the addition of a mechanical room at the Library/CED Centre located in Barrington Passage. One tender was received which was opened publicly on April 20, 2012, at 10:15 a.m. The tender was received from Mike Hennigar General Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$14,679.00, plus HST.

Conflict of Interest

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger declared conflict of interest, vacated her seat and proceeded to the spectator area. She informed members that her husband, Jack Messenger, is the head contractor for renovations being carried out at the CED Centre to accommodate the dentist office.

The tenders were opened in the presence of Cameron Whiteway, Property Services Manager; Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk; and Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk.

Resolution C120459

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by C. Stoddard that the tender received from Mike Hennigar General Construction Ltd., in the amount of \$14,679.00, plus HST, for the addition of a mechanical room to the Library/CED Centre located in Barrington Passage, be approved.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
George El-Jakl
Louise Halliday
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried.

Resolution C120460

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by M. Atkinson that funds for the addition of a mechanical room to the Library/CED Centre be taken from the Special Reserve Fund Capital.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
George El-Jakl
Louise Halliday
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger resumed her seat at the table.

Summer Students – Property Services Department

Resolution C120461

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipality hire two summer students to work in the Property Services Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tax Reduction Application

The Clerk reported that a Tax Reduction Application has been received from Mary Ross requesting the Municipal Council to reduce her taxes for 2011 on the basis that the house on the property was destroyed by fire on July 11, 2011.

As a result of the reduction in assessment, Mrs. Ross' property taxes would be reduced by \$34.92.

Resolution C120462

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by M. Atkinson that as a result of the Tax Reduction Application filed by Mary Ross that \$34.92 be adjusted off her tax account, for Assessment Account #08422982.

Motion carried unanimously.

Temporary Office Worker

The Clerk informed members that it will be necessary for Wanda Goreham to be off on sick leave from two to six weeks.

Resolution C120463

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipal Clerk be authorized to hire temporary office staff for a period of up to six weeks, if necessary.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by M. Atkinson that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website April 25, 2012.

