

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, June 11, 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 Shaun Hatfield.

- Warden George El-Jakl
- Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor Murray Atkinson
- Councillor Louise Halliday
- Councillor Cecil O'Donnell
- Councillor Cathy Stoddard
- Councillor Shaun Hatfield (6:46 p.m.)
  
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

### CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

A Closed Session of Council was held to deal with personnel matters.

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

### REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

During the Closed Session performance evaluations for Thelma Ross, Secretary to the Building Inspector, and Tyler Symonds, Property Services Technician, were presented to members.

#### Resolution C120601

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that Tyler Symonds, Property Services Technician, receive his annual increment effective June 1, 2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

### DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Hatfield that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held May 28, 2012, and the Special Council Meeting held June 4, 2012, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

VARIANCE APPEAL - BLAINE HIRTLE

Mr. Blaine Hirtle who owns property at 51 Old Post Road is once again requesting a variance from Council to reduce the front yard setback requirement from 25 feet to 10 feet to allow him to construct a storage building on his property.

In July 2011, Mr. Hirtle requested a variance for the same purpose, but was denied as the Department of Transportation had advised at that time that the road in question on the property still remained as a public highway within the meaning of the Public Highways Act.

Mr. Hirtle has pursued this matter with the Department of Transportation and now correspondence has been received from the Department advising that they have investigated, and based on the available documentation, it is their opinion that there is an old abandoned road in that area. The Department does not object to Mr. Hirtle constructing a shed on the right of way of the old abandoned road.

Once again all property owners within thirty (30) meters of Mr. Hirtle's property have been notified of his request. The Clerk informed members that he has received no written or oral responses from adjacent property owners.

The Warden invited comments from the public on this matter. No response was received.

Resolution C120602

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that since no objections to Mr. Hirtle's request have been received from the adjoining property owners, and with the approval of the Department of Transportation, that Mr. Hirtle's variance request be approved reducing the front yard setback requirement from twenty-five (25) feet to ten (10) feet.

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION - ME TO WE GROUP

Andrea Huskilson-Newell and two students from Barrington Municipal High School appeared before Council and made a power point presentation regarding their recent trip to Kenya, Africa as part of Tri-County Regional Schools' inclusion in Me to We and Free the Children Adopt a Village Program. Students Jerica Matthews and Lauren Atkinson thanked Council for their support of their trip and shared their experiences.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Lighthouse Road - Baccaro

The Clerk informed members that as a result of Council's request, correspondence has been received from Mr. Benny Acker of the Department of Transportation advising that his department ditched, graveled and put armor stone along the beach last year, and this year the department will be grading the Lighthouse Road as needed.

It was noted that previously the Department of Transportation had committed to carrying out much more work to the Lighthouse Road.

Resolution C120603

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Hatfield that Municipal Staff research this matter and gather information on upgrades to the Lighthouse Road previously agreed to by the Department of Transportation, and a letter be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation requesting that the road be upgraded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Woodlands Multi-Use Trail Association

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with an email received from the Woodlands Multi-Use Trail Association advising that they have received a \$40,000.00 grant from the NS OHV Infrastructure Fund Trails Program for their next trail of 11.9 kms. from Doctor's Cove to Wood's Harbour. The correspondence further advised that they are currently awaiting notification of grant requests to the Nova Scotia H & W and the Municipality of Barrington. Only when they have all grant requests approved will they request proposals from contractors to determine if bids fit within the funding available.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

Economic Development

As a result of Council's request to meet with MLA Sterling Belliveau and the Economic Development Minister, Percy Paris, a phone call was received from MLA Belliveau's office, today, advising that he and Economic Development Staff would be available to meet with Council on June 20, 2012 between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Resolution C120604

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that MLA Sterling Belliveau's office be advised that the Municipal Council would be available to meet with MLA Belliveau and Minister Percy Paris on June 20, 2012 at the Municipal Office from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Louise Halliday

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

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

Southwest Nova Seafood and Wine Extravaganza

Resolution C120605

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality reply to the invitation received, sending its best wishes to the participating municipal units for the success of their event, and indicating to them that the residents of the Municipality of Barrington will attend on their own initiative.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Access Program

Resolution C120606

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that whereas residents of the Municipality of the District of Barrington benefit from the operation of CAP sites within the community, that Industry Canada restore and maintain the funding for the Nova Scotia Community Access Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

SWNTA Request for Letter of Support

Resolution C120607

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipality provide a letter of support to the Sou'West Nova Transit Association for their Age Friendly Grant Application.

Motion carried unanimously.

Bay Side Home Grant

Conflict of Interest

Warden George El-Jakl declared conflict of interest, vacated his seat and proceeded to the spectator area. Warden El-Jakl is the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of Bay Side Home.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger chaired the meeting in his absence.

Resolution C120607

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality rescind the previous motion passed on November 14, 2005 which reads:

"...that the Municipality provide a grant of a minimum of \$250,000 for the expansion of Bay Side Home for long term nursing/continuing care."

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Murray Atkinson  
Louise Halliday  
Shaun Hatfield  
Cecil O'Donnell

**NEGATIVE**

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Cathy Stoddard

Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger vacated the Warden's seat.

Warden George El-Jakl then resumed the chair.

Safe Grad Request

Resolution C120608

**Moved** by M. Atkinson and seconded by D. Messenger that a grant of \$300.00 be provided to the Barrington Municipal High School Safe Grad Committee.

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 Cathy Stoddard

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Portable Toilets - Causeway Area

Councillor Hatfield suggested that it would be beneficial to have portable toilets located at both ends of the Causeway to accommodate people attending events in that area.

Resolution C120609

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipality look into the viability of putting portable toilets at each end of the Causeway, at an accessible and discreet location, during the months of June, July and August.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed that the Boat Racers Association be notified of Council's decision regarding portable toilets being placed at both ends of the Causeway.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Sun Safety Policy

The Clerk reported that Notice of Consideration of the Sun Safety Policy was given at the last meeting of Council.

Resolution C120610

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Sun Safety Policy be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Revised Community Grants Policy No. 42

Notice of Consideration of the Revised Community Grants Policy, No. 42, was given at the last meeting of Council. The new revised policy will combine the former Community Grants Policy No. 42 and the Grants to Organizations Policy, No. 49. The title of the revised Policy No. 42 will be "Municipal Grants Policy".

Resolution C120611

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that the revised Community Grants Policy, No. 42, now entitled "Municipal Grants Policy" be approved as presented.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Murray Atkinson  
Louise Halliday  
Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Cathy Stoddard

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl  
Cecil O'Donnell

Motion carried.

Consideration to Repeal Policy 49 "Grants to Organizations"

Notice of Consideration to repeal Policy No. 49, "Grants to Organizations" was given at the last meeting of Council. As indicated above, the revised Municipal Grants Policy, No. 42, is a combination of Policy No. 49, "Grants to Organizations" and the former Policy No. 42 "Community Grants Policy".

Resolution C120612

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that Policy 49 "Grants to Organizations" be repealed since it is no longer necessary.

Motion carried unanimously.

Bursary Selection

The Clerk informed members that each year the Municipality offers a \$1,000 Bursary. This year 18 applications were received. All councillors completed evaluations resulting in Laura Yee being the #1 candidate.

Resolution C120613

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that the 2012 Municipal Bursary be awarded to Laura Yee of B.M.H.S.

Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Department Registrations

The Clerk informed members that new registrations have been received from the Barrington Volunteer Fire Department, Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department, Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department, and the Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department. Each registration has been reviewed by the Fire Services Coordinator and he is recommending that they be approved.

A registration has also been received from the Shelburne Fire Department requesting registration as a Mutual Aid Fire Response and Emergency Service Provider. It is the opinion of the Fire Services Coordinator that the Shelburne Fire Department meets the requirements in training and equipment to provide this service, and therefore is recommending approval.

Resolution C120614

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by M. Atkinson that registrations received from Barrington, Island & Barrington Passage, Port Clyde, Port LaTour and the Shelburne Volunteer fire departments be accepted, and the registrations be signed by the Municipal Clerk.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Warden

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Clerk

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website June 13, 2012.**