

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, July 23, 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:

- 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 OF COUNCIL

A Closed Session of Council was held to deal with the sale of municipal property.

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

### REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

During the Closed Session discussion took place regarding the listing price for the warehouse property located in Wood's Harbour, formerly owned by Leslie Chetwynd.

**Moved** by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Chetwynd property be listed for \$60,000.00.

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that the above motion be amended to indicate the "former" Chetwynd property and that it be listed with East Bay Realty as a MLS listing.

### AFFIRMATIVE

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

### NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

The amended motion now reads as follows:

Resolution C120718

"...that the former Chetwynd property be listed for \$60,000.00 and that it be listed with East Bay Realty as a MLS listing."

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Murray Atkinson

Louise Halliday

Shaun Hatfield

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Cecil O'Donnell

Cathy Stoddard

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

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 July 9, 2012 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION RE: GAIL MARTIN PROPERTY, BRASS HILL

Residents of Brass Hill, Pat Kane, Paul Nickerson and Ken Chetwynd, appeared before the meeting. They all expressed concern to Council regarding the condition of the Gail Martin property located at 130 Island View Drive, Brass Hill. Mr. Kane informed members that the Martin property was once one of the nicest properties in the subdivision. Now it is an embarrassment. There is a hole in the roof, siding off of the side of the house, the front window and the window in the door have been broken, and the property is overgrown. They indicated that if the property was boarded up and lawn maintenance was carried out the property would not look any better. Reference was made to the previous motion of Council to hire a structural engineer which failed to receive majority support. Reference was also made to the Municipal Solicitor's advice not to tear the house down without first obtaining an assessment of the dwelling.

Resolution C120719

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger and carried unanimously that:

**WHEREAS** the Municipality has informed the property owner of the Order of Council requiring the property to be cleaned up and secured;

**AND WHEREAS** the cost of this will be the responsibility of the property owner;

**AND WHEREAS** residents being affected by the dangerous and unsightly condition of the property have brought forward new information;

**AND WHEREAS** hiring a structural engineer will bring clarity to this matter and move it forward;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipality of Barrington hire a structural engineer to assess the property assessed to Gail and Leroy Martin located at 130 Island View Drive, Brass Hill, and make a recommendation to Council.

It was agreed that the Municipal Solicitor be contacted regarding the above action to be taken relating to the dangerous and unsightly condition of the Martin property.

The Clerk informed members that should the structural engineer determine that the property is sound, the cost for his services will be the responsibility of the Municipality, not the property owner.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Community Access Program

The Clerk informed members that replies have now been received to letters forwarded to MP Gerald Keddy and the Minister of Industry requesting that the Federal Government reconsider its decision to cancel funding for the Nova Scotia Community Access Program. Both have advised that the Community Access Program has fulfilled its role. Federal funding for the CAP Program ended on March 31, 2012, as scheduled.

CORRESPONDENCE

Invitation

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of an invitation received from the Town of Clark's Harbour inviting members to attend the Seniors Tea Party to be held on Wednesday, August 1, 2012.

Thank You Letter

Correspondence has been received from the Tri-County Pregnancy Care Centre thanking Council for their recent contribution. The letter further advised that their satellite office in Barrington Passage is fully functional, and they are now able to offer a more accessible location for the people of Shelburne County.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council. He informed members that he has received an invitation from the Shelburne County Agricultural Exhibition Association requesting his presence at the opening ceremonies of the 2012 Shelburne County Exhibition to be held on Tuesday, August 7, 2012.

Resolution C120720

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that expenses be paid for the Warden to attend the opening ceremonies of the Shelburne Exhibition.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Shaun Hatfield

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

Councillor Hatfield also reported on recommendations of the Committee of the Whole Council.

Former Leslie Chetwynd Warehouse Property

Resolution C120721

**Moved** by M. Atkinson and seconded by L. Halliday that a response be sent to Donna Dixon indicating the basis on which Council had made their decision to reject the bid received as a result of the advertisement, and to explain the reason for Council's decision to proceed to sell the property through a real estate agent.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Murray Atkinson

Louise Halliday

Shaun Hatfield

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Cecil O'Donnell

Cathy Stoddard

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Municipal Planning Strategy/Land Use By-Law/Climate Change Action Plan

Resolution C120722

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Planning Advisory Committee form the Adaptation Committee for the purpose of preparing a Climate Change Action Plan for the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund

Resolution C120723

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that an application be made to the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, under the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund, requesting funds for the restoration of the Seal Island Light.

Motion carried unanimously.

Diamond Jubilee Medal Nomination

Resolution C120724

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that Councillor Cecil O'Donnell be nominated for a Diamond Jubilee Medal through the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities.

Motion carried unanimously.

Parking at Brass Hill

Resolution C120725

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that a letter be sent to Canada Post indicating the dangerous condition of the paved area in front of the mailboxes at Brass Hill, and request that maintenance be done.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C120726

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that a letter be sent to the local Department of Transportation requesting them to repair holes in the road at Brass Hill as these are a safety hazard to motorists.

Motion carried unanimously.

Visitor Information Centre Volunteers

Resolution C120727

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that Municipal Staff research the use of volunteers at the Visitor Information Centre.

Motion carried unanimously.

Crow's Neck Beach

Resolution C120728

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that correspondence be sent to the Department of Natural Resources asking when will the road to Crow's Neck Beach be upgraded.

Motion carried unanimously.

PAC Recommendations

Councillor Cathy Stoddard reported on recommendations of the Planning Advisory Committee.

Alternate Route through Barrington Passage

Resolution C120729

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that the Joint Emergency Measures Organization for the Municipality and the Town of Clark's Harbour be requested to assess and make a plan for alternate routes for emergency vehicles for the commercial district of Barrington Passage should the normal traffic flow along Highway #3 be interrupted for any reason.

Motion carried unanimously.

Heritage Property

Resolution C120730

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that the owners of the former Wilson house, a heritage property in Barrington Passage, have their request for replacement of windows and doors, approved.

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

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.

Western Shelburne County Health Care Charitable Society

The Deputy Warden advised that there may be a possibility of the Western Shelburne County Health Care Charitable Society sponsoring a medical student from the local area. In return for financial aid, the student will agree to practice medicine for a specific period in the Municipality. The Deputy Warden suggested that when physician recruitment is to be discussed by the Committee of the Whole that members of the Society be invited to attend. It was also suggested that the Town of Clark's Harbour be invited to take part in discussions as well.

Resolution C120731

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Town of Clark's Harbour be invited to attend discussions regarding physician recruitment as it relates to sponsorship of a medical student.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C120732

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Western Shelburne County Health Care Charitable Society be invited to attend the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council, July 30, 2012, to discuss physician recruitment, and the sponsorship of a medical student.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was also agreed that the Municipal Solicitor be invited to attend this meeting as well.

Councillor Louise Halliday

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

Councillor Halliday reported on the Committee of the Whole Council Meeting recently held in Shag Harbour. Only one member of the public attended. Topics for future meetings were briefly discussed.

Deputy Warden Messenger suggested that future community meetings be advertised on a billboard in advance to the meeting.

Nova Scotia Marathon

The Nova Scotia Marathon and Half Marathon was held on Sunday, July 22, 2012. There were 138 participants.

Resolution C120733

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that a thank you letter be sent to all participants informing them that we are so pleased that they chose to come and run in our marathon, and request any comments they may have to help us improve the event.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

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

Kelley Penney

Resolution C120734

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by L. Halliday that a letter of thanks be forwarded to Ms. Kelley Penney for promoting Nova Scotia and representing her area in the Miss Teen Canada - World 2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

By-Law Enforcement Officer - David Andrews

The Clerk informed members that it is now time to appoint David Andrews, Building Inspector/Development Officer, as By-Law Enforcement Officer for various by-laws of the Municipality. It was noted that this appointment is contained in his job description.

Resolution C120735

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by M. Atkinson that David Andrews be appointed as By-Law Enforcement Officer for the following:

- Dangerous and Unsightly Provisions of the Municipal Government Act.
- By-Law No. 8 "Collection, Storage and Disposal of Waste"
- By-Law No. 19 "Mobile Home By-Law"
- By-Law No. 20 "Building By-Law"
- Land Use By-Law
- Subdivision By-Law

Motion carried unanimously.

Easement - Barrington Passage Sidewalk

As reported to Council previously, it is necessary for the Municipality of Barrington to enter into an easement with Cobalt Properties to install a sidewalk at the approach to the Irving property in Barrington Passage. The easement has been drawn up and forwarded to Cobalt Properties for review.



Resolution C120736

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality of Barrington enter into an easement with Cobalt Properties for the installation of the sidewalk at the approach to the Irving property in Barrington Passage.

Motion carried unanimously.

Federal Electoral Boundaries

In advance to the meeting each member of Council was provided with information on proposed changes to the federal electoral boundaries. It is being proposed that the Municipality of Barrington be split between two ridings. Barrington West will be included in the West Nova District and communities east of Barrington will be included in the South Shore - St. Margaret's District.

It was suggested that the Warden should make a presentation at the public hearing supporting the existing boundaries to prevent the Municipality from being split. Separation would have a direct impact on community and communications.

Resolution C120737

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Warden make a presentation at the public hearing expressing concern and opposition to the Federal Boundary Review as it relates to splitting the Municipality of Barrington into two ridings, and the impact it would have.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C120738

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that any councillor wishing to attend the public hearing, to express concerns on behalf of the Municipality, have their expenses paid.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

**Moved** by M. Atkinson that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Warden

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Clerk

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website July 25, 2012.**