

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, August 13, 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
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- 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. Stoddard and seconded by M. Atkinson that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held July 23, 2012 and the Special Council Meeting held August 7, 2012 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### PRESENTATION - SALLY NICKERSON RE: GENERATOR FOR MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

Since Miss Sally Nickerson was not yet present it was agreed that Council would deal with other matters until she arrived.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### CORRESPONDENCE

50th Annual Charter Night - Barrington and Area Lions Club

It was reported that the Warden has received an invitation to attend the celebration for the 50th Annual Charter Night for the Barrington and Area Lions Club. The event will take place on September 22, 2012 at the Lions Hall in Barrington. The Warden indicated that he would be attending the event.

It was suggested that a plaque be prepared and presented to the Lions Club, that evening, in recognition of their volunteer work and service to the residents of the Municipality of Barrington.

Resolution C120802

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that a plaque be prepared and presented to the Barrington and Area Lions Club at the 50th Annual Charter Night.

Motion carried unanimously.

Lighthouse Road

Correspondence has been received from the Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal in response to our letter dated July 9, 2012 regarding the Lighthouse Road, Baccaro. The Minister advised that during the past couple of years spending on highway improvements throughout the province has reached record levels. While much has been accomplished during this period, much remains to be done. At this time he is not able to say when the department might be in a position to upgrade the Lighthouse Road. Until this occurs, every effort will be made through their annual maintenance activities to keep the road in an acceptable state of repair.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council. The Warden informed members that it is necessary to add the following items to the agenda to be dealt with under "New Business."

- Wood's Harbour/ Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department - Fire Truck
- Clark's Harbour Midget Foggies Request
- Barrington Mosquito Braves Baseball Team Request
- Pasture Rental Request
- Sale of Municipal Property

PRESENTATION - SALLY NICKERSON RE: GENERATOR FOR MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

Miss Sally Nickerson appeared before the meeting and made reference to the recent power outage at the Barrington Municipal Library. She suggested that the Municipality consider purchasing a generator for the library to ensure its continued operation during power outages. She indicated that many people are dependent on the library, not only for borrowing books, but also to make contact with loved ones through the CAP site, photocopying, etc.

Miss Nickerson was thanked for appearing before Council and making her presentation, and was advised that Council would take her request under consideration.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Murray Atkinson

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

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

Municipal Grant Request - Wood's Harbour Fisherman's Memorial Fund

Resolution C120803

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S Hatfield, that the Municipality provide a grant of Two Hundred Forty-Five Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$245.50) to the Wood's Harbour Fisherman's Memorial.

Motion carried unanimously.

Barrington Regional Curling Club Request

Resolution C120804

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality pay up to one third (1/3) of the cost of an automatic, electronic defibrillator for the Barrington Regional Curling Club, not to exceed Six Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$650) and that this purchase be charged to the Repairs & Maintenance Account of the Curling Club.

Motion carried unanimously.

Request of Physical Activity Coordinator

Resolution C120805

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that comments be obtained from the Municipal Physical Activity Coordinator concerning her suggested amendments to various policies and the reason for these requested amendments.

Motion carried unanimously.

Employee Luncheon Meeting

Resolution C120806

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality host a luncheon meeting for councillors and municipal employees during Municipal Awareness Week in September 2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

Butler's Road Sewer System

Resolution C120807

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that correspondence be sent to the residents on Butler's Road indicating to them that the requirement to hook up to the municipal sewer system has been delayed and that they will be notified at a future date when it will take effect.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Capital Investment Plan

It was reported that a proposed Capital Investment Plan was circulated to members for their information and review prior to the Committee of the Whole Council Meeting held August 7, 2012. This year it is necessary to complete this plan for only two years, as the current gas tax agreement expires on March 31, 2014. The projects that are included in this plan for the current year are:

1. The Barrington Passage Sidewalk, which is currently being constructed.
2. Paving of the lower portion of McGray Avenue.
3. Hiring a consultant to complete a Climate Change Action Plan.
4. Hiring a consultant to evaluate the Sherose Island sewage treatment plant.
5. Restoration of the Seal Island Light.

These projects have already been approved in the Municipal Budget.

The projects included for the 2013-2014 fiscal year include three major projects, which are:

1. Sherose Island Sewer Treatment Plant upgrade, at an estimated cost of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000)
2. A Storage building for the C&D Landfill site, at an estimated cost of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000)
3. Completion of the Wood's Harbour sidewalk, at an estimated cost of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000)

#### Resolution C120808

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Proposed Capital Investment Plan for this year and next year be approved as presented to councillors and forwarded to Service Nova Scotia.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Woodland Trails Association Request

It was reported that the Woodland Trails Association is requesting that the Municipality allow off-highway vehicle traffic on the portion of the Barrington Bay Trail from the Fresh Brook Bridge to Highway 330 in Barrington Passage. The Association has obtained permission from a local landowner to use property adjacent to Highway 330 as trail head and parking area for off-highway vehicles. Use of this portion of the trail by off-highway vehicles will allow them to congregate at this point and then access the local shops and service station in the area.

The Department of Natural Resources is the property owner and the Municipality has the license to use this portion of the trail as a walking trail; therefore, it will be necessary to get permission from the Department of Natural Resources to change the use of this section of the Barrington Bay Trail.

**Moved** by M. Atkinson and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality ask the Department of Natural Resources if they have any objection to changing the use of this section of the Barrington Bay Trail from a walking trail to a multi-use trail.

AFFIRMATIVE

Cecil O'Donnell  
Shaun Hatfield

NEGATIVE

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

Motion defeated.

Much discussion took place regarding the future use of the Barrington Bay Trail.

In advance to the meeting, each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from Keaton Nickerson requesting Council to consider changing the Barrington Bay Trail from a walking trail to a multi-purpose trail.

Resolution C120809

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that the request from the Woodland Multi-use Trail Association and the request from Keaton Nickerson regarding the use of the Barrington Bay Trail be referred to the Committee of the Whole Council for further consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Cecil O'Donnell

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

Councillor Shaun Hatfield

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

Councillor Hatfield questioned the status of the request for an easement from Cobalt Properties Limited as it relates to the Barrington Passage Sidewalk Project. The Clerk informed members that he anticipates a response on the easement request by the end of the week.

Councillor Louise Halliday

Councillor Halliday 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.

Cell Phone Reception at the Arena

Deputy Warden Messenger informed members that a constituent expressed concern to her that there is inadequate cell phone reception inside the Barrington Municipal Arena.

Resolution C120810

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipal Clerk look into the possibility of installing an antenna on the arena to improve cell phone reception.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Cathy Stoddard

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

She informed members that she delivered the Certificate of Appreciation to the residence of Michelle Swim. The certificate was accepted by her husband as Michelle was not at home.

NEW BUSINESS

Hudson Wins Sixth World Logrolling Title

It was reported that Darren Hudson, a resident of the Municipality of Barrington, won his sixth World Championship logrolling title July 29, 2012, during the 53rd Annual Lumberjack World Championships, in Hayward, Wisconsin.

Resolution C120811

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that Darren Hudson be invited to meet with Council members for recognition and congratulations on his recent accomplishment.

Motion carried unanimously.

P.V.S.C. Annual Report

Copies of the Property Valuation Services Annual Report were circulated to members for review. Members were advised that copies of the report would be kept in the office for future reference.

V.I.C. Stats Report

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of the Stats Report for the Visitor Information Centre for the period May 16, to July 31, 2012. The report showed total visitors to date of 1089 as compared to 1462 visitors for the same period last year

Notice of Consideration of Amendments - Policy 58- Playground Funding Policy

Notice is given tonight that Council will consider amendments to Policy 58 - Playground Funding Policy at a subsequent council meeting. It is proposed that the policy be amended to provide funding on a 50/50 basis to a maximum of Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$2500). The policy will no longer provide for a total yearly grant of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000).

Wood's Harbour/Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department Fire Truck Guarantee Resolution

As a result of the newly formed Wood's Harbour/Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department it is necessary for the Municipality to provide a Guarantee Resolution for the purchase of a new fire truck in the amount of Three Hundred Eleven Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-One Dollars (\$311,361).

Resolution C120812

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by C. Stoddard that:

**WHEREAS** the Wood's Harbour/Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department is registered with the Municipality of the District of Barrington;

**AND WHEREAS** the Wood's Harbour/Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department has determined to borrow the aggregate principal amount of Three Hundred Eleven Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-One Dollars (\$311,361) for the purpose of purchasing a new fire truck.

**AND WHEREAS** the Wood's Harbour/Shag Harbour 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 Wood's Harbour/Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department of Three Hundred Eleven Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-One Dollars (\$311,361) 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.

Motion carried unanimously.

Clark's Harbour Midget Foggies Request

The Clerk informed members that the Clark's Harbour Midget Foggies will be hosting the 2012 Baseball Nova Scotia Midget "AA" Championships on August 17 to 19, 2012. This will be a six team tournament including their team, as well as teams from Hammonds Plains, Hantsport, Sydney, Stellarton, and Dartmouth. The team is requesting a donation from Council to assist with the financial responsibilities of hosting the championships.

Resolution C120813

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that the Clark's Harbour Midget Foggies be provided with a grant of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) from the Municipal Activities Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Barrington Mosquito Braves Baseball

Correspondence was received from the Barrington Mosquito Braves Baseball Team advising that they had won the right to represent our community and the South West District of Baseball Nova Scotia at the Provincial Championships. The Championships will be held during the weekend of August 22 to 24, in Dartmouth. The team is requesting a donation to assist with the cost of travel and accommodations.

Resolution C120814

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that the Barrington Mosquito Braves Baseball Team be provided with a donation of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) from the Municipal Activities Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Pasture Rental Request

The Clerk informed members that a request has been received from Burke Harris to rent the pasture land at The Neck, Brass Hill.

Resolution C120815

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality enter into a lease agreement with Burke Harris to rent the pasture land at The Neck for a fee of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) per year.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Cecil O'Donnell  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Cathy Stoddard  
George El-Jakl

**NEGATIVE**

Murray Atkinson  
Shaun Hatfield  
Louise Halliday

Motion carried.

The Clerk informed members that Mr. Harris indicated, by phone, that the pasture land would be used for two horses.

Sale of Municipal Property

Former Leslie Chetwynd Warehouse Property

The Clerk informed members that the counteroffer submitted by the Municipality for the purchase of the former Leslie Chetwynd Warehouse Property, located in Wood's Harbour, has been accepted by the purchaser.

Resolution C120816

**Moved** by M. Atkinson and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality sell the former Leslie Chetwynd Warehouse Property, located in Wood's Harbour, to Corbett Blades at a cost of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000), as is, where is and that the Municipality of Barrington be responsible to pay the HST required on the sale.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

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

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl  
Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved** by M. Atkinson that the meeting be adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Warden

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Clerk

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Secretary for the Meeting