

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, September 10, 2012.

The meeting was called to order by the Deputy Warden at 6:30 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported that all councillors representing all districts of the Municipality were present with the exception of Warden George El-Jakl and Councillor Louise Halliday.

The Clerk informed members that Warden El-Jakl was away on business and Councillor Halliday is expected to arrive shortly.

- Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor Murray Atkinson
- Councillor Louise Halliday (7:00 p.m.)
- 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 a personnel matter and contract negotiations.

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

Councillor Louise Halliday joined the meeting.

### REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

During the Closed Session discussion took place regarding the evaluation for Laura Lee Greenwood, and an easement from Cobalt Properties Limited in connection with the Barrington Passage Sidewalk Project.

Laura Lee Greenwood

### Resolution C120901

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that Laura Lee Greenwood, Accountant, receive her annual increment, effective August 24, 2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

Easement - Barrington Passage Sidewalk Project

Resolution C120902

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality pay Cobalt Properties Limited \$1,500.00 for disbursements for an easement in connection with the Barrington Passage Sidewalk Project.

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 M. Atkinson that the minutes of the last meeting held August 27, 2012 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously

GAIL MARTIN PROPERTY - BRASS HILL

The Clerk provided details to members regarding the Gail Martin property located at 130 Island View Drive, Brass Hill. A Structural Engineer was hired to assess the structural integrity of the dwelling, and the Structural Engineer considered the entire superstructure to be unsafe, structurally unsound, and unsalvageable. The cost of the assessment was added to Mrs. Martin's tax account in the amount of \$2,085.75.

A letter was forwarded to the property owner advising that Municipal Council will be asked this evening to issue an Order requiring the property owner to have the dwelling demolished and all debris removed and disposed of at an approved disposal site within thirty (30) days.

Members were also advised that the Order of Council dated July 17, 2012 has been acted upon. The Municipality has taken steps to have all windows and doors secured and have carried out required lawn maintenance. This cost has also been added to the property owners' tax account in the amount of \$655.96.

Resolution C120903

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by C. O'Donnell that an Order of Council be issued requiring the assessed owner, Gail Martin, to address the dangerous and unsightly condition of her property located at 130 Island View Drive, Brass Hill, Assessment Account #03061043, by having the dwelling demolished and all debris removed and disposed of at an approved disposal site within thirty (30) days from the date of the Order, and failure to do so will result in the Municipality carrying out the required work and the cost of doing so being added to the tax account.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Dog By-Law

Since it appears that most beaches in the Municipality of Barrington have signs posted by the Department of Natural Resources requiring dogs to be on leashes, members were asked whether they wanted staff to act on the following two resolutions which were passed by Council on August 27, 2012:

Resolution #C120826

*"...that the Municipality contact the Department of Natural Resources to obtain permission to place signs at North East Point Beach and the Sand Hills Beach requiring dogs to be on tethers or leashes at these locations and signs be posted at a later date should Council decide to do so."*

Resolution C120827

*"...that the letter to the Department of Natural Resources also request permission to post signs at beaches informing dog owners of our current Municipal By-Law which states that all dogs must be under the control of the owner at all times."*

After discussion of this matter by members, it was agreed that action be taken by staff on both motions.

It was also agreed that information be contained in the next Municipal Newsletter informing residents of requirements of the Dog By-Law.

CORRESPONDENCE

Private Members Motion (M-400)

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from Mylene Freeman, MP, regarding a Private Members Motion which was recently tabled in the House of Commons.

**The text of M-400 reads as follows:**

*That, in the opinion of the House, the government should study the possibility of establishing, in cooperation with the provinces and territories, one or more financial support programs, inspired by the one proposed by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, that would bring up to standard the septic systems of homes not connected to a sanitation system, in an effort to ensure urban/rural balance, lake protection, water quality and public health.*

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that Barrington Municipal Council support the Private Members Motion M-400.

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by L. Halliday that the above motion be amended to notify MP Gerald Keddy and the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities of our support.

Motion carried unanimously.

The original motion as amended reads as follows:

Resolution C120904

"...that Barrington Municipal Council support the Private Members Motion M-400 and MP Gerald Keddy and the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities be notified of our support."

Motion carried unanimously.

Continuing Care Month Celebration - September 26, 2012

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from Paula Hatfield, Administrator of Bay Side Home, inviting members to attend the Continuing Care Month Celebration to be held on September 26, 2012.

It was agreed that Municipal Staff obtain additional information from the Administrator of Bay Side Home regarding the celebration which would be circulated to members.

Resolution C120905

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by C. Stoddard that those members planning to attend the Continuing Care Month Celebrations at Bay Side Home are to notify Bay Side Home of their attendance.

Motion carried unanimously.

International Ferry Services to Yarmouth

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from The Honourable Jamie Baillie addressed to Mayor Phil Mooney of the Town of Yarmouth expressing his government's support of the ferry partnership.

REPORT OF DEPUTY WARDEN

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger gave a brief report on her activities since the last meeting of Council. During her report she indicated that a constituent expressed concern to her regarding the overgrown state of the median at the intersection of the Cape Sable Island Causeway and Highway No. 3.

Resolution C120906

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Department of Transportation be asked to address the overgrown condition of the median located at the intersection.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Louise Halliday

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

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

Beach Volleyball

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Recreation Department be requested to research the possibility of establishing a beach volleyball court in the Municipality of Barrington and the information be brought back to the Committee of the Whole Council for consideration. The research is to include information on whether any other municipal unit in Nova Scotia has established beach volleyball courts.

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by L. Halliday that the above motion be amended by inserting the words "North East Point Beach" after the word "court".

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion now reads as follows:

Resolution C120907

"...that the Recreation Department be requested to research the possibility of establishing a beach volleyball court at North East Point Beach, in the Municipality of Barrington, and the information be brought back to the Committee of the Whole Council for consideration. The research is to include information on whether any other municipal unit in Nova Scotia has established beach volleyball courts."

Motion carried unanimously.

Farewell Luncheon

Resolution C120908

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by C. Stoddard that a letter be forwarded to Warden Melanson wishing him well in his retirement.

Motion carried unanimously.

Department of Transportation Matter

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Department of Transportation be requested to top up the shoulder of the road in North East Point, Centreville and Newellton, along Route 330.

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that the above motion be amended by striking the words "North East Point, Centreville and Newellton" and inserting the words "various communities on Cape Sable Island, especially along Route 330".

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion now reads:

Resolution C120909

"...that the Department of Transportation be requested to top up the shoulder of the road in various communities on Cape Sable Island, especially along Route 330."

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C120910

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Department of Transportation also be requested to address the shoulder of the road in the vicinity of the Centreville bridge, as the grass has grown in, leaving no shoulder at all on at least one side of the highway.

Motion carried unanimously.

Certificate of Recognition

Resolution C120911

**Moved** by M. Atkinson and seconded by S. Hatfield that a Certificate of Recognition be presented to Angus Atkinson and Brett Nickerson for winning the International Ironman Dory Race on August 18, 2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Cathy Stoddard

Councillor Stoddard gave a brief report on her 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 Cecil O'Donnell

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Councillor Shaun Hatfield

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Sou'West Nova Transit's Launch Ceremony

Councillor Halliday informed members that she has been asked to say a few words on behalf of the Municipality at the Sou'West Nova Transits' Launch Ceremony to take place on September 20, 2012.

Resolution C120912

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by M. Atkinson that Councillor Halliday be granted permission to speak on behalf of the Municipality at the Launch Ceremony.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Tax Reduction Application - Chrisjon Stoddard

Policy No. 46 provides for a tax reduction for taxes payable on properties destroyed or partially destroyed by fire, storm or otherwise. An application has been received under this policy from Chrisjon Stoddard for a tax reduction as a result of a fire that occurred on his property on January 18, 2012. His property is located at 6398 Wood's Harbour, Assessment Account #00461377.

Resolution C120913

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by C. Stoddard that a reduction of \$177.60 be provided to Chrisjon Stoddard as a result of the fire that occurred on his premises on January 18, 2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

Request for Proposals - Gravel Screener

The Municipality of Barrington has advertised for Requests for Proposals for a gravel screener. The deadline was September 10, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., and the tenders were opened publicly at 10:15 a.m. by the Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Property Services Manager.

As a result, the following tenders were received:

- Gardiner Allen Excavation Ltd.                    \$17,500.00 - used
- Atlantic Cat    \$74,000.00 - new
- B. Benedict    \$38,000.00 - used
- Aggregate Equipment Ltd.                        \$95,000.00 - used
- Aggregate Equipment Ltd.                        \$115,000.00 - used
- Aggregate Equipment Ltd.                        \$180,000.00 - new

All proposals were reviewed by the Property Services Manager and it is being recommended that the proposal received from Gardiner Allen Excavation Ltd. be accepted.

Resolution C120914

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Hatfield that the proposal received from Gardiner Allen Excavation Ltd. in the amount of \$17,500.00, plus HST, for a used gravel screener, being the lowest proposal received, be accepted.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

**Moved** by L. Halliday that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Deputy Warden

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Clerk

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website September 12, 2012.**