

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, NS, on Monday, September 24, 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

- 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. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Hatfield that minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held September 10, 2012, and minutes of the Special Council Meeting held September 17, 2012, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION - DARREN HUDSON

Mr. Darren Hudson of Barrington appeared before Council. The Warden presented Mr. Hudson with a plaque recognizing his achievement of winning his 6th World Championship Log Rolling title in Hayward, Wisconsin, on July 29, 2012. Councillors extended congratulations and a refreshment break was held to give councillors and guests an opportunity to mingle.

CORRESPONDENCE

Premier Re: New Page Mill

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Premier regarding his government's support to help restart the former New Page mill. It was noted that further agreement negotiations took place this past weekend.

Shelburne County Women's Fishnet

The Shelburne County Women's Fishnet is requesting Council's support of their project, "Activating the Energy Transition in Shelburne County". The project is designed to facilitate the increased use of alternate forms of energy throughout the County. The Women's Fishnet is also requesting Council to offer to be a community workshop host which entails hosting an energy workshop equivalent to "in kind" support in the form of workshop space valued at \$200.00.

Resolution C120916

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipality provide a letter of support to the Shelburne County Women's Fishnet endorsing their project, "Activating the Energy Transition in Shelburne County", and to offer to be a community workshop host.

Motion carried unanimously.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that the Visitor Information Centre would be a good location for a community workshop.

National Seniors Day

In recognition of National Seniors Day the Warden read the following proclamation and declared October 1, 2012 as National Seniors Day in the Municipality of Barrington:

WHEREAS On October 1, communities across Canada will join together to recognize National Seniors Day; and,

WHEREAS Seniors in the Municipality of Barrington are present in all aspects of our lives: they are our parents, our grandparents, our teachers, our volunteers, our mentors, our neighbours, and our coworkers; and

WHEREAS National Seniors Day focuses on celebrating and recognizing the contributions made by seniors to better their communities, families, and workplaces; and,

WHEREAS Every day, seniors right here in the Municipality of Barrington make a big difference and we value what they are doing.

THEREFORE I, George El-Jakl, Warden of the Municipality of the District of Barrington, do hereby proclaim October 1, as National Seniors Day, and urge my fellow citizens to recognize the crucial role played by older Canadians in our community.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council. In his report he informed members that Peter Nickerson, Wood's Harbour, was recently awarded the Exemplary Service Medal for Emergency Medical Services.

Resolution C120917

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to Peter Nickerson on being awarded the Exemplary Service Medal for Emergency Medical Services by the Province of Nova Scotia.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Warden also informed members that he attended the Federal Boundary Review Meeting on Friday, September 21, 2012.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

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

Deputy Warden Messenger also reported on the recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Council.

PVSC Pictometry

Resolution C120918

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality enter into a new Pictometry Agreement with the Property Valuation Services Corporation.

Motion carried unanimously.

Old Court House Furnace

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipality install electric baseboard heaters, where necessary, in the Old Court House building.

Resolution C120919

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that the above motion be tabled and the matter be referred back to the Committee of the Whole Council for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C120920

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that Brenda Maxwell, Manager, Cape Sable Historical Society, be invited to attend the Committee of the Whole Council meeting when this matter is discussed further.

Motion carried unanimously.

LED Street Lights

Correspondence has been received from the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities requesting all 55 municipal units to endorse a letter to the Utility and Review Board asking that they have Nova Scotia Power provide additional information concerning street lights within the Province, as it relates to the cost of current street lights, and the cost of replacing them with new LED street lights.

Resolution C120921

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipal Council endorse the letter provided by the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities and forward it to the Utility and Review Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

Liberal Caucus Meeting

Resolution C120922

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that a meeting with the Nova Scotia Liberal Caucus be deferred until early November, after the municipal elections, and that this intention be communicated to Ms. Whalen, the Liberal Caucus Chair.

Motion carried unanimously.

ICSP Progress Report

Resolution C120923

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that the ICSP Progress Report, as provided to Service Nova Scotia, be approved by Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

McDonald's Garbage Bin

Resolution C120924

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that a letter be sent to the local McDonald's Restaurant requesting that waste receptacles be placed in their drive through for the convenience of customers.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Louise Halliday

Councillor Halliday gave a brief report on her 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.

Sou'West Nova Transit

Resolution C120925

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that information on Sou'West Nova Transit be included in the next municipal newsletter.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Murray Atkinson

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

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.

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

The Clerk-Treasurer gave a report on his activities during the month of August, 2012.

During his report he informed members that the easement from Cobalt Properties Ltd. in connection with the Barrington Passage Sidewalk Project has now been finalized.

Resolution C120926

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that a letter of appreciation be forwarded to Cobalt Properties Ltd. for the easement they granted to the Municipality enabling the completion of the Barrington Passage Sidewalk Project.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

V.I.C. Report

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a Stats Report for the Barrington Visitor Information Centre for the period May 16th to August 31st, 2012. The report showed a total visitor count of 1,913, compared to 2,262 for the same period last year. This translates into a 15% decrease in visitors.

The Clerk informed members that the Visitor Information Centre will close for the season on September 29, 2012.

Sherose Island Sewage Treatment Plant

The Clerk informed members by way of memo dated September 19, 2012 that SNC Lavalin had identified two viable alternatives for sewage treatment at Sherose Island:

- A. Routing sewage to the plant at Brass Hill.
- B. Installation of a recirculating filter system.

The preferred option is the recirculating filter system due to its low cost of operation, its lower cost of construction, and the minimum technical requirements for operation.

Resolution C120927

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that the "Option B" recommendation be accepted for the installation of a recirculating filter system to service the Recreation Complex on Sherose Island, at a cost of \$349,800, and that this project be financed with Gas Tax Funds.

Motion carried unanimously.

Job Description - Arena Canteen Attendant

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of the job description for the Canteen Attendant.

The Clerk informed members that a few changes have been made to the job description to bring it up to date with actual duties and responsibilities currently being performed by Canteen Attendants.

Resolution C120928

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that the job description for the Canteen Attendant be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Services Card Printer

Resolution C120929

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by M. Atkinson that the purchase of a card printer, as requested by Fire Services, be approved at a cost of \$2,210.00, plus HST, and that the cost of the printer be taken from funds previously budgeted for dry hydrants.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by C. Stoddard that the meeting adjourn.

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

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website September 27, 2012.