

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Tuesday, October 9, 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. Councillor Hatfield is absent due to a prior commitment.

- Warden George El-Jakl
- Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor Murray Atkinson
- Councillor Louise Halliday
- Councillor Cecil O'Donnell
- Councillor Cathy Stoddard
  
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

### CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

At 6:45 p.m. a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with personnel matters.

### REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Employee evaluations for Robert Watt, Recreations Facilities Operator; Melanie Goodwin, Canteen Attendant; Gardiner Allen, Property Services Technician; Wanda Goreham, Tax Clerk; and Anna Kenney, Recreation Director, were presented before members for review.

#### Resolution C121001

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that Wanda Goreham, Tax Clerk, receive her yearly increment, effective October 21, 2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Resolution C121002

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that Gardiner Allen, Property Services Technician - C & D Landfill, receive his yearly increment, effective September 20, 2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

### MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was held in memory of Lynn Perry, former Executive Director of the South Shore Tourism Association, who passed away on September 30, 2012.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that minutes of the regular meeting held September 24, 2012, and the Public Council meeting held October 2, 2012, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION - ANGUS ATKINSON & BRETT NICKERSON

The Warden presented Certificates of Recognition to Angus Atkinson and Brett Nickerson on winning the 14th Annual International Iron Man Dory Race on August 18, 2012.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Alternate Route

Previously, Council considered requests from concerned citizens regarding an alternate route through Barrington Passage to be used in case of an emergency. This request was forwarded to the EMO Planning Committee for review.

A response has now been received from Jim Newell, EMO Coordinator, advising that the Committee discussed alternate routes using the Barrington Bay Trail and a route from the Business Park to the Wireless Road. It was the consensus of the Committee that while these two routes could be developed as alternate routes for emergency vehicles, it was not necessary as all emergency providers already have alternate emergency plans in place.

Resolution C121003

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that concerned residents, Wilfred Mader and Francis Perry, be provided with a copy of the letter received from Jim Newell, EMO Coordinator, regarding their concern for an alternate route through Barrington Passage.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Valerie Mullins Re: Barrington Passage Sidewalk, etc.

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from Valerie Mullins thanking Council on improvements made in the Municipality of Barrington, such as the development of a Barrington Bay Walking Trail, additional sidewalks in Barrington Passage, and improvements to the North East Point Beach area.

Terry Nickerson - Arena Seating

Correspondence has been received from Terry L. Nickerson, son of James Nickerson, expressing concern that he noticed his father's name was removed from the seat at the Barrington Municipal Arena.

The Clerk informed members that Council recognized James Nickerson as an honorary volunteer for the 2011/2012 hockey year, and seating space was reserved for him in the volunteer section. During the summer the seats were painted and James Nickerson's name was painted over at that time. Terry Nickerson is requesting that the seat be kept in memory of his father since he was the number one fan of the Ice Dogs.

Resolution C121004

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that the request of Terry Nickerson that James Nickerson's seat at the Barrington Municipal Arena be dedicated in his memory as requested by his family be granted.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commitment to Regional Economic Development

Correspondence has been received from the Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism. The letter advised that ACOA will no longer fund Regional Development Authorities, effective May 25, 2013. The letter further advised that they are working closely with the UNSM, and together have mandated the RDA Review Panel to make recommendations on a way forward. In closing, the Minister advised that the Province would like to assure all RDAs that no changes will be made in their provincial funding without six months prior notice, even if this is beyond May 2013.

Diamond Jubilee

Correspondence has been received from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities advising that they, in consultation with the Government of Canada, are now launching a second round of nominations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. The new deadline for nominations is December 31, 2012.

Resolution C121005

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality nominate the late Lynn Perry for consideration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal award.

Motion carried unanimously.

## REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council. During his report he advised of the following:

- A letter has been received from the Royal Canadian Legion inviting the Warden and a guest to attend the annual Remembrance Day Dinner to be held on November 10, 2012 at the Clark's Harbour Legion Hall. The Warden asked the Clerk to reserve a seat for the Warden and guest since the election of a Warden will take place during the month of November 2012.
- The Warden circulated the 2011/2012 Year End Review RCMP Report for review by members.
- The Warden circulated the 2011/2012 Annual Report of the Office of the Ombudsman for review of members.
- The Warden informed members that he was asked to participate in the "Weekender", last weekend, regarding provincial boundary changes.

### Resolution C121006

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Warden's expenses be paid to attend the "Weekender" as requested by CJLS.

Motion carried unanimously.

## REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

### Councillor Cecil O'Donnell

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

Councillor O'Donnell reported on recommendations of the Committee of the Whole Council.

### Physical Activity Coordinator - Proposed Policy Amendments

Councillor O'Donnell informed members that the Committee of the Whole Council is recommending that the Recreation Department Operating Policy No. 7, Section 16, be amended by deleting the current paragraph and replacing it with: "Strive to offer a variety of programs and services accessible to all community members."

The Committee is also recommending that Municipal Policy No. 6 be amended by deleting the sentence: "For programs initiated by the Recreation Department instructors will be charged the following fee structure for use of the facility", together with the related fee structure, and replace it with the following paragraph: "For programs initiated by the Recreation Department instructors will not be charged. The instructor will be hired by the Recreation Department on a contract basis and paid for their services. All revenue from the registrations will go to the Recreation Department. Insurance shall be provided by the Recreation Department."

Notice is given tonight of these proposed amendments, and consideration will take place at the next Council meeting.

Provincial Boundary Review

Resolution C121007

**Moved** by M. Atkinson and seconded by L. Halliday that:

1. Correspondence be sent to the Premier, our MLA, and the leaders of the other provincial parties, emphatically stating Council's opposition to the Commission's recommendation.
2. Other municipal units in Shelburne County and also the District of Argyle be contacted to develop a coordinated effort to oppose the Commissions' recommendation.
3. Place an ad in the local newspaper encouraging and requesting residents of Shelburne County to write the Premier expressing their opposition to the Commission's recommendation.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Municipal Clerk informed members that he contacted Shelburne County municipal units in advance of the meeting tonight requesting a coordinated effort, and has suggested a joint full page ad in the Coast Guard Newspaper. Clark's Harbour has already responded favorably and the Clerk anticipates responses from other municipal units in the near future.

Resolution C121008

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that our MLA and Premier be requested to host a public meeting to receive the reviews of residents of Shelburne County concerning the proposed provincial boundary amendment for the electoral district of Shelburne, with a copy to be sent to the Premier, and a form letter be prepared for the use of residents and to be available at the public meeting stating that:

1. Shelburne County residents are opposed to the proposed change.
2. Public consultation should have been provided before making such a recommendation.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C121009

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that a letter be forwarded to the Premier asking whether a vote on proposed provincial boundary amendments will be a free vote in the House of Assembly or a "government" vote.

Motion carried.

Crosswalk - West Head

Resolution C121010

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that correspondence be sent to the Town of Clark's Harbour informing their Council that requests have been received from residents of the area asking that a crosswalk be installed at the intersection of Boundary Street and Highway 330.

Motion carried unanimously.

Bay Side Home Resignation

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter of resignation from Bonnie Shand, resigning from her position on the Board of Directors of Bay Side Home.

Resolution C121011

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipality advertise for a new member for the Bay Side Home Board of Directors.

Motion carried unanimously.

Provincial Surplus Property

The Provincial Government has informed the Municipality that there is a surplus parcel of property on the Old Post Road in Barrington that it wishes to sell. The Municipality is being given an opportunity to buy this parcel as required by Government Policy.

Resolution C121012

**Moved** by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. Stoddard that because the Municipality has no known use for the property being sold by the Province, the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal be informed that the Municipality does not wish to purchase it.

Motion carried unanimously.

Lighthouse Road - Baccaro

Resolution C121013

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal be requested to evaluate Lighthouse Road in Baccaro for the placement of chip seal.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C121014

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that chip sealing also be requested for Factory Hill Road and Pope's Road.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Murray Atkinson

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

Councillor Cathy Stoddard

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Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

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Councillor Louise Halliday

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NEW BUSINESS

V.I.C. Report

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of the Year End Stats Report for the Barrington Visitor Information Centre covering the period March 16, 2012 to September 29, 2012. Total visitors to the Centre were 2,324 as compared to a total of 2,691 last year. This represents a 14% decrease in visitors to the Centre.

Building Permits Report

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a Building Inspection Report for the six month period ending September 30, 2012, showing a total of permits issued of 116 and a total permits value of \$2,297,700.00.

RFP - Backhoe/Loader

The Clerk informed members that an advertisement was placed on the Nova Scotia Government Procurement website requesting proposals for the supply of a backhoe/loader. The deadline for proposals was 10:00 a.m., October 9, 2012, and at 10:15 a.m. on the same date the proposals were opened by Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk; Cameron Whiteway, Property Services Manager; and Sharon Brannen, Secretary. Five (5) proposals were received which are listed below:

<b>Proponent</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Less Trade-in on 2004 JCB front-end loader</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>
Wajax Equipment	\$88,989.00	\$16,000.00	\$72,989.00
Atlantic CAT	\$96,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$91,000.00
CASE Construction	\$85,500.00	\$14,000.00	\$71,500.00
Strongeco	\$83,159.00	\$14,000.00	\$69,159.00
Wallace (John Deere)	\$79,700.00	\$13,000.00	\$66,700.00

The Clerk informed members that all proposals were reviewed in detail by the Property Services Manager, and it is his recommendation that the proposal received from Wallace Equipment (John Deere) be accepted.

Resolution C121015

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Property Services Manager to accept the proposal received from Wallace Equipment (John Deere), for the purchase of a new John Deere Model 310SK backhoe loader, at a price of \$66,700.00, including the trade-in for our 2004 loader, plus HST.

Motion carried unanimously.

Future Use of Barrington Bay Trail

On October 2, 2012 a Public Council Meeting was held to deal with the future use of the Barrington Bay Trail. This meeting was held as a result of a request from the Woodland Multi-Use Trail Association requesting Council to allow off-highway vehicles on the section of the Barrington Bay Trail from Route 330 to the end of the Municipal Trail, approximately 400 meters east of the Fresh Brook bridge.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that the Department of Natural Resources have issued special permits for specific events to be held allowing access by off-highway vehicles.

Resolution C121016

**Moved** by M. Atkinson and seconded by D. Messenger that the Department of Natural Resources be advised that the Municipality of Barrington would like to stop the Barrington Bay Trail at Route 330 as a result of the request from the Woodland Multi-Use Trail Association requesting motorized off-highway vehicles be permitted on the trail from Route 330 to the end of the Municipal Trail, approximately 400 meters east of the Fresh Brook bridge, allowing the Woodland Multi-Use Trail Association to discuss the future use of this portion of the trail with the Department of Natural Resources.

Motion carried unanimously.

Seniors Safety Request

The Warden requested approval from Council to add this matter to the agenda.

No objection was received.

The Municipal Clerk informed members that the Senior Safety Coordinator is requesting a letter of support for the application for the Shelburne County Senior Safety Grant from the Nova Scotia Department of Health.

Resolution C121017

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by M. Atkinson that a letter of support be provided for the application to the Nova Scotia Department of Health for a Shelburne County Senior Safety Grant.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Warden

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Clerk

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website October 11, 2012.**