

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, November 26, 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 Eddie Nickerson
- Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor Jody Crook
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Councillor Shaun Hatfield

- 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 G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the minutes of the last meeting of Council held November 5, 2012 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Community Mailbox Charge

The Clerk informed members that at the November 5, 2012 Council meeting a motion was made regarding community mailbox charges. This motion was referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion. It was the decision of the Committee that the motion previously made at Council should be approved as made. The motion made at the November 5, 2012 Council meeting is as follows:

Resolution C121111

"Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that correspondence be sent to Canada Post indicating that the Municipality objects to the community mailbox fee being imposed upon developers as an unfair charge for mail delivery."

Motion carried unanimously.

Seal Island Light Restoration

In 2010 the Municipality had an engineering assessment completed on the Seal Island Light as a result of a piece of metal falling from the structure. The engineers recommended restoring the light at an estimated cost of \$85,000.00. Applications have been made to the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency and the Nova Scotia Economic and Rural Development and Tourism Department to fund the restoration.

Much discussion took place regarding the funding of the project.

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality pay an additional portion of the restoration cost up to a maximum of \$21,750.00.

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that the above motion be tabled until the December 10, 2012 Council meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Warden informed members that he will continue to try to reach MLA Sterling Belliveau to discuss the possibility of having this project partially funded by the Provincial Government.

Resolution C121112

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipal Clerk contact ACOA to request an extension to sign the Letter of Offer in light of the delay we are experiencing in getting an answer from the Provincial Government for funding.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Crow's Neck Beach

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter addressed to The Honourable Charlie Parker, Minister of Natural Resources from MP Gerald Keddy. The letter provided support of requests for the Province of Nova Scotia to provide public access to Crow's Neck Beach.

Resolution C121113

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality of Barrington also forward a letter to the Minister of Natural Resources supporting requests for the Province of Nova Scotia to provide public access to Crow's Neck Beach.

Motion carried unanimously.

Candlelight Service to recognize Violence Against Women

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the South Shore Labour Council inviting councillors to attend the candlelight service being held on December 6, 2012 to stop violence against women.

Resolution C121114

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that mileage be paid for any councillor wishing to attend the candlelight service in support of stopping violence against women.

Motion carried unanimously.

Economic Summit

In advance to the meeting members were provided with an invitation to attend an Economic Summit to be held on Friday, November 30, 2012 at Atlantica Hotel and Marina, Oak Island. The Clerk informed members that since preparing the agenda information has been received that the Economic Summit has been fully booked.

It was agreed that "attendance at outside meetings and functions" be added to the next Committee of the Whole agenda.

Festival of Lights

The Recreation Director is requesting that the Warden or a Council member attend the Festival of Lights celebration on Thursday, November 29, 2012, with the lighting of the Christmas tree at the gazebo at North East Point Beach.

The Warden informed members that he will be attending the opening and encouraged other councillors to attend as well.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council. He also reported on achievements of local residents which were as follows:

- Morgan Messenger who was recently named to the East Roster for the CJHL prospects games that were played in Yarmouth and Digby in conjunction with the World Junior A Challenge.
- Aaron Nickerson who recently earned the 2012 Player of the Year award from the Nova Scotia Golf Association.
- Darragh O'Connor who was one of two members of the Canadian team that won the 7th SEG Challenge Bowl.

Resolution C121115

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Morgan Messenger, Aaron Nickerson and Darragh O'Connor be invited to attend a future meeting of Council to be recognized for their achievements.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor George El-Jakl

Councillor El-Jakl gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

Councillor El-Jakl reported on recommendations of the Committee of the Whole Council.

Causeway Traffic Lights

Resolution C121116

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality contact the Department of Transportation and have them check the traffic lights at the intersection of Highway 330 and Highway 3, in order to increase the time allowed for traffic exiting Highway 330, turning west on to Highway 3.

Motion carried unanimously.

Affordable Housing

Resolution C121117

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that the Municipality endorse the principle contained in the letter from the Eastern Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and communicate this to them by letter.

Motion carried unanimously.

Bay Side Home Appointment

Resolution C121118

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Lynn Lamrock be appointed to the Bay Side Home Board of Directors.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C121119

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that correspondence be sent to Bonnie Smith who also applied for the position of Director of Bay Side Home, thanking her for her application and informing her that Council is very appreciative of the effort she puts in to Bay Side Home, and that they had to make a difficult decision in nominating a member to the Board of Directors, and also that she should apply again in the case of any future vacancies.

Motion carried unanimously.

Elected Officials Stipends

Resolution C121120

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the Municipality's current policy for annual remuneration and expenses for councillors, staff and others be followed as stated.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
George El-Jakl
Eddie Nickerson
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

NEGATIVE

Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried.

Resolution C121121

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the current remuneration of councillors begin at amounts that are currently in place, which are the result of salaries being frozen during the previous three years.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
George El-Jakl
Eddie Nickerson
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

NEGATIVE

Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried.

Euthanization of Animals

Recently it was necessary for the RCMP to euthanize an animal in the local area. As a result it was brought to the attention of members that there had been no member of the Department of Natural Resources available for this purpose, and that there was no tranquilizer gun in the local area for the purpose of tranquilizing animals rather than euthanizing them.

Resolution C121122

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that correspondence be sent to the Department of Natural Resources asking why there is no tranquilizer gun available in the local area, and why there was no trained personnel available for euthanization of the animal in question.

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl
Shaun Hatfield
Eddie Nickerson
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

NEGATIVE

Jody Crook

Motion carried.

PVSC Pictometry

Resolution C121123

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality include \$16,800 in its 2013/14 Operating Budget for the purpose of the aerial photography to be done by the Property Valuation Services Corporation.

Motion carried unanimously.

Department of Transportation Issues

It was a recommendation of the Committee of the Whole Council that correspondence be forwarded to the Department of Transportation indicating appreciation for maintenance work that has been done on the shoulder of the road on Cape Sable Island, and requesting them to continue this work, especially in the North East Point area along Highway 330.

There being no mover to this motion, the motion was declared lost.

Resolution C121124

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that correspondence be forwarded to the Department of Transportation indicating appreciation for maintenance work that has been done on the shoulder of the road in North East Point on Cape Sable Island and requesting them to continue this work, especially in the Centreville and Newellton areas along Highway 330.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C121125

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that correspondence also be sent to the Department of Transportation requesting them to grade the Upper Clyde Road beyond the point where the chip sealing has been done on that road.

Motion carried unanimously.

New Horizons Request

It was reported that correspondence has been received from the Young at Heart New Horizons Seniors Association in Wood's Harbour. In this correspondence they are requesting a letter of support from the Municipality that they can include in their request for a grant from Nova Scotia Health and Wellness to purchase the former Hilltop Furniture building in Wood's Harbour. This building will be used to conduct seniors and other programs in their community.

Resolution C121126

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the Municipality provide a letter of support as requested to the Young at Heart New Horizons Seniors Association.

Motion carried unanimously.

Department of Transportation Matters

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal be asked to evaluate widening the turn on the Centreville/South Side Road near the Walton Smith property, being Civic #205, approximately where the Sable Sands Lane intersects with the Stoney Island/Centreville Road.

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the above motion be amended by deleting "on the Centreville/South Side Road" and deleting "/Centreville".

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion now reads as follows:

Resolution C121127

"...that the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal be asked to evaluate widening the turn near the Walton Smith property, being Civic #205, approximately where the Sable Sands Lane intersects with the Stoney Island Road.

Motion carried unanimously.

Diamond Jubilee Medal Nomination

Resolution C121128

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that a letter be sent to former councillor, Cecil O'Donnell, expressing Council's appreciation for his municipal service, and informing him that the UNSM had not nominated him for a Diamond Jubilee Medal. Council will also be nominating him directly for this medal.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C121129

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that former councillor, Cecil O'Donnell, be nominated for a Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Motion carried unanimously.

Civic Numbering Program

Resolution C121130

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that a motion be drafted for consideration of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities indicating that the Province is responsible for civic numbering program throughout the Province, and that as a result the Municipal Government Act should be amended accordingly to make the Province responsible for a uniform system of posting civic address signs consistently for all municipalities.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was the consensus of members that once the resolution is drafted that it be circulated to members for review.

Tax Reduction Applications

Resolution C121131

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that a tax reduction in the amount of \$626.31 be provided to Anne Atwood in consideration of the fire which took place on her property at Sherose Island.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C121132

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that as a result of a fire at the property of Cory Hunt on the Stoney Island Road, taxes on his property for the year ending March 31, 2013 be reduced by \$250.99.

Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Department Meetings

Resolution C121133

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the Committee of the Whole have the Fire Services Coordinator attend a meeting once a quarter in order to bring them up to date on fire services issues.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

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

Councillor Jody Crook

Councillor Crook 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Semi-Annual Meeting with Fire Departments

The Fire Services Advisory Committee was asked whether semi-annual meetings with the fire departments should continue. A response has now been received indicating that the Fire Services Advisory Committee would like to meet with Council on a semi-annual basis with one meeting being held in February and the other in August each year.

Semi-annual meetings will be arranged.

Fire Department Registration

Due to the lack of trained firefighters in the Port Clyde and Port LaTour Volunteer fire Departments, a new registration has been completed and signed to provide fire protection services in those two districts. The new registration provides for the Port Clyde and Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Departments to respond to all non medical calls in their areas supported by the Barrington Volunteer Fire Department. In this arrangement, if Port Clyde receives a non medical call, Port LaTour and Barrington will be paged to respond with them. If Port LaTour receives a non medical call, Port Clyde and Barrington will be paged to respond with them. Both Port Clyde and Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Departments have enough trained members in their respective departments to respond to medical calls without outside assistance. The Fire Services Coordinator has advised that with this arrangement he feels it will be safe for Port Clyde and Port LaTour to respond to all calls until they have enough trained firefighters to respond as they have in the past, and is therefore recommending the acceptance of the new registration.

Resolution C121134

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Fire Department Registration submitted by the Barrington, Port Clyde and Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Departments be accepted as presented to ensure adequate fire services are available.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C121135

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the Municipality of Shelburne be informed of the joint registration to ensure that adequate fire services are available in the Port Clyde area.

Motion carried unanimously.

Western Regional Housing Authority Appointment

The Clerk informed members that Expressions of Interest were invited from individuals wishing to serve on the Western Regional Housing Authority Board for a three year term. Only one application was received and that was from Roy Quinlan who is currently Council's representative serving on the Board.

Resolution C121136

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the application received from Roy Quinlan, to serve as Council's representative on the Western Regional Housing Authority Board, be accepted, and Mr. Quinlan be appointed for a three year term.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C121137

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that Mr. Roy Quinlan also be provided with information on liability.

Motion carried unanimously.

Nova Scotia Power Regional Committee

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of an email received from Nova Scotia Power advising that the Regional Committee will once again be meeting on December 6, 2012.

Resolution C121138

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the travel be paid for the Warden and any other councillor wishing to attend the Nova Scotia Power Regional Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

PVSC Budget

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with correspondence received from Property Valuation Services Corporation which advised that for the 2013/14 fiscal year the PVSC Board of Directors has approved a budget of \$17.09 Million, which means for the third year there is no increase in spending.

The Clerk informed members that the Municipality pays approximately \$145,000 per year to the Property Valuation Services Corporation for assessment services.

Election Appeal

The Municipal Clerk informed members that Michael Fells has applied to the court for an Order declaring the election of the African Nova Scotian member of the Tri-County School Board held on October 20, 2012 void, on the basis the election was not conducted in accordance with the Act, and in particular that in excess of 200 unqualified voters were allowed to vote for the African Nova Scotian representative on the Tri-County School Board.

The Clerk informed members that the Municipality of Barrington has been removed from this court action. No ballots were cast in the Municipality of Barrington for the African Nova Scotian member of Tri-County School Board.

Public Works and Government Services Canada Property Disposal

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from Public Works and Government Services Canada advising that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans has declared property located at East Baccaro as surplus property. The property is currently being circulated federally, and if it is determined that there is no federal interest, Public Works and Government Services will be prepared to transfer the property to the Municipality of Barrington at its appraised public purpose value.

Resolution C121139

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the information received from Public Works and Government Services Canada regarding surplus property at East Baccaro be referred to the Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Request for Proposals - Municipal Climate Change Action Plan and Review of Municipal Planning Documents

The Clerk informed members that a Request for Proposals was issued for the preparation and completion of a Municipal Climate Change Action Plan and for completion of the review of its Municipal Planning documents including the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law and Subdivision By-Law.

Proposals were received from the following:

- Nexus Coastal
- BTS Management Consulting
- Golder Associates
- David W. Harrison Ltd.
- MMM Group - McCormick Rankin
- Stantec Consulting
- CBCL Ltd.
- Hiltz & Seamone Company
- Genivar Ltd.

All proposals were reviewed and evaluated by the Clerk-Treasurer and Municipal Development Officer. It is their recommendation that the proposal received from Genivar Ltd. in the amount of \$37,270.00, be accepted.

Resolution C121140

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the proposal received from Genivar Ltd. in the amount of \$37,270.00, plus HST, for the completion of the Municipal Review of the Municipal Planning Strategy, Land Use By-Law and Subdivision By-Law and the preparation of the Municipal Climate Change Action Plan, be accepted.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by G. El-Jakl that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website November 28, 2012.

