

## **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 16, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by the Warden, at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Warden Eddie Nickerson
- Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor Jody Crook
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Councillor Shaun Hatfield
  
- Donald Harding, Municipal Solicitor
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

### AMENDMENTS TO POLICY 41

Notice is being given to councillors at this meeting that amendments are being proposed to Policy No. 41, "Low Income Property Tax Exemption Policy". The amendments will raise the threshold amount for the property tax exemption to \$21,500.00 and will make the amount of the exemption \$150.00. Notice is being given at this meeting and the amendment will be considered at a subsequent Council meeting.

### CLOSED SESSION

#### Student Physician Funding and Physician Recruitment

Members entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing possible agreements for the recruitment of student physicians as well as licensed physicians.

Much discussion took place with the Municipal Solicitor to determine various legal aspects of the recruitment processes.

Having completed their discussion of the legal matters with the Municipal Solicitor, the Municipal Solicitor then retired from the meeting.

### OPEN SESSION

Members then entered into Open Session again.

It was agreed by consensus of members that the physicians brought to the Municipality by the District Health Authority's Recruitment Officer would be asked to speak directly with Council in an effort to recruit them to the Municipality. It was also agreed that information would be obtained concerning the amendment of Bill 54 which is titled *District of Barrington Health Professionals Assistance Act* in order to provide additional avenues for physician recruitment and further that the Warden would obtain additional information from other municipal units regarding physician recruitment.

CLOSED SESSION

Former BMHS Property Update

Members then agreed to enter into Closed Session in order to receive an update on the legal action concerning the former BMHS property.

Conflict of Interest

The Warden declared conflict of interest at this time and vacated the meeting as he had previously declared conflict of interest in this matter since he had been a personal friend of Mr. Anthony.

Members then entered into Closed Session and discussed the most recent developments in the legal action.

The Deputy Warden chaired the meeting during this discussion.

Having completed their discussion of the legal action, members then returned to Open Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 9:00 p.m.

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website January 18, 2013.**