

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, March 25, 2013.

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 Jody Crook who was away on vacation.

- Warden Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Councillor Shaun Hatfield
  
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

#### CLOSED SESSION

A Closed Session of Council was held at this time to deal with a personnel matter.

#### REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

##### Employee Evaluation

The Employee Evaluation for Sharon Brannen, Secretary, was presented to members.

#### 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 held February 25, 2013 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### PHYSICAL ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Samantho Reyno, Physical Activity Coordinator, appeared before the meeting and presented each member of Council with a copy of the Physical Activity Strategic Plan.

Through a power point presentation Ms. Reyno reported on highlights of the plan. The Strategic Plan outlines the steps that need to be taken in order to have the Municipality of Barrington and the Town of Clark's Harbour become more physically active.

The key issues that were discovered through community research were:

1. The lack of recreation groups devoted to physical activity such as a walking group.
2. The lack of young females meeting the Canadian Physical Activity Guidelines.
3. The lack of seniors meeting the Canadian Physical Activity Guidelines.

The main areas of focus by the Province are:

1. Females across the life span.
2. Youth ages 12 – 19.
3. Walking and biking in daily life.

Themes that came out of the public consultation were:

1. Money and lack of facilities most often cited as a barrier to physical activity.
2. Large gap identified in offerings of fine arts/culture opportunities.
3. Many people cited the want for more walking opportunities.

The Plan addresses these issues through a multitude of ways. The Plan is for a five year term and will be implemented by the Physical Activity Coordinator. A progress evaluation will be done after one year of implementation to measure the success of the Plan and changes will be made accordingly.

Ms. Reyno was thanked for appearing before Council and making her presentation.

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

##### Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal 2013 Annual Temporary Count Program

Correspondence has been received from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal indicating that the Department wishes to know if there are any traffic volume counts requested by the Municipality of Barrington for the coming season.

##### Resolution C130329

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the Department of Transportation be informed that the Municipality does not wish to take advantage of this program for the coming year.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

##### National Day of Mourning

Correspondence has been received from the South Shore Labour Council advising that April 28<sup>th</sup> has been declared as "National Day of Mourning" for workers killed or injured on the job. The Labour Council is requesting that the Municipality lower its flag to half mast on April 28, 2013.

The Warden asked if there was any objection to the request. There being no objections received, it was agreed that the flag would be lowered to half mast on April 28, 2013 in respect of those workers who lost their lives, or were badly/seriously injured at their workplaces.

The letter further invited councillors to attend a service to be held in Bridgewater on April 28<sup>th</sup>, and requested councillors to forward any names of workers they wish added to their list of those mourned.

It was agreed that the names of the crew of Miss Ally: Katlin Nickerson, Joel Hopkins, Tyson Townsend, Steven Cole Nickerson and Billy Jack Hatfield, as well as Ward Wickens, be forwarded to the South Shore Labour Council to be added to the list of those mourned.

#### REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

#### REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

##### Councillor Shaun Hatfield

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

##### Councillor George El-Jakl

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

##### 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 recommendations from committee.

##### Crow's Neck Beach

##### Resolution C130330

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality contact the property owner adjacent to Crow's Neck Beach to determine if access to the beach across that property would be permitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

##### Lighthouse Road

##### Resolution C130331

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a letter be sent to Mr. Steve MacIsaac of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding the condition and maintenance of Lighthouse Road.

Motion carried unanimously.

Municipality of Yarmouth Correspondence

Resolution C130332

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality reply to the District of Yarmouth that Council is willing to consider and discuss shared service opportunities with any other municipal units without making any prior commitments.

Motion carried unanimously.

e-Smart Get Connected Program

Resolution C130333

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a letter of thanks and appreciation be forwarded to CBDC for its efforts in conducting the two (2) years of the e-Smart Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

PAC Membership

Resolution C130334

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Councillor Crook and Warden Nickerson continue to serve on the Planning Advisory Committee for the coming year. Deputy Warden Messenger will withdraw from the committee in order to provide for another public member.

Motion carried unanimously.

Rural Mailbox Safety Review

Resolution C130335

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter be sent to Canada Post requesting them to keep the Municipality informed of any proposed changes as a result of the Rural Mailbox Traffic Safety Review.

Motion carried unanimously.

Letter from Municipality of Lunenburg

Correspondence has been received from the District of Lunenburg expressing their condolences on the loss of the five fishermen in the Woods Harbour area. The Council of the District of Lunenburg is asking the Municipality to extend their sincere sympathies to the families of these five fishermen and to communities where they lived.

Resolution C130336

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a response be sent to the District of Lunenburg indicating that their sentiments will be forwarded as requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C130337

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that condolences from the Municipality of Barrington be sent to each of the families of the five fishermen who were lost at sea, by letter to the parents, spouses and grandparents of each of the fishermen.

Motion carried unanimously.

Proclamation of Day – Mariner’s Day

Resolution C130338

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a letter of support be sent to the Nova Scotia Government for the Proclamation of Mariner’s Day on February 18<sup>th</sup>, as requested in the petition being circulated in the community, and that a copy of this letter be sent to other municipal units in the area requesting their support.

Motion carried unanimously.

Owners Unknown Properties

Members were informed that the Provincial Government has four (4) Owners Unknown properties. These properties were claimed in 2010, and in subsequent years taxes have been billed on the properties but have not been paid. As a result, the Municipality will be unable to collect the taxes on these properties. Instead, the Municipality will be able to claim Grants in Lieu of taxes on these properties for these years. It will now be necessary to write off the outstanding amount of taxes on these properties in the amount of \$1,684.41, plus interest. The claim will be made for the corresponding Grants in Lieu of taxes.

Resolution C130339

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the taxes on the four (4) Owners Unknown properties having Assessment Account #08454892, 08454833, 08454841 and 08454949, in the total amount of \$1,684.41, plus interest, be written off as uncollectible.

Motion carried unanimously.

Butler’s Estates Limited Request

Resolution C130340

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that Butler’s Estates be informed that the Municipality is willing to take over an 8” sewer main on Albenia Lane, providing the design and construction of the sewer main meets the engineering requirements of the Municipality, is done at Butler’s Estates expense, includes any and all necessary easements for the maintenance of the sewer line, and has any necessary approvals required by Nova Scotia Environment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C130341

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality deny the request of Butler’s Estates Limited to partner or take ownership of the right of way or road at Albenia Lane.

Motion carried unanimously.

Medal of Bravery

Resolution C130342

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the four divers who took part in the search for survivors of the Miss Ally tragedy; including, Donald Mahaney, Gary Thurber, Thomas Nickerson and Tommy Hennigar, be nominated for medals of bravery from the Province of Nova Scotia.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C130343

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that contact be made with the four divers listed above to inform them they are being nominated for medals of bravery from the Province of Nova Scotia for their efforts on behalf of bringing comfort to families of the crew of the Miss Ally.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C130344

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that correspondence be sent to all of the boat owners and fishermen aboard the boats who took part in the search for survivors aboard the Miss Ally, thanking them for their contribution to the community, recognizing their efforts and concerns in this matter.

Motion carried unanimously.

Barrington Bay Bridge

The railway bridge over the Barrington River has been evaluated by engineers for the Department of Natural Resources. The recommendation of the engineers is that the bridge be closed down immediately as it is unsafe, and that the bridge subsequently be removed, if necessary.

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality enter into an agreement with the Department of Natural Resources to obtain a grant of \$85,000 towards the demolition of the existing Barrington River Bridge, to rebuild and reinforce the abutments, and installation of a single span, trail superstructure as recommended by the draft engineers report on the bridge, and this Letter of Authority not extend beyond the time required for the completion of the project.

The Clerk informed members that additional information has now been received and the estimated cost of the work required has been reduced to \$75,000.00.

Resolution C130345

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the above motion be amended to remove “\$85,000” and to insert in its place “\$75,000”.

Motion carried unanimously.

The original motion as amended reads as follows:

“that the Municipality enter into an agreement with the Department of Natural Resources to obtain a grant of \$75,000 towards the demolition of the existing Barrington River Bridge, to rebuild and reinforce the abutments, and installation of a single span, trail superstructure as recommended by the draft engineers report on the bridge, and this Letter of Authority not extend beyond the time required for the completion of the project.”

Motion carried unanimously.

#### REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

The Clerk-Treasurer informed members that he will be forwarding his report by email.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Consideration of proposed Information Technology Policy

It was reported that Notice of Consideration of the new proposed Information Technology Policy was given at the last meeting of Council on February 25, 2013. The policy will provide councillors with an allowance to purchase up-to-date technology to assist in their role as councillor. An allowance of a maximum of \$2,050.00 for the four (4) year term shall be provided, and receipts or invoices supporting purchases must be provided for reimbursement.

##### Resolution C130346

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the Information Technology Policy be approved as presented.

#### AFFIRMATIVE

Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson

#### NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

##### Second Reading By-Law No. 9 “Noise”

The Clerk informed members that at the February 25, 2013 Council meeting the proposed new By-Law No. 9, “Noise By-Law”, was referred back to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion. No suggested changes were made by the Committee of the Whole. It is therefore being brought back to Council tonight for consideration in second reading. The new by-law will replace the existing By-Law No. 9, “Peace, Order, Mischiefs and Nuisances”.

Resolution C130347

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the new proposed By-Law No. 9 “Noise” be approved as presented in second and final reading, which will replace existing By-Law No. 9, “Peace, Order, Mischief and Nuisances”.

Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment to Committees

The Clerk informed members that as a result of amendments to Policy 59, “Committees of Council”, the policy now provides for there to be five (5) members of the Planning Advisory Committee, two of whom shall be members of the Municipal Council, and three (3) non council members residing in the Municipality. An advertisement was placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper advising of the public vacancy. Only one (1) letter of interest was received which was from Wilford Mader, Bear Point.

Resolution C130348

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Wilford Mader be appointed to serve on the Planning Advisory Committee for a term to expire March 31, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

Cost of Living Adjustment

As contained in the Personnel Policy, Council annually provides Municipal Staff with a Cost of Living Adjustment based on the National Consumer Price Index based on statistics as of February 28<sup>th</sup> of each year for any cost of living increase up to 2.5%. It was hoped that the Consumer Price Index would be known this evening, but it has not yet been released by Statistics Canada, therefore the Cost of Living Adjustment will be reported to Council at their next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The Warden asked if there was any objection to adjourning the meeting.

Having heard no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Warden

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Clerk

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website March 27, 2013.**

