

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, April 22, 2013.

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:05 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported that all councillors representing all districts of the Municipality were present:

- Warden Lindsay (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

Councillor George El-Jakl indicated that he would be declaring conflict of interest when dealing with the request from the “Woods Harbour Community Centre Association”, since he is a member of the Board of Directors of this association.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger also informed members that she would be declaring conflict of interest when the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole Council is brought forward regarding “Goose Lake Road”, as she is a landowner in that area.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held March 25, 2013, and Special Council Meeting held April 2, 2013 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### SENIORS INDEPENDENT HOUSING INITIATIVE

Ms. Joan Bower and Mr. Sherm Embree of the Senior Independent Housing Initiative appeared before the meeting for the purpose of bringing councillors up to date on their plans for a new seniors apartment complex in Sandy Point. Plans are underway for the construction for two, 3-storey high, new apartment buildings, providing a total of 80 units with the possibility of a third building being added at a future date. All units will be developed by Atlantic Baptist Housing, and designed to provide affordable housing at a range of rental rates based on services provided.

Ms. Bower and Mr. Embree informed members of an Information Open House to be held on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Shelburne Community Centre auditorium. At this meeting representatives of the Atlantic Baptist Housing, Shelburne Seniors Homes Inc., and Seniors Independent Housing Initiative will be available to answer questions. Architectural designs will be available for viewing. Ms. Bower and Mr. Embree encouraged councillors to attend the Open House to ensure the developer that the project is valued by people across Shelburne County.

Construction of the apartments is scheduled to commence soon, and the anticipated opening date is September 2013.

Ms. Bower and Mr. Embree were both thanked for appearing before Council and making their presentation.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Dangerous and Unsightly Property, Troy Waybret

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from Public Works and Government Services Canada regarding lands of Troy Waybret located at Cripple Creek, Clam Point. The letter advised that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans asked Public Works and Government Services Canada to check into the property to see if it was available for purchase, but no agreement has been reached with Mr. Waybret in this regard. The letter further advised that they were of the understanding that the Municipality was planning to clean up the site on the owner's behalf (and bill him for this). The position of PWGSC is that once the property is cleaned up they would seek an agreement with Mr. Waybret with proposed terms of a purchase, and allowing them to do an environmental investigation and some other standard due diligent activities before binding the Crown to a transaction.

It was reported that Mr. Troy Waybret informed members of Council at their meeting held January 28, 2013 that as part of the negotiations with PWGSC a purchase price was agreed upon which included cleanup of the properties. He also informed members that the properties will be purchased by PWGSC within the next few months, after the approval of the budget for the coming year. Based on information provided by Mr. Waybret at that meeting, it was the decision of Council that PWGSC be required to clean up the property upon purchasing it, and that cleanup be finished not later than September 1, 2013.

Resolution C130401

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that a copy of the letter received from Public Works and Government Services Canada be provided to Troy Waybret, and a response be forwarded to PWGSC advising that the Municipality of Barrington has made no plans to clean up the property.

Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATIONS

Municipal Awareness Week

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a proposed proclamation for Municipal Awareness Week. The proclamation reads as follows:

**WHEREAS** municipal government is responsible for the provision of services that enhance the quality of life of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS** dedicated mayors, wardens, councillors and staff are essential for the effective governance of their municipalities; and

**WHEREAS** citizen involvement is essential for an active community; and

**WHEREAS** it is fitting and proper to recognize and encourage the contribution of all who work diligently for the improvement of municipalities;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the week of April 22-28, 2013 be known as ***Municipal Awareness Week*** in municipalities of Nova Scotia in recognition of the vital role of municipal government and in recognition of all whose efforts support it.

Having received no objection to the proclamation, the Warden declared April 22-28, 2013 as ***Municipal Awareness Week*** in the Municipality of Barrington.

Hunger Awareness Week

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of the proposed proclamation. Having received no objection, the Warden proclaimed May 6 – 10, 2013 as Hunger Awareness Week in the Municipality of Barrington. The proclamation read as follows:

**WHEREAS** addressing the household food security needs of families and individuals today is fundamental to the future of the Municipality of Barrington; and

**WHEREAS** the need for comprehensive, coordinated emergency food programs places upon our community a critical responsibility; and

**WHEREAS** it is appropriate that a week be set apart each year for the direction of our thoughts towards the health and well-being of Nova Scotians who struggle with hunger, low income and poverty;

**AND WHEREAS FEED NOVA SCOTIA**, as the provincial member of Food Banks Canada, and local member agencies are together caring for the needs of hungry families and individuals in our community.

**NOW THEREFORE** I, Warden Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson do hereby proclaim May 6 – May 10, 2013 to be Hunger Awareness Week in the Municipality of Barrington. I urge all citizens and organizations to unite in the observance of such exercises as will acquaint the people of the Municipality of Barrington with the fundamental necessity to help our neighbours in need by supporting the work of food banks and emergency meal programs and by working together to eliminate hunger and poverty. Furthermore, the Municipality of Barrington urges the Government of Canada to meet Canada’s obligation to provide all Canadians with affordable and accessible food as stated under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

Day of the Honey Bee

In advance to the meeting members were provided with a copy of the proposed proclamation. Having received no objection to the proclamation, the Warden declared May 29, 2013 as *Day of the Honey Bee* in the Municipality of Barrington.

**WHEREAS** Clinton Shane Ekdahl has applied to Council to proclaim May 29, 2013 as Day of the Honey Bee and that this day serves the broader public interest; and

**WHEREAS** a third of all the food mankind consumes exists because of the tireless work of the Honey Bee and seventy percent of our food crops are pollinated and partially, if not completely, dependent upon this keystone species; and

**WHEREAS** Honey Bees are disappearing at alarming and unsustainable rates all over the world for reasons not fully explained by science; but with the most likely cause being irresponsible industrial pesticide use; and

**WHEREAS** all citizens to be made aware of the dire threats to the Honey Bee, for a threat to the Honey Bee is a threat to us, because their survival is surely linked with our own;

**WHEREAS** concerns for the survival of the Honey Bee transcends all trivial human barriers of nationality, language, skin color, income, identity, ability, disability, sexuality, gender, religion, age, politics or membership;

**WHEREAS** 179 jurisdictions representing over 25 percent of Canadians have already endeavored to support “Day of the Honey Bee”;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson, Warden of the Municipality of Barrington do hereby declare May 29, 2013 as “Day of the Honey Bee” and in issuing this proclamation, ask our citizens to recognise this day and the Honey Bee that we take for granted.

CORRESPONDENCE

BRCC Re: Grant to Purchase Defibrillator

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from Wayne Mullins of the Barrington Regional Curling Club, which advised that they have been successful in receiving funding from the Heart and Stroke Foundation in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the purchase of a defibrillator. Mr. Mullins thanked Council for their commitment to provide 1/3 of the funding up to \$600.00 for the purchase of a defibrillator, and advised that it will not be necessary as funding for a complete unit has been received from the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

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 Hatfield reported on recommendations to Council.

Yarmouth Hospital Foundation Request

Resolution C130402

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality provide a donation of \$1,200.00 to the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Gala being sponsored as a fundraiser for the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation, and that the Foundation be requested to sell the 8 tickets to the public at the table sponsored by the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Goose Lake Road

Conflict of Interest

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger declared conflict of interest, vacated her seat and proceeded to the spectator area. Deputy Warden Messenger is the owner of property in the Goose Lake area.

Resolution C130403

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Municipal Employees further consult with the Goose Lake Association to develop a satisfactory by-law proposal.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Warden Messenger returned to the table.

Committee Memberships

At the Nominating Committee Meeting in November of 2012 membership on the EMO Executive, the Hiring Committee and the Audit Committee was deferred for consideration to a later time. The purpose of deferring of these committee members was to allow Council time to amend the requirements for these committees. The committees are now required to have no more than two council members on each of them.

Resolution C130404

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the following members be appointed:

- EMO Executive Committee – Warden Nickerson, Councillor Hatfield
- Hiring Committee - Councillors El-Jakl and Hatfield
- Audit Committee – Warden Nickerson and Deputy Warden Messenger

Motion carried unanimously.

Senior Services Program

Resolution C130405

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that the Municipality fund the Senior Services Program as requested in the amount of \$8,515.56, per year, for each of the next three years on the condition that the provincial funding is also obtained in each year.

Motion carried unanimously.

CSI Causeway and Sandspit

Resolution C130406

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that Nova Scotia Power Inc. be contacted and requested to meet with the Committee of the Whole to discuss the possibility of the construction of an electric powered generator being installed at the Cape Sable Island Causeway.

Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Services Coordinator's Report

Fire Department Budgets

Resolution C130407

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Fire Services Coordinator contact the three fire departments who have not provided budget information, and inform them that if the information is not provided as required by the end of April their funding will be withheld until such time as the information has been provided.

Motion carried unanimously.

Barrington Bay Trail

Resolution C130408

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality open the Barrington Bay Trail for a one year period to multi-purpose use when the Department of Natural Resources requirements for multi-purpose trails are met, and to record the information received on that usage, both pro and con, during that period.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

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

**NEGATIVE**

Jody Crook

Motion carried.

Resolution C130409

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the Municipality assess and obtain costs of expansion of the Nature Trail at Sherose Island.

Motion carried unanimously.

AMANS Spring Conference

Resolution C130410

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that a contribution of \$500.00 be granted for the AMANS Spring Conference.

Motion carried unanimously.

Benches on Woods Harbour Sidewalk

Resolution C130411

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that Municipal Employees obtain further information regarding the cost and location of benches to be placed on the Woods Harbour sidewalk.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor George El-Jakl

Councillor El-Jakl gave a brief report on his 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.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

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

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

In advance to the meeting each member of Council was provided with a copy of the Clerk-Treasurer's Report, by email.

NEW BUSINESS

Rural Mailbox Safety Review

As a result of the Rural Mailbox Safety Review carried out by Canada Post some residents have expressed concerns to their councillor regarding changes being made.

Resolution C130412

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality of Barrington contact Tinna Bonner of Canada Post to ask for extended time periods to allow residents to meet the requirements of Canada Post, and to also request a public information meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C130413

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that the Barrington Passage Post Office be requested to address the pothole located in the parking area between CIBC and the Post Office.

Motion carried unanimously.

Notice of Consideration – New Recreation Department Policy

Notice is given tonight that Council will consider a new Recreation Department Policy at their next meeting. The new Recreation Department Policy combines all recreation policies into one.

RFP – Legal Services

The Clerk informed members that an advertisement was placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper requesting proposals for the provision of legal services for the period June 1, 2013 to May 31, 2018. Only one response was received which was from the current Municipal Solicitor, Donald Harding. It is the recommendation of staff that the proposal received from Donald G. Harding Inc. for the provision of legal services for the five (5) year period ending May 31, 2018 be accepted.

Resolution C130413

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that the proposal for legal services be referred to the Committee of the Whole Council for further discussion.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Jody Crook  
Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Eddie Nickerson

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Building Permits

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a brief report showing Building Permits issued and values for the last five years, which are summarized below:

<u>Years</u>	<u>Total Permits Issued</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
2012/13	110	\$3,410,000
2011/12	128	\$5,084,200
2011/10	102	\$3,980,300
2010/09	112	\$15,057,894
2009/08	77	\$2,502,778

Woods Harbour Community Centre Association

Conflict of Interest

Councillor George El-Jakl declared conflict of interest, vacated his seat and proceeded to the spectator area. Councillor El-Jakl is a member of the Board of Directors for the Woods Harbour Community Centre Association.

A request has been received from the Woods Harbour Community Centre Association that they be added to the Tax Exemption By-Law exempting them from the responsibility for payment of rates and taxes exclusive of area rates, sewer charges, services charges and any other special levies.

The Clerk informed members that the property is now in the name of the Woods Harbour Community Centre Association and steps will be taken to have them added to the Tax Exemption By-Law.

Councillor El-Jakl returned to the meeting.

Cost of Living Adjustment

The Clerk informed members that the Cost of Living Adjustment as at the end of February 2013 was 1.2%. Consistent with Article 7.02 of the Personnel Policy, staff and councillors have been granted a 1.2% Cost of Living Adjustment, effective April 1, 2013.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

At 6:45 p.m. tonight a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with personnel matters. During the Closed Session employee evaluations for David Kendrick, Fire Services Coordinator, and Diane Smith, Visitor Information Centre Manager, were presented to members.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Having heard no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

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Warden

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Clerk

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website April 24, 2013.**