

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, May 27, 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 with the exception of Councillor George El-Jakl who is on leave of absence and Councillor Shaun Hatfield who is away on vacation.

- Warden Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor Jody Crook

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Councillor Crook reported that during the Closed Session they reviewed performance evaluations for five municipal employees:

- Thelma Ross, Building Inspector Secretary
- Mike Swim, Property Services Technician
- Rob Williams, Property Services Technician/C & D Landfill
- Rodney Shand, Property Services Technician – DRC
- Tyler Symonds, Property Services Technician

Tyler Symonds is the only employee eligible to receive an increment at this time.

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that Tyler Symonds, Property Services Technician, receive his yearly increment effective June 1, 2013.

Motion carried unanimously.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that minutes of the Regular Council Meeting and Closed Session of Council held April 22, 2013 and Special Council meetings held May 6th, 13th and 21st, 2013 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Community Business Development Corporation – Climate Data Project, Get Connected Program

Dixie Redmond of the Community Business Development Corporation, and Mr. Jerry Locke, Economic Development Coordinator for the Town of Shelburne, appeared before the meeting to provide reports on the e-Smart Get Connected Project and the Climate Data Project.

e-Smart Project

Mr. Jerry Locke provided a power point presentation regarding year two of the e-Smart Project. He advised that it was the overall objective of the project to create and increase awareness among local businesses of the use of current digital tools, and to increase the digital footprint of Shelburne County. Mr. Locke informed members that fifteen (15) businesses throughout Shelburne County completed the program, and has resulted in an increased awareness of the value of digital based activity.

The e-Smart Get Connected Program was initially planned for three years, but due to a lack of funding the CBDC will not be able to carry out the planned third year.

Mr. Locke thanked Council for their support and funding of the project.

Climate Data Project

Mrs. Redmond made a power point presentation regarding the Climate Data Project. She advised that in 2011, three (3) CBDCs of Shelburne, Yarmouth and Queens/Lunenburg secured funding to launch a project to assess weather conditions and their influences on agricultural potential. Forty-two (42) weather stations were deployed to measure temperature and solar radiation. Seven transportation corridors were deployed starting on the coast and moving inland. Two more corridors were activated through the Annapolis Valley for comparison. Information collected for the 2012 period strongly supports the notion that the South West Nova Region has comparable, and in many cases superior climate suitable for high value crops such as peaches, highbush blueberries and grapes than the agricultural standard represented by the Annapolis Valley. Ms. Redmond informed members that the next step in the process is to make presentations to key industry stakeholders, public presentations and to explore opportunities for continued research and data collection. The first public presentation will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., at the Shelburne Community Centre.

Ms. Redmond and Mr. Locke were thanked for appearing before Council and providing updates on the e-Smart Get Connected Program and the Climate Data Program.

CORRESPONDENCE

District of Shelburne Re: Economic Development

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Municipality of Shelburne addressed to the Town of Shelburne. The letter advised that the Municipality of Shelburne welcomes the opportunity to work with all municipalities in Shelburne County with respect to economic development. This letter was presented for information purposes only.

CBDC 2013 Annual General Meeting

The Clerk informed members that an invitation has been received from the Shelburne County Business Development Centre, Board of Directors, inviting councillors to attend their 2013 Annual General Meeting and Luncheon, to be held on June 25, 2013, at the Harbourside Conference Room, in Shelburne.

Resolution C130507

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that expenses be paid for any councillor wishing to attend the 2013 Annual General Meeting of the CBDC and the Climate Data meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Thank You Letter – Yarmouth Female Bantam A Mariners

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Yarmouth Female Bantam A Mariners thanking Council for their support in the 2013 Bantam A Female Provincial Tournament held March 22-24, 2013.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Deputy Warden Messenger gave a brief report on her activities since the last meeting of Council. She provided a detailed report on the UNSM Workshop held in Yarmouth on May 8th, 9th and 10th, 2013.

Councillor Jody Crook

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

Councillor Crook also reported on the recommendations from the Committee of the Whole.

Fishermen's Premium Atlantic Lobster

The Fishermen's Premium Atlantic Lobster is in the process of obtaining funds to purchase a lobster facility in North East Point to process lobsters and other species of fish. The group is seeking funding from the Province of Nova Scotia, and has provided them with a Feasibility Study and a Business Plan. They are requesting a letter of support from the Municipality in order to help them obtain funding.

Resolution C130508

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter of support be provided to Fishermen's Premium Atlantic Lobster Inc. as requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

LFA 34/33 Tagging Request

It was reported that correspondence has been received from LFA 34 requesting a donation of \$1,000.00 as a start-up cost for their tagging and information specialist. The Federal Government will no longer be providing individual gear tags.

Resolution C130509

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality reply to the LFA 34 request citing the section of the Municipal Government Act that prevents a direct contribution or donation to their group, and also naming any other groups providing this service in the area.

Motion carried unanimously.

Municipal Newsletter

Resolution C130510

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the July issue of the newsletter again be sent to all households in the Municipality, and that it be announced in that newsletter the various alternatives for subscribing to the newsletter; by calling the Municipal Office, by emailing the Municipal Office, or by directing a request to the Municipality's website or facebook page. It was also recommended that the newsletter be issued twice per year, once in the spring and once in the fall, in order to reduce the cost to provide the information service to residents.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was suggested that the newsletter be put on facebook.

Protecting Beaches

Correspondence has been received from Sid and Betty June Smith regarding the use of beaches in the area, and pets running at large on the beaches. The placement of toilet facilities at the South Side Beach was also suggested.

Resolution C130511

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that a response be sent to the Smiths indicating the Municipality's previous correspondence to the Department of Natural Resources regarding signs on the beaches for pet owners, and also the placement of portable toilets at various beaches within the Municipality, and regarding the enforcement of municipal by-laws on provincial government property.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C130512

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that a copy of the letter sent to the Department of Natural Resources be forwarded to the Smiths.

Motion carried unanimously.

Lobster Festival Committee Request

Resolution C130513

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the Arena fees for June 7th and 8th, be waived for the Lobster Festival Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Social Medial Policy

Resolution C130514

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that Municipal Staff draft a Social Media Policy for the consideration of Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

Cost of Security at Fire Scenes

Correspondence has been received from the Fire Services Advisory Committee requesting the Municipality to pay for the cost of security at fire scenes when necessary, and to collect these amounts from property owners under Section 30 and 31 of the Fire Safety Act.

Resolution C130515

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality review the Fire Safety Act and the appropriate sections applicable to this matter and obtain a legal opinion from the Municipal Solicitor regarding this request.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Services Lease Agreement

Resolution C130516

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality accept the offer of a renewal of lease space by the Department of Community Services, with a subsequent amendment to the lease agreement to recover the costs of leasehold improvements as agreed to by Community Services.

Motion carried unanimously.

Wind Turbine Generators

Resolution C130517

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality have a Wind Resource Assessment completed, and that it be funded from economic development funds contained in the current budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

Legal Services

Resolution C130518

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality reject the proposal received in response to the RFP for legal services, and notify the proponent who had submitted a proposal providing the reasoning for rejecting the proposal, and that a new Request for Proposal be advertised more broadly to provide more transparency and fairness in obtaining legal services.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C130519

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality advertise a Request for Proposal for legal services on the Nova Scotia Government website, and in the local newspaper *The Coast Guard*, and also in the Yarmouth newspaper *The Vanguard*, in order to provide for a more open and inclusive purchasing process.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C130520

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the current Municipal Solicitor be asked to continue to provide legal services to the Municipality until the RFP process has been completed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Western Counties Regional Library Request

The Western Counties Regional Library is requesting the Municipality to provide pool passes for the Municipal Swimming Pool. These passes will be used as prizes in the Librarys' Youth Book Reading Program.

Resolution C130521

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality provide pool passes to the Western Counties Regional Library as requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

Regional Enterprise Networks

Resolution C130522

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality inform the Regional Enterprise Network Organizing Committee that the Municipality will not be able to make a commitment to a network prior to May 31st, but will continue to discuss formation of the Regional Enterprise Network in this area.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

The Clerk-Treasurer informed members that his report will be forwarded to them by email.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of New Recreation Department Policy

It is proposed that Recreation Department policies be consolidated into one policy for ease of use and reference. This policy will be included with the Operating Policies of the Municipality. The new revised policy will replace the following existing Recreation Policies:

- Policy 1, Staff Training
- Policy 2, Equipment
- Policy 4, Mileage
- Policy 5, Loaning of canoes and supporting equipment
- Policy 7, Operating Policies
- Policy 11, Refund Policy
- Policy 14, Prescription Drugs and Medication Policy
- Policy 15, Participation and Programs by Challenged Children
- Policy 16, Sun Safety Policy

The new policy also includes a section on Municipal fields. The new draft policy also replaces Municipality Policy 28, "Recreation Program Refund Policy".

Resolution C130523

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the new draft policy "Barrington Municipal Recreation Department Policy" be approved as presented, and existing Recreation Department policies 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 11, 14, 15 and 16, together with Municipal Policy No. 28 "Recreation Program Refund Policy", be repealed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Joint EMO Budget

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a Joint EMO Budget for 2013/2014.

Resolution C130524

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the proposed Joint EMO Budget for 2013/2014, in the amount of \$15,200.00, be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

BMHS Junior High Math Competition

The Clerk informed members that seven (7) teams from across Nova Scotia attended the Math On Junior High Math Competition held at the Sexton Memorial Gym, Dalhousie University, in Halifax. The BMHS Team, the Tri-County Regional School Board regional winners, took part in the competition and brought home a bronze medal. The team was awarded a school banner and a \$500.00 cash prize for their school's math department.

Members of the BMHS “Math On” Team are as follows:

- Grade 7: Kayden Nickerson, Sophia Shaar, Brett Smith & Joseph Atkinson
- Grade 8: Allen Cook, Mattie Smith, Joanna Newell & Micheala Jeffery
- Grade 9: Colin Yee, Courtney Smith, Andrew Ross & Jaylee Krafve
- Teacher Leaders: Cindy d’Eon, Kevin Holland

Resolution C130525

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to BMHS Math On Team and a copy of the letter be provided to all participants.

Motion carried unanimously.

Woods Harbour Community Centre Association

The Clerk informed members that the Woods Harbour Community Centre Association has taken over the former Woods Harbour Volunteer Fire Department hall. The assessment on this property will not be changed until 2014 when the new Assessment Roll is filed. At that time Municipal By-Law No. 25 will be amended to reflect that change.

2013 Youth Bowling Championships

It was reported that Jessica Madden, East Baccaro, recently attended the 2013 Youth Bowling Canada Championships in Vancouver and brought home a bronze medal.

Resolution C130526

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to Jessica Madden acknowledging her accomplishment at the 2013 Youth Bowling Canada Championships in Vancouver, and wishing her good luck as she joins the mixed team of adult bowlers representing Nova Scotia in a tournament to be held in Newfoundland.

Motion carried unanimously.

BARRINGTON RIVER BRIDGE DEMOLITION

The Clerk informed members that a Letter of Authority has been received from the Department of Natural Resources granting permission to enter upon crown land for the demolition of the Barrington River bridge, which requires approval of Council. The Woodland Multi Use Trail Association is also requesting Council to waive landfill fees for the disposal of waste from the bridge.

Resolution C130527

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the Letter of Authority received from the Department of Natural Resources granting permission to enter upon crown land for the demolition of the Barrington River bridge be approved and that C & D Landfill fees for disposal of waste from the bridge demolition be waived.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The Warden asked if there was any objection to adjourning the meeting. Having heard no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website May 29, 2013.