

Minutes of the 134th Annual Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, June 24, 2013.

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:10 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.

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

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

DECLARATION 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 the minutes of the last Regular Council Meeting held May 27, 2013, and the Special Council Meeting held June 3, 2013, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

At 6:45 p.m. a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with a personnel matter.

Resolution C130603

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that Dave Andrews, Building Inspector/Development Officer, receive his annual increment, effective July 12, 2013.

Motion carried unanimously.

DANGEROUS AND UNSIGHTLY PREMISE – ESTATE OF FLOYD D. BANKS

The Clerk informed members that numerous attempts have been made to have the owner of property located at 5108, Hwy 3, Shag Harbour, assessed to the Estate of Floyd D. Banks, c/o Sidney F. Nickerson, address the dangerous and unsightly condition of the property. Since we have been unable to contact anyone, and letters have been returned, notices have been posted on the property.

It is the recommendation of Staff that the owner be required to remedy the condition of the property by:

1. Removing all debris and garbage from the property and dispose of it at an approved disposal site.
2. Repairing or removing and properly disposing of the unsecured outbuilding located on the east side of the property. Once the outbuilding is removed from the property, it will also be necessary to fill in or cover any building foundations remaining.
3. Carrying out any lawn maintenance required such as mowing, etc.

The Order will require the owner to carry out conditions of the Order within thirty (30) days. If the owner fails to do so the Municipality will carry out the work specified in the Order at the owner's expense.

Resolution C130604

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that an Order be issued requiring the assessed owner of property located at 5108, Hwy. #3, Shag Harbour, Assessment Account #00206075, to address the dangerous and unsightly condition of his property, and failure to do so will result in the Municipality carrying out the work specified in the Order at the owner's expense.

Motion carried unanimously.

DRAFT AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Doug Drane, of Redding CA, appeared before the meeting and presented Draft Audited Financial Statements for the Municipality, for the year ending March 31, 2013. Mr. Drane advised that the year end result was a surplus of \$4,322.00, after transferring \$40,000.00 to the Special Reserve Fund Operating.

Mr. Drane was thanked for appearing before Council and making his presentation.

Resolution C130605

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that \$40,000.00 be transferred to the Special Reserve Fund Operating.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C130606

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Draft Financial Statements be accepted as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Heritage Property Program

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with information received from the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage providing an overview of incentives offered by the Province to eligible owners of properties registered under the Heritage Property Act.

Western Counties Regional Library

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Western Counties Regional Library which requested the Municipality to give the same amount of funding for 2013/2014 that was given for the previous fiscal year, of \$43,946.00.

Resolution C130607

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality of Barrington provide funding to the Western Counties Regional Library in the amount of \$43,946.00 for the fiscal year 2013/2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

UNSM Caucus Structure Review

Correspondence has been received from the UNSM Board requesting that each municipal council provide input into the Caucus Structure by discussing this issue at a future council meeting. The Board is requesting one (1) response per municipal unit, and have provided a list of questions to be considered.

Resolution C130608

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that the UNSM Caucus Structure Review be referred to the next Committee of the Whole Council for discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

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 provided a brief report on her activities since the last meeting of Council.

Deputy Warden Messenger also reported on the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole.

Street Light Conversion

Resolution C130609

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality continue to lease street lights from Nova Scotia Power Inc. as has been done in the past.

Motion carried unanimously.

FANE Request

Correspondence has been received from La Federation acadienne de la Nouvelle-Ecosse (fane) requesting a financial contribution towards their Notice of Action to the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia to defend the principal of effective representation, and the importance of a strong voice for the rural areas of our province.

Resolution C130610

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that a grant of \$2,000.00 be provided to the Federation to assist with expenses of their legal action.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson

NEGATIVE

Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried.

French Travel Brochure

Resolution C130611

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that a letter of appreciation and thank you be sent to the Grade 9 French students who have produced the French language tourism brochures for various communities in the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Paving of “J” Class Roads

Resolution C130612

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that the Municipality pay the 50% cost-sharing of the paving of Smith’s Lane and Spruce Drive from Gas Tax Funds available to the Municipality, in the total amount of \$95,550.00, plus HST.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
Shaun Hatfield
Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson

NEGATIVE

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Motion carried.

Amalgamation Study Committee

Resolution C130613

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality thank the Amalgamation Study Committee for their invitation, but decline to attend as the Municipality is currently not interested in participating, and that the Municipality request that copies of information obtained from provincial representatives be forwarded to the Municipality of Barrington for their information.

Motion carried unanimously.

Municipal Bursary

Resolution C130614

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that since there are two students tied in the evaluation for the award of the Municipal Bursary, the Municipality make an exception this one time and award two Municipal Bursaries in the amount of \$1,000.00, for this year only.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C130615

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that the Municipal Bursaries be awarded to Lauren Atkinson and Ashley E. Nickerson who were the applicants who received the highest scores from councillors for the bursary evaluations.

Motion carried unanimously.

Nova Scotia Boat Racers Association Request

Resolution C130616

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that the NSBRA be permitted to hold a giant bingo at the Municipal Arena, on August 25, 2013, and be required to pay the regular fee of \$275.00 for rental of the Arena.

Motion carried unanimously.

Wesley Heritage Community Senior's Association

The Wesley Heritage Community Senior's Association is requesting a letter of support to accompany their grant application to the Federal Government. This is a community seniors group that is applying to the HRSDC for a New Horizons for Seniors Program grant to upgrade the former Wesley United Church in Barrington.

Resolution C130617

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality provide a letter of support to the Wesley Heritage Community Senior Association for their grant application.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Shaun Hatfield

Councillor Hatfield gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting. He informed members that he attended the FCM Conference, in Vancouver, from May 31, 2013 to June 3, 2013, and submitted a three (3) page report to be circulated to members.

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

The Clerk-Treasurer informed members that his report for the month has been emailed, and that all future reports will be emailed.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that the following agenda items be deferred until budget deliberations have been completed and the annual council meeting reconvened:

- Estimate of Revenues and Expenditures for 2013/14.
- Resolution Setting Tax Rates, due dates and interest for 2013/14.
- Setting of Fire Rates for 2013/14.
- Establish Sewer Service Charges for 2013/14.
- Farm Acreage Tax.
- Temporary Borrowing Resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

RFP Re: Legal Services

The Clerk informed members that Request for Proposals for the provision of legal services has once again been advertised. An advertisement was placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper, the Vanguard Newspaper, and on the Nova Scotia Government website. As a result two (2) RFPs were received; one from Donald G. Harding, and the other from Stewart McKelvey. The Clerk suggested that the Request for Proposals be reviewed in detail, and that the matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council.

Resolution C130618

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that the Request for Proposals for the provision of legal services be referred to the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council on July 8, 2013.

Motion carried unanimously.

Notice of Consideration – Amendments to Article 11 – Personnel Policy

Notice is given tonight that Council will consider proposed amendments to Article 11 of the Personnel Policy at the next Council meeting. Proposed amendments provide for the Property Services Manager and the Fire Services Coordinator to be paid on an 80 hour time schedule for every two weeks. These two individuals have been paid on the 80 hour time schedule in the past, and amendments are being proposed to provide clarification in the Personnel Policy.

Notice of Consideration – Amendments to Policy 54 – “Fire Response and Emergency Services Policy”

Notice is given tonight that consideration of amendments to Policy 54 will take place at the next meeting of Council. Proposed amendments prohibit the burning of derelict buildings within the Municipality of Barrington.

Notice of Consideration – Amendments to Policy 8 – “Annual Remuneration and Expenses for Councillors, Staff and Others”

Notice is given tonight that Council will consider amendments to Policy 8, “Annual Remuneration and Expenses for Councillors, Staff and Others”. Proposed amendments provide for councillors participation in the Municipal Pension Plan.

Notice of Consideration – Amendments to Article 17 – Personnel Policy

Notice is given tonight that Council will consider amendments to Article 17 of the Personnel Policy at their next meeting. It is proposed that Article 17 be amended to provide for councillors participation in the Municipal Pension Plan.

Fire Departments and Search and Rescue Registrations

The Clerk informed members that registrations have been received from the following:

- Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department
- Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department
- Barrington Volunteer Fire Department
- Joint registration between Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department/Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department/Barrington Volunteer Fire Department
- Barrington Ground Search & Rescue Group

Resolution C130619

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that registrations be accepted as presented, and that registrations be signed by the Municipal Clerk.

Motion carried unanimously.

BOSTON BRUINS ALUMNI

The Warden informed members that the Arena Manager has received an email from the Boston Bruins Alumni which advised that they will be visiting the region in October and are interested in coming to Barrington. The fee to host a game is \$22,000.00. It was felt that more information was needed, and it was agreed that the Clerk would invite the Arena Manager to attend the Budget Meeting scheduled for tomorrow night, or the July 8, 2013 Committee of the Whole Council meeting, to discuss the request in more detail.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Having heard no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website June 28, 2013.