

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

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:00 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

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that minutes of the 134th Annual Council Meeting and Closed Session held June 24, 2013, and Special Council Meetings held June 28th, July 15th, and July 17th, 2013, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

It was reported that a Closed Session of Council was held prior to the Council Meeting to review the performance evaluation for Laura Lee Acker, Accountant, for the Municipality of Barrington.

Resolution C130702

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that Laura Lee Acker receive her yearly increment effective July 24, 2013.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

PROCLAMATION – PIRATE RENDEZVOUS WEEK – AUGUST 18 – 25, 2013

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a proclamation regarding Pirate Rendezvous Week. Members were also provided with a copy of a letter and resolution presented in the House of Assembly, by Sterling Belliveau, MLA for Shelburne County, recognizing and supporting the efforts of citizens of Shelburne County in their pirate themed activities, and their continuing efforts to have Shelburne County become known as “Pirate County, Nova Scotia”.

Having received no objection to the Proclamation, the Warden declared August 18 – 25, 2013, as Pirate Rendezvous Week in the Municipality of Barrington.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clark’s Harbour Mosquito “A” Foggies Request

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Clark’s Harbour Mosquito “A” Foggies, in which they requested a financial contribution from the Municipality to advertise in the tournament brochure for the 2013 Baseball Nova Scotia Mosquito “A” Provincial Championships to be held on August 30th – September 1, 2013.

Resolution C130703

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that the Municipality support the 2013 Baseball Nova Scotia Mosquito “A” Provincial Championships by providing a financial contribution of \$200.00 from the Activities Funds of the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Yarmouth Hospital Foundation

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation thanking members for their support of the Foundation’s 9th Annual Spring Gala and the Municipal contribution of \$1,200.00 towards the purchase of a Pharmacy Automation System for the Yarmouth Regional Hospital. The Spring Gala resulted in over \$45,000.00 being raised.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council. During his report he indicated that he recently attended a Highway 103 Committee Meeting and will provide a report to Council in the near future.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor George El-Jakl reported on the recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Council.

Capital Projects

Resolution C130704

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality apply to the Municipal COMFIT Program for the construction of two (2) wind turbine generators at Sherose Island.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
George El-Jakl
Shaun Hatfield
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Motion carried.

Ecology Action Centre

Resolution C130705

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality invite Efficiency Nova Scotia to assess the lighting and heating in the Administration Building.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C130706

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that additional information be obtained regarding the Municipal Showcase Program, and if possible, the Municipality partner with Ecology Action Centre in the Municipal Showcase Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

UNSM Caucus Review

Councillor El-Jakl reported that correspondence has been received from the UNSM requesting councils to indicate whether or not they wish to have a caucus review completed. The UNSM has provided a number of questions to be answered by councils. The Committee of the Whole Council, on July 8, 2013, passed a recommendation to Council that Municipal Staff draft a response for approval. This motion is now redundant since the matter was further considered by the Committee of the Whole Council on July 15, 2013.

Resolution C130707

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that the draft response to the UNSM Caucus Review be approved and sent to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities.

Motion carried unanimously.

Bear Point Wharf Road

Resolution C130708

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a letter be sent to the local office of the Department of Transportation requesting that maintenance work be done to the Bear Point Wharf Road.

Motion carried unanimously.

Legal Services RFP

Resolution C130709

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the Municipality accept the proposal of Don Harding, and continue with our current Municipal Solicitor for the provision of legal services.

Motion carried unanimously.

Electrical Services Tender

Resolution C130710

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality negotiate an agreement with Balcom's Electric for the provision of electrical services for the next three (3) years, as advertised.

Motion carried unanimously.

Department of Transportation

Resolution C130711

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded D. Messenger that the Department of Transportation be requested to put gravel on the shoulders of the road in the Centreville area on Cape Sable Island, and especially in the Newellton area on Cape Sable Island.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C130712

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that due to the high volume of littering in the Centre Woods area on the Centreville/South Side Road, correspondence be sent to the Department of Transportation requesting them to place "No Littering" signs at both the northern and southern end of this area.

Motion carried unanimously.

Physician Agreement

Resolution C130713

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that based on legal advice received, the Municipality cannot accept responsibility for personal property of any tenant in the apartment at the Community Health Centre.

Motion carried unanimously.

Municipal Physical Activity Leader

Resolution C130714

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality enter into the Memorandum of Understanding with the Province of Nova Scotia for the Municipal Physical Activity Leader.

Motion carried unanimously.

Group Insurance for Councillors

Resolution C130715

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that Municipal Staff determine what other municipal units have put in place regarding outside group insurance for councillors.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
George El-Jakl
Eddie Nickerson
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

NEGATIVE

Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried.

Councillor George El-Jakl

Councillor El-Jakl gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council. During his report he expressed concern regarding the shoulder of the road in the Woods Harbour area. In spots the shoulder is low and in other spots the shoulder is very narrow.

Resolution C130716

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter be written to the Department of Transportation requesting that they address the concerns regarding the shoulder of the highway located in Woods Harbour near Captain Wayne's Restaurant.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Shaun Hatfield

Councillor Hatfield 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.

NEW BUSINESS

SCBD Annual Report

The Clerk informed members that the Shelburne County Business Development Centre Limited has provided their Annual Report covering the period April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013. The Chairperson's message has been copied and circulated to members. The report will be kept in the Office and made available to anyone wishing to review it.

Consideration of Amendments to Article 11 – Personnel Policy

Notice was given at the June 24, 2013 Council meeting that Council will consider proposed amendments to Article 11 of the Personnel Policy at tonight's 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.

Resolution C130717

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that proposed amendments to Article 11 of the Personnel Policy as indicated above be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Notice was given at the June 24, 2013 Council meeting that Council will consider amendments to Policy 54 at tonight's meeting. Proposed amendments prohibit the burning of derelict buildings within the Municipality of Barrington.

Resolution C130718

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that proposed amendments to Policy 54, "Fire Response and Emergency Services Policy", regarding the burning of derelict buildings be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

It was reported that notice was given at the June 24, 2013 Council meeting that Council would consider amendments to Policy 8, "Annual Remuneration & Expenses for Councillors, Staff and Others", at tonight's meeting. Proposed amendments will provide for councillors participation in the Municipal Pension Plan.

Resolution C130719

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that proposed amendments to Policy 8, "Annual Remuneration & Expenses for Councillors, Staff and Others", regarding councillor participation in the Municipal Pension Plan, be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Amendments to Article 17 – Personnel Policy

Notice was given at the June 24, 2013 Council meeting that Council will consider amendments to Article 17 of the Personnel Policy at tonight's meeting. It is proposed that Article 17 be amended to provide for councillor participation in the Municipal Pension Plan.

Resolution C130720

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that proposed amendments to the Personnel Policy dealing with the participation of councillors in the Municipal Pension Plan be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted during discussion of this matter that councillor participation in the Municipal Pension Plan is voluntary.

VIC Stats

Statistics for the Barrington Visitor Information Centre for the period May 17th to June 30th, 2013 was provided to members in advance to the meeting. The report indicated that to June 30, 2013, 586 people visited the Visitor Information Centre, as compared to 481 for the same period in 2012.

Town of Clark's Harbour Request

It was reported that correspondence has been received from the Town of Clark's Harbour requesting the Municipality to appoint one of their Classification II Operators as the person "indirectly responsible" for the Clark's Harbour sewer treatment facility on a temporary basis. The Public Works Supervisor for the Town of Clark's Harbour, Bryant Newell, does not have the Wastewater Operators Classification II required by the Nova Scotia Department of Environment. Mr. Newell is in the process of obtaining his Class II certification, but in the meantime the Department of Environment is requiring the Town to provide them with a transition plan until Mr. Newell is certified. It is anticipated that Mr. Newell will obtain the required operator classification this fall.

During discussion of this matter, liability was questioned.

Resolution C130721

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality allow staff with the Wastewater Operator Classification II to be appointed "indirectly responsible" for the Clark's Harbour sewer treatment facility, on a temporary basis, until the Town of Clark's Harbour Public Works Supervisor obtains the required classification, or October 31, 2013, whichever is sooner, subject to the following:

1. The Town of Clark's Harbour providing a letter of indemnification from their insurance company.
2. The Town of Clark's Harbour agree to pay an hourly rate for excessive hours worked by Municipal Staff.
3. The agreement is subject to review by the Municipal Solicitor.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 7:59 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website July 24, 2013.