

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, January 27, 2014. The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:15 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

McGray Avenue Letter

Councillor Shaun Hatfield informed members that he would be declaring conflict of interest when dealing with the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole Council concerning the McGray Avenue letter. Councillor Hatfield has a pecuniary interest in property on McGray Avenue.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger also informed members that she would be declaring conflict of interest when dealing with the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole Council concerning the McGray Avenue letter. Deputy Warden Messenger's daughter and brother-in-law both have residences at McGray Avenue.

NSBRA

Warden Eddie Nickerson informed members that he would be declaring conflict of interest when dealing with the Nova Scotia Boat Racers Association as contained on the agenda. Warden Nickerson is the President of the Nova Scotia Boat Racers Association.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that the Regular Council Meeting held December 9, 2013, and Special Council Meetings held December 16, 2013, January 13th and 20th, 2014, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

At 6:45 p.m. a Closed Session of Council was held pursuant to Section 22(2)(c) of the Municipal Government Act for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

Yearly Increments

Resolution C140102

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that Darren Brown, Property Services Technician, receive his annual increment as recommended by Staff, effective December 21, 2013.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C140103

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Cameron Whiteway, Property Services Manager, receive his annual increment as recommended by Staff, effective January 13, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

Performance Evaluation

Resolution C140104

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the performance evaluation for Shenton Allen, Landfill Attendant, be accepted as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Old Post Road

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from Joe Crowell, District Traffic Supervisor of the Department of Transportation, in response to our letter of August 29, 2013. Mr. Crowell advised that at present 50 kilometers per hour is the lowest speed limit permitted under the Motor Vehicle Act, with the exception of certain school areas. He advised that at locations where drivers are not obeying an existing speed limit, lowering the speed has not proven to be effective in garnering voluntary compliance. In these cases the most effective tool is increased enforcement of the existing limit.

Councillor Crook informed members that he has once again been contacted by residents expressing concern regarding the speed of vehicles travelling this road.

Resolution C140105

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipal Clerk contact the RCMP and ask that additional monitoring of the speed of vehicles travelling the Old Post Road be carried out.

Motion carried unanimously.

Free Public Skating

Previously Council questioned whether free public skating was being carried out at the Barrington Municipal Arena.

The Clerk informed members that there are free public skating times during the Christmas Season and during the *Take the Roof Off Winter* promotion in February. Both public skates are sponsored by local businesses and they pay the cost for ice time. The Clerk informed members that at no time does the Municipality provide ice time without charge for public skating.

Kidney Dialysis Services – Barrington Area

Cathy Blades, Vice-President, Clinical Care, South West Health, was asked to provide an update on dialysis services for residents of the Barrington area. She advised that South West Health continues to work with the Provincial Renal Program to promote and enhance renal home therapies, both hemo and peritoneal. At this point there is no identified plan to establish a satellite hemo dialysis centre in the Barrington area. She advised that beyond the fiscal challenge, it would be impossible to provide satellite clinical expertise for either the nephrology or the nursing perspective.

During discussion of this matter question was raised as to the number of participants from the Municipality of Barrington taking part in the renal home therapies program.

Resolution C140106

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Cathy Blades of South West Health be invited to attend a future Council meeting to provide details on renal home therapy programs offered in the Municipality of Barrington, number of participants, future plans, strides being made, etc., and she also be asked to provide information on collaborative health centres.

Motion carried unanimously.

NSBRA

Conflict of Interest

Warden Eddie Nickerson declared conflict of interest, vacated his seat and left the meeting room. Warden Nickerson is the President of the Nova Scotia Boat Racers Association.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger assumed the Chair.

As requested by the Municipal Council, the Nova Scotia Boat Racers Association provided a copy of their guidelines, which includes times for boat racers to use the Causeway area for practice. Information received was circulated to members in advance to the meeting.

Resolution C140107

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Nova Scotia Boat Racers Association be requested to place their guidelines and schedule for practices on their website.

Motion carried unanimously.

Warden Nickerson returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.

Barrington Passage Post Office

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from Canada Post regarding the reduction of business hours at the Barrington Passage Post Office. The letter advised that they have carefully reviewed their operations at the Barrington Passage Post Office, and after analysing customer traffic patterns have determined that they have a very small number of local customers on Saturdays. As a result of the review, they will no longer be offering Saturday retail service as of November 24, 2013. The letter further advised that they will continue to offer full access to postal services on weekdays, and will stay open later on Thursdays.

DNR Euthanization of Animals

Correspondence has been received from the Department of Natural Resources in response to Council's inquiry as to what action would be taken by the Department of Natural Resources should a situation arise in the future, similar to the deer that had to be put down by the RCMP in 2013. The letter received advised that any deer issues in Shelburne County will be dealt with according to policy. Shubie has a 24-hour phone line which the public can call and Shubie in turn calls the technician on duty. Each situation is different and is assessed by the technician when they arrive at the scene.

Surplus Municipal Property – River Head Road, Oak Park

At the Council meeting held November 25, 2013 the tender submitted by Corbett Blades for the purchase of property located in Oak Park was accepted. Mr. Blades was advised of this acceptance, and was informed that he would be responsible for the cost of all legal fees associated with the conveyance of the property including all migration fees. Mr. Blades has advised that he is no longer interested in purchasing the property since the cost of migration and legal fees would be far more than the property is worth.

Resolution C140108

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that Resolution No. C131130 contained in the minutes of the Barrington Municipal Council meeting held November 25, 2013 accepting the tender received from Corbett Blades for the purchase at Oak Park, Assessment #00147354, in the amount of \$400.00, be rescinded, since Mr. Blades is no longer interested in the property due to the cost of migration and legal fees.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Resolution In Support of a National Dementia Strategy

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger and carried unanimously:

WHEREAS Alzheimer's disease and other dementias are progressive, degenerative diseases of the brain that cause thinking and memory to become seriously impaired;

WHEREAS Alzheimer's disease and other dementias most often occur in people over the age of 65 but can strike adults at any age; and

WHEREAS Alzheimer's disease and other dementias affect more than 500,000 Canadians currently and that this figure is projected to reach 1.1 million within a generation; and

WHEREAS Alzheimer's disease and other dementias also takes their toll on hundreds of thousands of families and care partners; and

WHEREAS an estimated further three million Canadians face the burden and challenges of providing care for those suffering with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias; and

WHEREAS there is no known cause or cure for this devastating illness; and

WHEREAS the cost related to the health care system is in the billions and only going to increase, at a time when our health care system is already facing enormous financial challenges; and

WHEREAS Canada, unlike many countries, does not have a national dementia strategy; and

WHEREAS there is an urgent need to plan and raise awareness and understanding about Alzheimer's disease and other dementias for the sake of improving the quality of life of the people it touches; and

WHEREAS MP Claude Gravelle Nickel Belt has introduced Bill C-356, *An Act respecting a National Strategy for Dementia*, as he works for broad, all party and non partisan support for an issue that touches us all. His legislation calls for a national plan that includes the development of strategies in primary health care, in health promotion and prevention of illness, in community development, in building community capacity and care partner engagement, investments in research and other (advisory board, objectives, investment in research, and caregivers and more)

NOW THEREFORE, the Municipality of the District of Barrington calls on all levels of government and the Federation of Municipalities to adopt a national dementia strategy, and urges all citizens of our communities to become more aware and engaged concerning the far-reaching effects of this devastating disease.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden provided 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. During his report he noted that there are a number of street lights out, or not working properly, in the Newellton area.

Resolution COW140109

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that street lights in the Newellton area which are out or not working properly between Civic #1921 and #1872 be reported to Nova Scotia Power for repair.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Hatfield then reported on recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Council.

Centreville School Request from Sheena Sears

Resolution C140110

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that correspondence be sent to the Tri-County Regional School Board requesting that they indicate if and when the Cape Sable Island Elementary School will revert back to the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C140111

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that although it is currently uncertain whether or not the C.S.I. Elementary School will be returned to the Municipality, an advertisement be placed in the local newspaper inviting community groups or businesses to provide ideas to the Municipality for the use of this school should it revert back to the Municipality in future.

Motion carried unanimously.

Woodland Multi-Use Trail Association Request

Resolution C140112

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter of support be provided to the Woodland Multi-Use Trail Association for inclusion in funding applications for the next phase of the multi-purpose trail within the Municipality of Barrington from Clement's Pond to Barrington Passage.

Motion carried unanimously.

Climate Data Project

Resolution C140113

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality support the Climate Data Project as requested, and provide funding in the amount of \$7,500 in its budget for the next two and one half years.

Motion carried unanimously.

Janitorial Services

Resolution C140114

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the Municipality tender the required janitorial services for the Municipality.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
George El-Jakl
Shaun Hatfield
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Motion carried.

Bateman Road

Resolution C140115

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a letter be sent to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal concerning resurfacing and grading of Bateman Road, and plowing of it in a more timely manner after snowstorms.

Motion carried unanimously.

Doctor Yee Office Rent

Resolution C140116

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that the Municipality renew its agreement with Dr. Yee to pay a portion of the rent on the adjacent office until Dr. Baker moves into the office on a permanent basis.

Motion carried unanimously.

Designation Under the Fences and Detention of Stray Livestock Act

Resolution C140117

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the Municipality not request to be designated under the Fences and Detention of Stray Livestock Act as this was not deemed to be beneficial to the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

McGray Avenue Letter

Conflict of Interest

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger declared conflict of interest, vacated her seat and left the meeting room. Deputy Warden Messenger's daughter and brother-in-law both have residences at McGray Avenue.

Councillor Shaun Hatfield declared conflict of interest, vacated his seat and left the meeting room. Councillor Hatfield has a pecuniary interest in property on McGray Avenue.

Councillor Crook reported on the recommendation from Committee.

Councillor Crook informed members that residents of McGray Avenue have taken issue with the fact that they were required to contribute a portion of the cost of having the upper portion of McGray Avenue paved while residents on other roads within the Municipality were not required to participate in the cost of paving their roads.

Members were advised that circumstances when each of the roads were paved were not always the same, and therefore these affected the funding required for the various paving projects.

Resolution C140118

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a response be drafted to the residents of McGray Avenue and reviewed by the Municipal Solicitor before sending, stating the terms of the Local Improvement By-Law, and as well the terms of the petition that was received by Council from the residents of upper McGray Avenue, and explain the process that was put in place.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger and Councillor Shaun Hatfield returned to the meeting.

Councillor Hatfield continued with the recommendations from Committee.

Figure Skating Club Request

Conflict of Interest

Warden Eddie Nickerson declared conflict of interest, vacated his seat and left the meeting room. Warden Nickerson's daughter is a skater in the Shelburne County Figure Skating Club.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger assumed the Chair.

Resolution C140119

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality donate three (3) hours of ice time for the closing event of the Shelburne County Figure Skating Club, and the Municipality waive the related policy and charge the cost of this donation to Grants to Organizations.

Motion carried unanimously.

Warden Eddie Nickerson returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.

NHL Legends Hockey Game

Resolution C140120

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that the Municipality host a NHL Legends Hockey Game again in October of 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that the game will be with the Montreal Canadiens alumni team.

Councillor Jody Crook

Councillor Crook reported on the recommendation from the Fire Services Advisory Committee.

The Fire Services Advisory Committee is recommending that 20 new Scott, 2216 SCBAs be purchased at a cost of \$7,963.75 each for a total of \$159,275.00. The distribution of these packs would be: 10 for Woods Harbour, 4 Port Clyde, 4 Port LaTour and 2 for Island Barrington Passage.

Moved by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality purchase 20 SCBAs as recommended by the Fire Services Advisory Committee.

There being no seconder to the motion, the Warden declared the motion lost.

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a memo from Dave Kendrick, Fire Services Coordinator. Mr. Kendrick is recommending that if new SCBAs are purchased, then 12 would be enough to meet the current needs. As it stands now, if a situation should arise requiring all fire departments to be involved, we would have the capacity to put 40 firefighters in SCBAs.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that there is no suggestion as to how the purchase of SCBAs are to be funded.

Resolution C140121

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that we send the matter of air packs back to the Fire Services Advisory Committee for further consideration in light of the information received from the Fire Services Coordinator, and that a new recommendation be made from the Fire Services Advisory Committee in the matter of the air packs.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Deputy Warden Messenger gave a brief report on her 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.

NEW BUSINESS

RCMP 2012-2013 Year in Review

2012/2013 Year End Review First Division Nova Scotia RCMP was circulated to members for their review.

Destruction of Documents

The Municipal Clerk provided an Affidavit outlining documents which he would like to have destroyed since they no longer hold any value to the Municipality.

Resolution C140122

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger and carried unanimously:

WHEREAS the documents and records of the Municipality of the District of Barrington as set out in the Affidavit of Brian K. Holland, the Municipal Clerk, sworn to the 27th day of January, A.D., 2014, are no longer required;

AND WHEREAS according to the said Affidavit the said documents and records have been personally examined by the said Clerk and he has determined that there is nothing of value therein and that the said documents and records do not include any documents or records which are exempt from destruction pursuant to Section 3 of the Destruction of Documents By-law;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the said documents and records as set out in the said Affidavit of the said Clerk be forthwith removed and destroyed.

A copy of Schedule “A” and Schedule “B” regarding the destruction of documents are attached and form part of the minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by J. Crook that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website January 30, 2014.