

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, February 24, 2014. The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported that all councillors representing all districts of the Municipality were present with the exception of Councillor Shaun Hatfield who was away on vacation and Councillor George El-Jakl who is expected to arrive shortly:

- Warden Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor Jody Crook
- Councillor George El-Jakl (6:48 p.m.)

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

CLOSED SESSION

A Closed Session of Council was held at this time to deal with personnel matters and the Notice of Appeal regarding the former BMHS property.

Councillor El-Jakl arrived during the Closed Session.

OPEN SESSION

The regular session of Council was called back to order at 7:35 p.m.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Personnel Matters

Resolution C140207

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the letter of resignation submitted by Bob Watt, Recreation Facilities Operator, be accepted by Council, and a thank you letter be forwarded to him for his many years of service to the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C140208

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the letter of resignation submitted by Shelly Blinkhorn, Arena Manager, be accepted by Council, and a thank you letter be forwarded to her for her many years of service to the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C140209

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Property Services Manager and lay off Gardiner Allen, Property Services Technician.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C140210

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the performance evaluation prepared for Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk, be accepted.

Motion carried unanimously.

Notice of Appeal Re: Former BMHS Property

Conflict of Interest

Warden Eddie Nickerson declared conflict of interest, vacated his seat and left the meeting room. Warden Nickerson is a personal friend of the property owner.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger assumed the Chair.

As previously reported to members, Justice Muise has dismissed the lawsuit finding that Mr. Anthony's company did not have an implied easement to draw water from the soccer field well, therefore Council provided notification to tenants of the courtyard that the supply of water from the municipal well located on the soccer field would be disconnected on April 30, 2014. Notification has now been received advising that Mr. Anthony is appealing the court decision.

Resolution C140211

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality of Barrington send letters to residents of the courtyard advising them that access to the water from the well on municipal property will not be removed until after the Appeal has been dealt with.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Warden resumed the Chair.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger informed members that she would be declaring conflict of interest when dealing with "Volunteer of the Year", since a nomination has been submitted by the Western Shelburne County Health Care Charitable Society, of which she is a Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution C140212

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held January 27, 2014, and Special Council Meetings held February 3rd, 11th, and 17th, 2014 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION – AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH 2014

After the last Council Meeting correspondence was received from the Town of Shelburne requesting Council to proclaim February as African Heritage Month. A copy of the proclamation was circulated to members in advance to the meeting.

There being no objections received, the Warden read the following proclamation and declared February as African Heritage Month.

WHEREAS February is African Heritage Month – a time to celebrate the rich culture and heritage of people of African ancestry in Nova Scotia; and

WHEREAS African Heritage Month has been celebrated in Nova Scotia for 29 years through art, music, literature, performance, public discussions, and numerous community events, and each year there is significant growth in participation in the province; and

WHEREAS this year's theme, "Rising Stars: Celebrating Our Youth", celebrates and highlights historic African Nova Scotia communities and provides an opportunity to celebrate African Nova Scotians, their rich history, and the future of the communities;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Barrington does hereby proclaim the month of February to be *African Heritage Month* in Nova Scotia. I urge all Nova Scotians to come together to celebrate historic African Nova Scotian communities and contributions of past generations, and to work together to pave the way forward for a prosperous future.

The Deputy Warden informed members that she attended an event hosted by the Town of Shelburne in honour of African Heritage Month.

Resolution C140213

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the Deputy Warden's expenses be paid to attend this function in honour of African Heritage Month.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Feed Nova Scotia

Correspondence has been received from Feed Nova Scotia along with a copy of the 2013 Report on Hunger and Food Bank use in Canada and Recommendations for Change. Members were advised that the report will be kept in the office for easy access by members.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that food bank donations are accepted at each council meeting and are delivered to the Woods Harbour Food Bank by Councillor El-Jakl.

Tri-County Pregnancy Care Centre

Correspondence has been received from the Tri-County Pregnancy Care Centre thanking Council for their 2013 donation of \$1,000.00.

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.

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 reported on recommendations from Committee.

Grass Mowing

Resolution C140214

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality tender for the mowing of grass throughout the Municipality in the coming summer.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Tourism Coordinator

Resolution C140215

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that due to the lack of funding provided by municipal units within the County, and in order to fill its legal responsibilities the Municipality provide notice to the Shelburne County Tourism Coordinator that this position will be terminated as of March 31, 2014 when the current funding agreement has been completed.

Motion carried unanimously.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that on December 30, 2013 the Shelburne County Tourism Association gave the Tourism Coordinator notice that employment would be terminated March 31, 2014.

Industrial Commission

Correspondence was received from Mr. Cecil Swimm regarding the establishment of an Industrial Commission within the Municipality.

Resolution C140216

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that a response be forwarded to Mr. Cecil Swimm indicating that the Municipality is currently exploring other avenues to promote the Industrial Park and other economic initiatives within the Municipality, and thanking him for his suggestions.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Premachandra – Office Move

Dr. Premachandra has indicated that he may wish to move his office from the Community Health Centre to his house. He is requesting use of equipment such as examination table and several office chairs for use at the proposed location in his house.

Resolution C140217

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that Dr. Premachandra be advised that it would be inappropriate for the Municipality to place publicly funded and owned property in a private residence in the Municipality and therefore Council is unable to do as requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Jody Crook then gave a report on his activities since the last meeting of Council. He specifically reported on a recent meeting of the Fire Services Advisory Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Notice of Consideration – Social Media Policy

It is proposed that a Social Media Policy be put in place to set responsibilities and procedures intended to enhance communication, collaboration, and information exchange through the use of social media technology.

Consideration of this policy will take place at the next meeting of Council.

Notice of Consideration – Repeal Policy No. 18 – Fire Department Funding

It is proposed that Policy No. 18, “Fire Department Funding”, be repealed as steps are being taken to expand Policy No. 54, “Fire Response and Emergency Services Policy”, to include funding of fire departments, training, etc.

Consideration of repealing this policy will take place at the next meeting of Council.

First Reading - Proposed Amendments to Tax Exemption By-Law

It is proposed that Schedule “A”, of By-Law No. 25, “Tax Exemption By-Law”, be amended by removing the Clyde Lodge No. 98 I.O.O.F. Hall, Assessment Account No. 00823341, since this property is now privately owned and no longer qualifies for the exemption. It is further proposed that the following two properties be added:

- Woods Harbour Community Centre Association, Assessment Account #10502160
- Wesley Heritage Community Seniors Association, Assessment Account #00760412

Resolution C140218

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that proposed amendments to By-Law No. 25 “Tax Exemption By-Law” be approved in first reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that second reading of the proposed amendments will be advertised in the Coast Guard Newspaper and will be dealt with by Council at a future meeting.

Volunteer of the Year

Conflict of Interest

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger declared conflict of interest, vacated her seat and left the meeting room. Deputy Warden Messenger is a Director of the Western Shelburne County Health Care Charitable Society who has submitted a nomination for this designation.

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a summary sheet of volunteer nominations together with information on each of the volunteers who have been nominated.

Resolution C140219

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that Fraser Beer be recognized as the Volunteer of the Year for the Municipality of Barrington for 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING WITH MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR

It became necessary to cancel the meeting with the Municipal Solicitor scheduled for last week. The Municipal Solicitor has now advised that he would be available to meet with members on March 21st, 24th or 25th. Members agreed to meet with the Municipal Solicitor on March 21, 2014, at 1:30 p.m., in the Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by J. Crook that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website February 28, 2014.