

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, April 28, 2014. 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 G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held March 24, 2014, and Special Council Meetings held April 1st and April 7th, 2014 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

BARRINGTON COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTRE

Krista Peterson, Coordinator, and Anne Chase, Instructor, of the Barrington Community Learning Centre appeared before the meeting. An overview of the programs offered at their Centre was provided. Depending on funding, Ms. Peterson informed members that it is their hope to offer summer classes this year starting in June 2014.

The Centre is currently located in the Robertson Building located in Barrington Passage.

Ms. Peterson thanked Council for providing space to them free of charge.

Ms. Peterson and Mrs. Chase were both thanked for appearing before Council and making their presentation.

CROW'S NECK BEACH

Alice Morgan of Nova Scotia Nature Trust and Sally Steele of the Department of Environment appeared before Council. An update was provided on parks and protected areas including Crow's Neck Beach. It was reported that it is the goal of the Province to have 12% of Nova Scotia's land mass protected by 2015. 9% is currently protected.

An update was provided on the partnership with the Province. Crow's Neck Beach was acquired in 2011 which is a nesting site for the piping plover. The property also contains the thread-leaved sundew plant. Members were advised that beach access was upgraded last year and a cleanup of the property was carried out in August 2013.

Another protected area that was discussed was Bon Portage Island. It was reported that the island is now owned by Acadia University and is governed by a Conservation Easement. Ms. Morgan informed members that the island is perfectly positioned to collect a lot of marine debris, such as lobster traps and plastic oil jugs. She requested assistance from the Municipality in the disposal of waste collected.

Resolution C140412

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that when Nature Trust carries out clean-ups on Bon Portage Island, the waste be brought to the wharf and disposal be arranged by Municipal Staff.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Morgan and Ms. Steele were both thanked for appearing before Council and making their presentation.

CORRESPONDENCE

South West Nova Scotia Temperature and Solar Radiation Study

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with the first quarter report for the Climate Study Project.

Invitation – The Victorian Order of Nurses Celebrates 110 Years

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of an invitation from the Victorian Order of Nurses Tri-County Community Cooperation inviting members to attend a tea to celebrate 110 years of service to the citizens of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. The tea will be held at the Grand Hotel in Yarmouth, on May 21, 2014, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Resolution C140413

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that members wishing to attend will have their expenses paid for by the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Repealing Policy No. 18, "Fire Department Funding"

Notice was given at the February 24, 2014 Council meeting that 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.

Resolution C140414

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that Policy No. 18, “Fire Department Funding” be repealed as it is no longer required.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Amendments to Policy No. 54, “Fire Response and Emergency Services Policy”

Notice was given at the last meeting of Council that it is proposed that Policy No. 54, “Fire Response and Emergency Services Policy”, be amended to put in place the required logistics of the Fire Service Operation, Fire Service Funding and the General Operating Guidelines for the fire department.

Resolution C140415

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that proposed amendments to Policy 54, “Fire Response and Emergency Services Policy”, be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Consideration of Amendments to Policy 52 “Council Policy”

Notice was given at the last meeting of Council that it is proposed that Policy 52, “Council Meetings and Proceedings Policy” be amended to provide some flexibility in the scheduling of meetings during the month of December, to make sure the meetings do not encroach on the Christmas season.

Resolution C140416

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that proposed amendments to Policy No. 52 to provide some flexibility in the scheduling of meetings during the month of December be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Amendments to Policy 59, “Committees of Council”

At the last meeting of Council notice was given that it is proposed that Policy 59, “Policies on Committees of Council” be amended by providing flexibility in the scheduling of meetings during the month of December and deleting reference to the Yarmouth/Argyle/Barrington/Clare District Planning Commission. Proposed amendments will also provide for the Planning Advisory Committee to meet on an as-needed basis.

Resolution C140416

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that proposed amendments to Policy 59, “Committees of Council”, be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Amendments to Article 26 – Clothing - Personnel Policy

Notice was given at the last meeting of Council that it is proposed that Article 26 of the Personnel Policy be amended to provide for the reimbursement of the cost of one (1) pair of steel-toed shoes, up to an accumulative maximum of \$100.00, per year. At present the policy provides for reimbursement of \$150.00 every two years.

Resolution C140417

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that Article 26 of the Personnel Policy be amended to provide for reimbursement of \$100.00 per year, towards the purchase of steel-toed work shoes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Notice of Consideration – Policy 8 – Annual Remuneration, etc.

It is proposed that Policy 8, “Annual Remuneration, Benefits and Expenses for Councillors, Staff and Others” be amended to update the annual remuneration paid to the Warden, Deputy Warden and Councillors, and to provide for an automatic Cost of Living Adjustment up to 2.5% per year. Any Cost of Living Adjustment over 2.5% will be referred to Council for consideration.

Consideration of proposed amendments will take place at the next meeting of Council.

Notice of Consideration of amendments to Policy 54 – “Fire Response and Emergency Services Policy Re: Guidelines on Officer Requirements”

It is proposed that Policy No. 54, “Fire Response and Emergency Services Policy” be amended by adding “Guidelines on Officer Requirement”.

Consideration of proposed amendments to Policy 54 will take place at the next meeting of Council.

ANDREA HUSKILSON AND BMHS STUDENTS RE: ME TO WE TRI-COUNTY

Andrea Huskilson and two BMHS students appeared before Council and made a power point presentation regarding their recent trip to Ghana as part of the Tri-County Regional School Board’s Me to We program.

Ms. Huskilson and students were thanked for appearing before Council and making their presentation.

CLOSED SESSION

At this time a Closed Session of Council was held to receive personnel information pursuant to Section 22(2)(c) of the Municipal Government Act, and to consider the sale of land owned by the Municipality pursuant to Section 22(2)(a) of the Municipal Government Act.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

It was reported that during the Closed Session, members received the performance evaluation for David Kendrick, Fire Services Coordinator and instruction was given to the Municipal Clerk to further negotiate the sale of municipal property formerly known as "Crowell's Store".

CONTINUATION OF NEW BUSINESS

PAC Non-Council Member Appointments

The Clerk informed members that it was once again time to appoint non-council members to serve on the Planning Advisory Committee. An advertisement was placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper and three applications were received. Applications were received from Sally Nickerson, Wilfred Mader and Cindy Nickerson. During discussion of this matter it was noted that non-council members serving on the Planning Advisory Committee must reside within the Municipality of Barrington.

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that Sally Nickerson, Wilfred Mader and Cindy Nickerson be appointed to serve on the Planning Advisory Committee for a two year term.

Resolution C140418

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the above motion be tabled until the next meeting of Council to confirm residency of the applicants.

Motion carried unanimously.

Advertising – Olympia Machine

It was reported that an advertisement was placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper inviting tenders for a three year contract for advertising on the Olympia machine at the Arena. Two tenders were received which were as follows:

1. NSCC, Shelburne Campus, \$325.00, plus HST, per year, for advertising space on the side of the Olympia machine
2. Belliveau Veinotte Inc., \$600.00, plus HST, per year for advertising space on one side of the Olympia machine

Resolution C140419

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that tenders received from the Nova Scotia Community College, Shelburne Campus, and Belliveau Veinotte Inc., for advertising space on the Olympia machine be accepted.

Motion carried unanimously.

Pool Liner Tenders

Tenders were invited for the supply and installation of a new pool liner for the municipal pool. Three tenders were received which were as follows:

1. Bridgewater Pool Chemical & Supplies Ltd., \$10,833.00, plus HST
2. Levy Pools Ltd., \$12,635.00, plus HST
3. Acapulco Pools Ltd., \$76,400.00, plus HST

It is the recommendation of staff that the tender be awarded to Bridgewater Pool Chemical & Supplies Ltd., in the amount of \$10,833.00, plus HST.

Resolution C140420

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that the tender received from Bridgewater Pool Chemical & Supplies Ltd., for the supply and installation of a pool liner at the Barrington Municipal Pool, in the amount of \$10,833.00, plus HST, be accepted.

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 LeBlanc-Messenger gave a brief report on her activities since the last meeting of Council. She then reported on recommendations from committee.

Council Appointment to Fire Service Advisory Committee

Resolution C140421

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Councillor Crook be appointed as the Municipality's non-voting member on the Fire Service Advisory Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Lobster Expo and Market

Resolution C140422

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that the Municipality's policies requiring permits and licences for commercial events on municipal property be waived for the Lobster Expo and Market scheduled to be held during the Shelburne County Lobster Festival, as this is a para-municipal event sponsored by the Municipal Recreation Departments.

Motion carried unanimously.

Lobster Festival Request

Resolution C140423

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that a grant of \$500.00 be provided to the Shelburne County Lobster Festival Planning Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Subdivision of Property

Resolution C140424

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality proceed with the subdivision of the Community Health Centre property owned by the Municipality in Barrington Passage.

Motion carried unanimously.

Yarmouth Hospital Foundation Presentation

Paulette Sweeney-Goodwin, Managing Director of the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation, together with Shirley d'Entremont, the Board Chair; and Reg Rose, a local Board Member from Barrington, presented the Foundation's current fundraising campaign to the Committee of the Whole Council. The Foundation is in the process of raising 25% of the funds required for a new CAT Scan machine and a new medication management system at the hospital. The total funds that they will be required to raise is \$794,000.00. The Foundation has received a commitment from the Hospital Ladies Auxiliary of \$150,000.00, and is asking the municipal units in Yarmouth, Argyle, Barrington, Clare and the Town of Clark's Harbour to contribute \$210,000.00 in total. The contribution being request from the Municipality of Barrington is \$20,953.00. The equipment has already been obtained and installed and will now need to be paid for as soon as possible. For that purpose, this fundraising campaign will be attempting to raise the funds as quickly as possible.

Resolution C140425

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the Municipality support the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation Fundraising Campaign by contributing \$20,953.00, as requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor/Warden Discussion

The Deputy Warden informed members that members discussed the pros and cons of citizens electing a mayor as opposed to councillors electing a warden, at the Committee of the Whole Council meeting held April 22, 2014. At that meeting a motion was brought forward that the Barrington Municipal Council replace the warden system of governance with that of a mayoral system of governance. This motion was defeated.

2014 Municipal Boundary Review

Resolution C140426

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the Utility and Review Board be notified that a Municipal Boundary Review was recently done and completed in early 2012 prior to the last municipal election. There has been no significant change in the composition of the Municipality's population in the interim, and it does not appear that a new boundary review will be necessary at this time. The Municipality respectfully requests that a Municipal Boundary Review not be required in the Municipality of Barrington this year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Scheduling of Closed Sessions

Resolution C140427

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that all meetings of Committee and Council start at 7:00 p.m., and that Closed Sessions be held immediately after roll call, the length of the Closed Session being determined by the time required to consider the topic at hand.

Motion carried unanimously.

Procurement Policy

Correspondence has been received from the Town of Shelburne taking issue with the application of the Provincial Procurement Policy by the Tri-County Regional School Board.

Resolution C140428

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that a letter be sent to the Tri-County Regional School Board supporting the Town of Shelburne's concerns with the application of the Provincial Procurement Policy by the School Board, and requesting the School Board to make changes that may be possible to accommodate the Town's concerns.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried.

High Speed Internet on Villagedale Road

Resolution C140429

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a letter be sent to the appropriate provincial government department indicating the lack of adequate service for high speed internet on the Villagedale Road, Baccaro, Port LaTour, Port Clyde, Charlesville, Forbes Point, and Upper Woods Harbour areas.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tourism and Community Development Officer

It is proposed by members that an interim Tourism and Community Development Officer be put in place. The prime focus of this officer will be tourism, the Yarmouth ferry, and community development, focusing on marketing and promotion of community events.

Resolution C140430

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the Municipality hire a Tourism and Community Development Officer, for a six month term position, and be paid \$15.00 per hour for a 40 hour work week.

Motion carried unanimously.

Continuation of Meeting

After having reached the hour of 10:00 p.m. it was agreed by members that the meeting would continue until all items on the agenda have been dealt with.

Resolution C140431

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that the job description for the Tourism and Community Development Officer be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that the part-time person at the Visitor Information Centre will not be returning this year.

It was agreed that this position be advertised and a replacement be hired.

Fog horn – Baccaro Light

Councillor Crook provided members with an update on the matter concerning the fog horn at the Baccaro Light. The horn was turned off by the Canadian Coast Guard during the second week of April 2014. This matter will be fully investigated by the Canadian Coast Guard and a report will follow.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by J. Crook that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website May 1, 2014.