

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Thursday, August 21, 2014.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:00 p.m., with the following members 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

PRESENTATIONS

Sandy Wickens

The Warden informed members that Bonnie Shand submitted a letter to Council suggesting that Sandy Wickens of Bear Point be provided an honor by the Municipality as he has contributed much to the community over the past years. Mr. Wickens has volunteered his time for over 40 years to coach both baseball and hockey teams from the Municipality.

Mr. Wickens was invited to Council this evening for a presentation. Mr. Wickens along with family and friends were present. The Warden presented Mr. Wickens with a municipal t-shirt and plaque in recognition and appreciation on behalf of our community for coaching, teaching, inspiring, encouraging and challenging both youth and adults on various sports teams in the Municipality of Barrington for more than 40 years. A larger, duplicate, plaque will be displayed in the Administrative Centre in recognition of Mr. Wickens' contributions to the Municipality. Some time was then taken to share stories, refreshments and picture taking.

Communities in Bloom Garden Contest Winners

The Warden informed members that the Municipality took part in the Communities in Bloom initiative this year. The Municipality partnered with the Barrington and Area Chamber of Commerce and had many businesses take part. Many businesses placed planters outside of their business and a number of residents took part in the Garden Contest. Winners of the Garden Contest were as follows:

Best Residential Edible Garden

- 1st Place – Erin Smith – Barrington Passage
- 2nd Place – Samantha Brannen – Clyde River
- 3rd Place – Tina Crowell – Woods Harbour

Best Residential Flower Garden

- 1st Place – Tina Crowell – Woods Harbour
- 2nd Place – Samantha Brannen – Clyde River
- 3rd Place – Ethel Nickerson – Shag Harbour

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Suzy Atwood, Tourism and Community Development Co-ordinator and Terri Thomas, Barrington and Area Chamber of Commerce presented winners in attendance, Erin Smith of Barrington Passage and Ethel Nickerson of Shag Harbour with Garden Flags and prizes. Photos were taken which will appear on the municipal website and facebook.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:40 p.m. a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with a personnel matter and Dr. Baker Agreement, pursuant to Section 22(2)(c) and (e) of the Municipal Government Act.

After completion of discussions of the above matters the Regular Council Meeting was then called back to order.

DECLARATIONS 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 minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held July 24, 2014, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Yearly Increment

Resolution C140801

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that Laura Lee Acker, Accountant, receive her yearly increment effective August 24, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Shag Harbour Station Road Paving

Correspondence has been received from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding our request to participate in the 2014-2015 Paving Program to have the Shag Harbour Station Road paved. The letter advised that all funding for this year has already been allocated and recommended that we resubmit the request for 2015-16.

Resolution C140802

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality resubmit the request to have the Shag Harbour Station Road paved during the 2015-16 Paving Program and inform Carl Dixon, Representative of the group requesting paving, of Council's decision and provide him with a copy of the letter from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal and a copy of the letter to Mr. Dixon be forwarded to the MLA for Argyle/Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

"Prepared" Campaign for Disaster Management

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Canadian Red Cross thanking Council for their contribution towards their "Prepared" Campaign for Disaster Management.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to be reported on.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden gave a brief report of his activities since the last meeting of Council.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Shaun Hatfield reported on recommendations from committees.

Shelburne County Minor Hockey Request

Shelburne County Minor Hockey is requesting the Municipality to install the ice at least a week to 10 days earlier than previously anticipated so that they can begin renting the ice on Monday, September 29, 2014.

Resolution C140803

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality install ice for rental beginning on September 22nd, so that the first rental of the ice for the season will begin on Monday, September 29, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Appointments

Planning Advisory Committee

Resolution C140804

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that Mr. William Malone of Woods Harbour be appointed to serve on the Planning Advisory Committee for a two year term.

Motion carried unanimously.

Joint Police Advisory Board

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality advertise again for a two week period for a public member to serve on the Joint Police Advisory Board.

Resolution C140805

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that the above motion be deferred until later in the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Western Regional Housing Authority

Resolution C140806

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that Mr. Cecil Swimm be nominated to the Western Regional Housing Authority as the Municipality's representative on their Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

Joint Police Advisory Board

Resolution C140807

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that Cindy Nickerson be asked if she wished to serve as the Municipality's public representative on the Joint Police Advisory Board, and if so, that she be approved by Council. If Cindy Nickerson declines, then the vacancy be advertised again.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deferred motion was brought forward:

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality advertise again for a two week period for a public member to serve on the Joint Police Advisory Board.

Resolution C140808

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that the above motion be withdrawn.

Motion carried unanimously.

Eastlink – Internet Connection

Resolution C140809

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality contact the appropriate government department regarding the satellite project completed by Eastlink, and request what action will be taken by the government in regards to this matter.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that constituents have expressed concern regarding internet connections in Port LaTour, Charlesville, Forbes Point and Woods Harbour.

Activities Fund Request

Resolution C140810

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that an Activities Fund Grant of \$200.00 be provided to the Shelburne County Reds to assist in the hosting of the Provincial Bantam AA Baseball Championships.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Baker Request Re: Equipment Purchases

Dr. Baker has provided a request for equipment purchases for his medical office. These purchases are necessary to replace some of the equipment that has been moved to the Community Health Centre. The total amount of the purchases requested is \$21,285.00 plus a request that was received today for four additional chairs.

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality contact Dr. Baker and put in place a plan for the purchase of this equipment which will be included as part of the incentive for the start-up of his practice in the Municipality and that this purchase be done on a one time basis as part of the incentive to locate here and will not be repeated in the future and the maximum amount of purchases be \$22,000.00 plus net HST.

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that the above motion be amended clearly indicating that equipment purchased will remain in the ownership of the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion now reads as follows:

Resolution C140811

‘... that the Municipality contact Dr. Baker and put in place a plan for the purchase of this equipment which will be included as part of the incentive for the start-up of his practice in the Municipality and that this purchase be done on a one time basis as part of the incentive to locate here and will not be repeated in the future and the maximum amount of purchases be \$22,000.00 plus net HST and all equipment purchased will remain in the ownership of the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

Hospital Parking Fees

Conflict of Interest

Deputy Warden Donna Messenger declared conflict of interest and left the meeting room as she is a member of the Yarmouth Hospital Charitable Foundation.

Resolution C140812

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that a letter be sent to the District Health Authority expressing concern for the increase in the parking fees at local hospitals and the letter be copied to all municipal units in Nova Scotia and a draft resolution be prepared for the Fall Conference of the UNSM.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk then read the following draft resolution to be submitted to the UNSM:

WHEREAS the South West Nova District Health Authority has increased its parking fees at the Yarmouth Regional Hospital, the Digby General Hospital and Roseway Hospital in Shelburne, from \$3.00 to \$4.00, effective September 1, 2014, and

WHEREAS all District Health Authorities in the Province of Nova Scotia use hospital parking fees as a source of income, and

WHEREAS patients and their families are at their most vulnerable mental and physical states when visiting hospitals to obtain medical care, and

WHEREAS parking fees are a barrier to healthcare and add avoidable stress to patients who already have more than enough to cope with, and

WHEREAS increasing parking fees is not “patient-centred health care”,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities request the Province of Nova Scotia to reduce hospital parking fees in all districts to the level necessary to recover the costs of providing this service only.

Resolution C140813

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that the above resolution be amended to note the disparity to patients and visitors who do not reside within the local area, who cannot be dropped off or picked up when visiting or attending appointments at hospitals, and then submit the resolution to the UNSM for consideration at their upcoming Fall Conference.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Warden Messenger returned to the meeting.

Grant Request

Resolution C140814

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that a grant of \$500.00 be provided to the “Do for Others Club” for the maintenance of the Greenwood Cemetery.

Motion carried unanimously.

Western Counties Regional Library

Resolution C140815

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that the Municipality pay the expenses of a councillor to attend the Nova Scotia Libraries Association Conference, September 26th and 27th in Amherst.

Motion carried unanimously.

Each member of Council was given an opportunity to report on their activities since the last meeting of Council.

NEW BUSINESS

It was agreed by members that “Order for Dangerous and Unsightly Premises” be added to the agenda.

Consideration of Amendments – Policy No. 8 – Annual Remuneration, Benefits, etc.

It is proposed that Section 6 of Policy No. 8 “Annual Remuneration, Benefits and Expenses for Councillors, Staff and Others”, be amended to increase the committee fee for non-council members from \$25.00 to \$75.00 per meeting attended, plus expenses. Notice of this proposed amendment was given at the last Council Meeting.

Resolution C140816

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that proposed amendments to Policy 8 “Annual Remuneration, Benefits and Expenses for Councillors, Staff and Others” to increase the committee fee paid to non-council members from \$25.00 to \$75.00 per meeting, plus expenses, be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Amendments - Policy 59 Re: Committees of Council

It is proposed that Policy 59, “Policies on Committees of Council”, be amended reducing the number of members required for the Planning Advisory Committee. It is proposed that the committee consist of not less than four (4) members, no more than two of whom shall be members of the Municipal Council, and a minimum of two shall be non-council members residing in the Municipality. Notice of consideration was given at the last meeting of Council.

Resolution C140817

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Policy 59, “Policies on Committees of Council”, be amended reducing the number of members required for the Planning Advisory Committee to not less than four (4) members, no more than two of whom shall be members of the Municipal Council, and a minimum of two shall be non-council members residing in the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Request for Proposals Re: Administrative Centre Roof Repairs

An advertisement was placed on the Government Tender Website requesting proposals for the repair of the flat membrane roof on the Administrative Centre. The Clerk reported that only one proposal was received and that was from Bradshaw Roofing Contractors Inc. in the amount of \$113,475.00 plus HST. The proposal further provided for the replacement of any rotted material at a cost of \$3.50 per sq. ft.

Resolution C140818

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the proposal received from Bradshaw Roofing Contractors Inc. in the amount of \$113,475.00 plus HST, and the replacement of any rotted material at a cost of \$3.50 per sq. ft. be approved as presented and the cost of the project be taken from the Capital Reserve Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Update – COMFIT Project –
Wind Turbine Generator – C & D Landfill Site

Application has been made to the Provincial COMFIT Program for funding for the construction of a small scale wind turbine generator to be erected at the Construction and Demolition Debris Landfill Site. The proposed Wind Turbine Generator will consist of a 50 kW turbine with a maximum blade tip height of 51.6 meters. Two public information sessions will be held to receive public input. Sessions will be held on August 28th and September 11, 2014, in the Council Chambers. The sessions will be hosted by the Municipality and representatives from Endurance Wind Power Limited will be present to provide information and answer questions regarding the project.

Order – Dangerous and Unightly Premises

The Clerk provided a summary of events regarding the dangerous and unsightly condition of property owned by Troy Eric Atwood, located at 830 Oak Park Road, Oak Park. The house on the property was destroyed by fire in April, 2014. Numerous attempts have been made to contact the property owner to have the dangerous and unsightly condition of this property addressed, without success. Staff is requesting an Order from Council requiring the clean-up of his property. Pictures were circulated to members for their information.

Resolution C140819

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that Council issue an Order requiring the property owner, Troy Eric Atwood, to address the dangerous and unsightly condition of his property located at 830 Oak Park Road, Oak Park, Assessment Account No. 04968646, by removing and properly disposing of all debris remaining on his property as a result of the house fire on April 14, 2014, filling in basement on property and levelling property and removing and properly disposing of a derelict vehicle located on the property, within 30 days from the date of the Order and failure to do so will result in the Municipality carrying out the work and the cost being added to the tax account.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed the business of the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting