

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, October 27, 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

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

At 6:00 p.m. a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with personnel matters in accordance with Section 22(2)(c) of the Municipal Government Act. All members of Council were present.

TRIBUTE TO CORPORAL NATHAN CIRILLO

The Deputy Warden had requested an opportunity to read a poem she had written as a tribute to Cpl. Nathan Cirillo who was recently shot and killed while standing guard at the National War Memorial in a targeted attack.

The Deputy Warden then read the following poem:

*The sun came up that morning
Like any other day.
A hurried snack; a quick caress,
Then he was on his way.*

*His heart so filled with pride and hope,
A deed he had in store,
To stand guard for his native land
No one could ask for more.*

*He steadfastly stood by his post
On that eventful day
To guard the precious monument
Where the unknown soldier lay.*

*And only God could understand
What terror would unfold
When Nathan's life was quickly lost
To a gunman so bloody and cold.*

*Where do we go for solace
With our young hero slain
We can only turn to God
In his trust we will remain?*

*A Canada now in mourning
So shocked and sad are we.
Forever we praise God for those
Who stand on guard for thee.*

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor George El-Jakl informed members that he would be declaring conflict of interest when dealing with the funding request received from Bay Side Home. He is the Chair of Bay Side Home Board of Directors.

Councillor Shaun Hatfield informed members that he would be declaring conflict of interest when dealing with the funding request received from Bay Side Home for a new van. The letter requesting funding was received from the Administrator of Bay Side Home, Paula Hatfield, who is a family member.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

The Warden informed members that the Closed Session of Council held earlier this evening was to deal with personnel matters and instruction was given to the Clerk-Treasurer.

Resolution C141001

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that Wanda Goreham, Tax Clerk, receive her yearly increment, effective October 21, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the minutes of the last meeting of Council held September 22, 2014 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Request from Bay Side Home Re: New Van

Conflict of Interest

Councillor George El-Jakl and Councillor Shaun Hatfield declared conflict of interest, vacated their seats and left the meeting room.

Councillor El-Jakl is the Chair of Bay Side Home Board of Directors, and Councillor Hatfield is related to the Administrator of Bay Side Home who is making the request of Council.

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of the reply received from Bay Side Home providing additional information regarding the purchase of a new van. The letter advised that Bay Side Home is not eligible for government funding at this time and all other avenues of obtaining funding have been visited, with no success. Bay Side Home will be purchasing an 8 passenger, plus 4 wheelchair, plus one double foldaway, 2014 Starcraft Allstar bus. The total cost of the new van will be \$88,643.15.

During discussion of this letter it was reported that Bay Side Home has already purchased the van.

Resolution C141002

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that the Municipality contribute \$1,000.00 towards the purchase of the new van for Bay Side Home, and that funds be taken from Grants to Organizations.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor El-Jakl and Councillor Hatfield returned to the meeting.

Baccaro Point Lighthouse Fog Horn

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter addressed to The Honourable Gail Shea, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, from MP Gerald Keddy. In the letter Mr. Keddy voices his support for the continuation of the fog horn at Baccaro Point Lighthouse. Mr. Keddy also made Minister Shea aware of the 682 signed letters received by the Municipality from concerned residents asking for the continuation of the Baccaro Point foghorn.

Resolution C141003

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the letter received from MP Gerald Keddy, addressed to The Honourable Gail Shea, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, providing support for the continuation of the foghorn at Baccaro Point Lighthouse be forwarded to Renee Pope, Acting Regional Superintendent, and Barry Nesbit, Design and Review Specialist, Atlantic Region, of the Canadian Coast Guard.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tabled Motion Re: Skateboard Ramp

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a proposed news release which has been reviewed by the Municipal Solicitor concerning the skateboard ramp. It was agreed that the tabled motion regarding the news release be brought forward at a later date when the date of construction of the ramp is known.

Caucus Meeting

Correspondence has been received from Lloyd Hines, Caucus Chair, Nova Scotia Liberal Caucus, thanking Council for their invite for them to visit Barrington. Mr. Hines advised that unfortunately at this time they are unable to fulfill our request this calendar year.

Eastlink Broadband Internet Service

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from Michel Samson, Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism, regarding the availability of Eastlink Broadband Internet Service in the Municipality of Barrington. The letter advised that the Government of Nova Scotia continues to work to ensure that Eastlink fulfills their contractual obligations under the Broadband for Rural Nova Scotia Agreement. These obligations do not expire until December 2014, and include the provision of 100% internet service to clients in their service area who have requested service. Every effort continues to be made to find a solution that will expand high speed internet service to currently unserved Nova Scotians. The letter advised that Eastlink did propose the use of satellite service as an alternative to fixed wireless service late in 2012. A test was run in early 2013 and the results indicated the unsuitability of satellite service. Eastlink was subsequently informed that they should continue to utilize fixed wireless to connect the unserved subscribers in their service area.

Resolution C141004

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a letter be written to Eastlink quoting the last paragraph of Minister Michel P. Samson's letter, and that a copy of this letter be forwarded to the MLA.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C141005

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that previous correspondence regarding Eastlink Broadband Internet Service be forwarded to the Municipality of Argyle, the Municipality of Shelburne and the Town of Shelburne for their information.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Hospital Parking Fees

It was reported that the Warden has received correspondence from the Municipality of the County of Colchester advising that our letter requesting support for reduced hospital parking fees was received for information.

Councillor Hatfield requested copies of all correspondence relating to the hospital parking fees.

South West Health

It was reported that correspondence has been received from Blaise McNeil, CEO, South West Nova District Health Authority, asking the Municipality to be leaders and role models in their community by adopting the proposed “Municipal Healthy Eating Policy” which was presented to the Committee of the Whole Council on October 20, 2014.

Nova Scotia Ground Search and Rescue Association

The Clerk informed members that the Municipality has once again advertised in the 2nd Annual Nova Scotia Ground Search and Rescue Associations’ Wilderness Survival Guide. Proceeds from the guide are used to help Nova Scotia Ground Search and Rescue Association support the more than 1000 volunteers in Nova Scotia.

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 provided a brief report on her activities since the last meeting of Council.

She also reported on recommendations from committees.

Landfill Hours

Resolution C141006

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the Municipality reduce the hours at the Construction and Demolition Landfill by closing on Mondays beginning December 1, 2014 until March 31, 2015, at which time the Landfill will again be opened on Mondays. This will produce savings in the cost of operating the Landfill, and allow personnel to work in other areas during the winter months where they are needed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Cape Sable Historical Society Re: Old Court House

Correspondence has been received from the Cape Sable Historical Society advising that they have formed a committee to deal with upgrades to the Old Court House.

Resolution C141007

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a letter be sent to the Cape Sable Historical Society asking how many members are on their committee dealing with renovations to the Old Court House, who these members are, and who the officers of the committee are. It was also requested that the committee notify Council of their meeting dates and request that meetings preferably be not scheduled on Monday nights so that councillors may attend.

Motion carried unanimously.

Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal Three Year Cost Share Agreement

The current cost share agreement for J Class roads and subdivision roads with the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal will expire the end of October and it is necessary for the Municipality to enter into a new agreement for a three (3) year term.

Resolution C141008

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign Cost Share Agreement No. 2015-004.

Motion carried unanimously.

Barrington Bay Trail

Email correspondence has been received regarding a complaint of excessive speeds by 4-wheeler operators on the portion of the multi-use trail between Atwood's Brook and Woods Harbour.

Resolution C141009

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that permission be obtained from the author of the email complaint to forward this complaint to the Woodland Multi-Use Trail Association, and that the complainant be informed that the Municipality is not, and has not, been involved in this portion of the multi-use trail within the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tri-County Women's Centre

Correspondence has been received from the Tri-County Women's Centre indicating they will be hosting an event on December 10th and 11th in Argyle. The event is entitled "Growing up in our Porn Culture: What is the problem? What can we do?". The Centre is requesting an endorsement from municipal units in the area, as well as a financial contribution to reduce the cost of the event.

Resolution C141010

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that the Municipality sponsor the event hosted by the Tri-County Women's Centre on December 10th and 11th, in Argyle, and provide a financial contribution of \$300.00 to defray its costs.

Motion carried unanimously.

Katelyn Ross Request

Correspondence has been received from Katelyn Ross indicating that she will be attending a Cuba Good Will Tour with an under 13 girls baseball team from Nova Scotia. She is requesting the Municipality to provide financial assistance to help defray the cost of this tour by the baseball team of which she will be a member.

Resolution C141011

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that \$200.00 be donated to the organization for the 2015 Canada-Cuba Good Will Tour in support of Katelyn Ross who is a resident of Stoney Island.

Motion carried unanimously.

Christmas Break

Resolution C141012

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that municipal employees be granted a day off on Christmas Eve, December 24th, with full pay, and that they continue to take vacation time or overtime for the days between Christmas and New Years. As required, all on call staff work during those days, if necessary, to respond to sewer calls or snow plowing and salting calls. The Municipal Offices including Building Inspection will be closed on December 24th, and the days between Christmas and New Years subject to all necessary inspections being completed. Municipal Offices will reopen for business at 8:30 a.m. on January 2, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

South West Health Request

The Municipality has again received correspondence from South West Health asking for financial support to install a mechanical lift at the Yarmouth YMCA. This lift would be used by two clients currently from the Municipality which would benefit their ability to integrate more into the community and receive physical therapy.

Resolution C141013

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a contribution of \$200.00 be provided to assist in the provision of a mechanical lift at the Yarmouth YMCA in view of the fact that local residents will be able to use this lift when attending the facility. This contribution is conditional on the full cost of the purchase and installation of the lift being raised from other sources.

Motion carried unanimously.

Barrington Dental Centre

Correspondence had been received yesterday indicating that a transaction is pending at the Barrington Dental Centre. This transaction is dependent on the Municipality approving transfer of this lease to a new owner of the Dental Centre.

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the Municipality transfer the lease for municipal property, which the Barrington Dental Centre is now leasing, to its new owner effective October 31, 2014, for a period of not less than five years, including a renewal option which would be contained therein.

It was reported that the new owner is requesting the lease agreement to include an option to renew for an additional five year period.

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the above motion be amended to include a five year renewal option.

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion now reads:

Resolution C141014

“...that the Municipality transfer the lease for municipal property, which the Barrington Dental Centre is now leasing, to its new owner effective October 31, 2014, for a period of not less than five years, including a renewal option for an additional five year period.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Upper Clyde Road

Resolution C141015

Moved by J. Crook and G. El-Jakl that a letter of support be sent to the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal as requested by a representative of the residents of the Upper Clyde Road in the Municipality of the District of Shelburne between Welchtown westward to Cobb Skutch Bridge for paving or chip sealing the road in the area, and that the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal also be requested to maintain the current portion of the road that has already been chip sealed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Post Offices

Correspondence has been received from Canada Postmasters and Assistants Association indicating that there will be reduced postal hours at local post offices. This includes the Stoney Island Post Office, the Barrington Post Office and the Barrington Passage Post Office. These post offices are having their hours reduced in order to reduce costs to Canada Post.

Resolution C141016

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that a letter be sent to Canada Post expressing Council's displeasure with the reduction in hours in the operation of local post offices, and that a copy of this letter be sent to each of the post offices affected in the area.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Development and Tourism Monthly Report

Resolution C141017

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality approve the Community Development and Tourism Plan as circulated and proposed by the Municipality's Community Development and Tourism Officer.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C141018

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the Community Development and Tourism Officer prioritize the activities in the tourism plan, and prepare a budget with a timeline for completion of the various activities contained in the plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C141019

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the Municipality's Community Development and Tourism Officer investigate revision of the Municipality's website, obtain estimated cost information for doing so, and research the potential for hiring a professional designer to revise the website as soon as possible.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C141020

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality install its webcam at a Causeway location as soon as possible, and at least before the Christmas season in order to facilitate streaming of events there.

Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Services Motions

Resolution C141021

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the request of the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department to purchase two new Scott 2.2 air packs out of the money they have in the bank be approved.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Resolution C141022

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department be requested to disclose to the Municipality all monies held in any bank accounts on their behalf.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Jody Crook

Councillor Crook gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

Councillor Shaun Hatfield

Councillor Hatfield gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

Councillor Hatfield also reported on recent flooding and concerns expressed by local residents.

Resolution C141023

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that a letter be forwarded to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, Shelburne Office, advising of recent flooding and concerns expressed by Joel and Cindy Goreham, John and Gail Nickerson, and Richard and Monica Newell of McGray Avenue, asking that steps be taken by their department to assess and address their concerns, and a copy of this letter be forwarded to the Yarmouth Office of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, John & Gail Nickerson, Richard & Monica Newell and Cindy and Joel Goreham.

Motion carried unanimously.

During Councillor Hatfield's report he also questioned whether the Municipality should be laying a wreath on Remembrance Day in recognition of the losses of Cpl. Nathan Cirillo and WO Patrice Vincent who were both killed in recent targeted attacks.

It was agreed that contact be made with the Legion to determine if they plan to lay a wreath in memory of them, and if not, then the Municipality will arrange to do so.

Councillor George El-Jakl

Councillor El-Jakl gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

During Councillor El-Jakl's report he made reference to some flooding problems in his area.

Resolution C141024

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal be invited to view and address flooding problems which recently occurred at the following properties: Austin Nickerson, Terry Nickerson, Gaye Ross, Thomas Symonds, and Gary Barkhouse. It was agreed that arrangements be made to view the properties in Shag Harbour/Woods Harbour at the same time as the Department views properties on McGray Avenue. Councillor El-Jakl advised that he would make himself available to meet with Department of Transportation representatives on that day.

Motion carried unanimously.

Hospitality Room

The Warden informed members that he has received an email addressed to Warden and Councillors from Greg Duggan of the Shelburne County Minor Hockey Association. He advised that he has been informed that hospitality rooms are no longer permitted at the Barrington Municipal Arena during tournaments. He is requesting Council to approve a hospitality room during upcoming tournaments to be held on November 8th and 9th and November 15th and 16th.

The Clerk informed members that hospitality rooms have been and continue to be permitted at the Barrington Municipal Arena. It was concluded that Mr. Duggan must have been misinformed regarding the hospitality rooms.

Resolution C141025

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the Shelburne County Minor Hockey Association be permitted to hold hospitality rooms during their upcoming tournaments to be held on November 8th and 9th and November 15th and 16th.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Amendments to Policy 54 “Fire Response and Emergency Services”

At the last meeting of Council notice was given that proposed changes to Policy 54 “Fire Response and Emergency Services” would be considered tonight. These amendments change the reference from Deputy Chiefs to District Chiefs, and updates the policy to reflect only four fire departments within the Municipality.

Resolution C141026

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that proposed amendments to Policy 54 “Fire Response and Emergency Services” changing the reference from Deputy Chiefs to District Chiefs, and updating the policy to reflect only four fire departments within the Municipality be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Notice of Consideration Re: Personnel Policy – Christmas Break

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with proposed changes to the Personnel Policy granting Municipal Employees scheduled to work on Christmas Eve, December 24th, the day off with full pay and benefits. As required, all on-call staff will be required to work, if necessary, to respond to sewer, snow plowing and salting calls. These proposed amendments will be considered by Council at their next meeting.

2014 Electoral District Boundary Review

It was reported that a public hearing was held September 22, 2014 seeking public input into the proposal for the Municipal Electoral Districts Boundary Review. One response was received and the matter was referred to the Committee of the Whole Council for further discussion on October 14, 2014. After careful consideration the Committee is recommending no change.

Resolution C141027

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook and carried:

WHEREAS Councils are required by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board to request a hearing to confirm or alter the number and boundaries of electoral districts prior to December 31, 2014;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of the District of Barrington completed such a boundary review prior to the municipal elections in October 2012;

AND WHEREAS Council of the Municipality of the District of Barrington does not wish to alter the boundaries that were established and approved by the Utility and Review Board only two years ago;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality has advertised its required review of its municipal electoral boundaries during 2014 by advertising in the Coast Guard Newspaper in the September 16, 2014 issue of the Coast Guard Newspaper circulated within the Municipality, as well as advertising our boundary review on the Municipality's website, and on the Municipality's facebook page;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality held a Public Hearing on September 22, 2014, at which it received one written presentation, and further discussed the Municipal Boundary Review at its Committee of the Whole Council meeting on October 14, 2014, and has now again considered the Municipal Boundary Review at its regular Council meeting on October 27, 2014;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of the District of Barrington submit the required Municipal Electoral District Boundary Review for 2014 confirming the number of electoral districts in the Municipality of the District of Barrington as five (5), and the number of councillors as five (5), continuing with the council and warden system currently in place.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
George El-Jakl
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Motion carried.

Destruction of Documents

The Municipal Clerk provided an affidavit outlining documents which are no longer required by the Municipality and requested approval to have the documents destroyed.

Resolution C141028

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook 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 22nd day of October, 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 hereto and form part of the minutes.

Request for Designation and the Collection Services Contract

The Clerk informed members that it is time to renew the document for the Request for Designation and the Collection Services Contract with the Province of Nova Scotia. The contract will provide provincial collection expertise in the recovery of debts owed the Municipality. The new contract is for a five (5) year period.

Resolution C141029

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Request for Designation and the Collection Services Contract be renewed for a five (5) year period, effective October 27, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

Capital Investment Plan

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of the proposed five (5) year Capital Investment Plan.

Resolution C141030

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that the five (5) year Capital Investment Plan for the fiscal years 2014-2015 to 2018-2019 be approved as circulated.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Recess

At this time a short recess was held in order for the Nominating Committee to meet.

The Regular Council Meeting was then called back to order.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A Nominating Committee meeting was held earlier this evening and members were selected for the various municipal committees for the 2014-2015 year, November 2014 to October 31, 2015. The following list of committees and membership was presented for Council consideration:

LIST OF COMMITTEES	
COMMITTEE	MEMBERSHIP
Committee of the Whole Council	All
Nominating Committee	All
Planning Advisory Committee	Jody Crook Eddie Nickerson
Hiring Committee	George El-Jakl Shaun Hatfield
Audit Committee	Warden Nickerson Deputy Warden LeBlanc-Messenger
Joint EMO Executive Committee	Eddie Nickerson Shaun Hatfield
Fire Services Advisory Committee	Jody Crook (Non voting)
Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation	Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Yarmouth Hospital Charitable Foundation	Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Western Counties Regional Library	Shaun Hatfield
Region 6 Waste	Eddie Nickerson Donna LeBlanc-Messenger (alternate)
Joint Policy Advisory Board	George El-Jakl Jody Crook
Bay Side Home Board of Directors	George El-Jakl

Resolution C141031

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the list of committee memberships as agreed to by the Nominating Committee be approved by Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members 9:00 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website October 30, 2014.