

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, December 8, 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

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 the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held November 10, 2014, and the Regular Council Meeting held November 24, 2014, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was agreed that the following items be added to the agenda:

- Correspondence:
 - Upper Clyde Road.
 - Tim Horton's.
- New Business:
 - Municipal Fiscal Review.
 - Fire Services Boundary Adjustment.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:04 p.m. a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with personnel matters (MGA Section 22(2)(c)) and Camp Lease Agreement (MGA Section 22(2)(a)).

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

At 8:07 p.m. the Regular Council Meeting was called back to order.

Camp Lease Agreement

Resolution C141201

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality of Barrington accept the counter offer of \$13,000.00 received from James Brannen, without prejudice, in regards to his Camp Lease Agreement with the Municipality and that the Municipal Solicitor be requested to prepare the required agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Matters

Resolution C141202

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that the performance evaluation for Shenton Allen, Property Services Technician/C & D Landfill, be accepted and approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C141203

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the performance evaluation for Darren Brown, Property Services Technician, be accepted, and he be granted his annual increment effective December 21, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resoluion C141404

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that the performance evaluation for Melanie Penney, Canteen Attendant, be accepted, and her annual increment be approved, effective December 4, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

AMANS Municipal Website Agreement

It was reported that the Association of Municipal Administrators of Nova Scotia has provided an agreement for the Municipal Website Venture. The agreement will provide for a newly developed website and the housing of the website on the AMAs dedicated server housed in Canada.

Resolution C141205

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the Warden and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign the agreement for the AMANS Municipal Website Venture on behalf of the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

PVSC Budget

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from Property Valuation Services Corporation advising that the 2015/2016 budget has been approved with total municipal funding remaining flat at \$17.09 million. This marks the 5th consecutive fiscal year that PVSC has financed its operations without an increase to its municipal funding requirement.

Upper Clyde Road

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal in response to our letter concerning the eastern portion of the Upper Clyde Road. The letter advised that the condition of the Province's road infrastructure is something that the Department takes very seriously, and during the past couple of years spending on highway improvements has reached record levels. At this time it is unknown when the Department might be in a position to upgrade the eastern portion of the Upper Clyde Road. Until this occurs, every effort will be made through our annual maintenance activities to keep the road in an acceptable state of repair.

It was agreed that a copy of the letter received from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal be forwarded to Christine Blades who brought this matter to the attention of Council on October 10, 2014.

Tim Horton's Grand Re-opening

The Warden informed members that an invitation has been received from Tim Horton's inviting guests to help them celebrate the grand re-opening of their Barrington Passage location on December 11th, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. It was noted that the Warden and Deputy Warden plan to attend the grand re-opening.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor George El-Jakl reported on recommendations from Committee.

Fire Services

Breathing Apparatus

Members were informed that the Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department had been previously approved to purchase six (6) new breathing apparatuses for their department. At the time that the purchases were to be made, a purchase order was requested to be signed by the Municipal Clerk for the purchase of these six (6) SCBAs. When an invoice was received for the purchase of SCBAs it was for eleven (11) units instead of six (6), along with some additional equipment. The original purchase order was signed in the amount of \$7,200.00, and the invoice that was received was in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Resolution C141206

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter be sent to the Fire Service Advisory Committee requesting that all fire departments be required to follow the proper processes and protocols for purchasing of fire department equipment as previously agreed to by them and contained in the Fire Services Policy.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C141207

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality pay the invoice of West North Field Fire Department for the purchase of eleven (11) SCBAs, plus additional equipment, in the amount of \$10,000.00, and that the extra five (5) SCBAs and equipment be forwarded to the Fire Services Coordinator so that the Fire Service Advisory Committee could determine the disposition of this equipment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Waste Agreements

Resolution C141208

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality authorize the Warden and Clerk-Treasurer to enter into a three (3) year Recycling Agreement, and a five (5) year Organic Waste Agreement with the Region of Queens.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

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

Deputy Warden Messenger gave a brief report on her activities since the last meeting of Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Germanus

The Clerk informed members that Dr. Germanus has indicated that she will be leaving at the end of the year and returning to Ontario due to a family emergency.

Resolution C141209

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Dr. Germanus be sent a letter of thanks for her service to the community.

Motion carried unanimously.

Region 6 Financial Statements and Budget

Resolution C141211

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2015-16 for Region 6 Solid Waste Management be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACOA Innovative Community Fund Application

The Clerk informed members that an application was made to ACOA for funding to assist with the cost of development of a tourist rest stop on the mainland side of the Cape Sable Island Causeway behind the lower mall. The Clerk requested approval to enter into an agreement with ACOA for funding should the funding request be approved.

Resolution C141212

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the Warden and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign an agreement with ACOA for funding for the C.S.I. Causeway Tourist Rest Stop should our application be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Municipal Fiscal Review

A draft response to the Municipal Fiscal Review was prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer and forwarded to members in advance to the meeting.

Resolution C141213

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the response to the Municipal Fiscal Review as prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Services Boundary

The Clerk informed members that the Municipality of Shelburne has provided a map which shows proposed changes to the fire boundary between the Shelburne and Barrington/Port LaTour fire districts. At present, in the Upper Clyde area, the Municipality of Barrington provides fire services to the Cobb Skutch Bridge. The Municipality of Shelburne is providing fire services in the Municipality of Barrington beyond the Cobb Skutch Bridge since they have a quicker response time.

The Municipality of Barrington is now being requested to approve the proposed change, making the area beyond Cobb Skutch Bridge the responsibility of the Barrington/Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department.

Resolution C141214

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded J. Crook that additional information be obtained regarding the proposed change to the fire boundary between the Shelburne and the Barrington/Port LaTour fire districts, and fire services boundaries remain as is until further notice.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website December 10, 2014.