

Minutes of the 136th Annual Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, June 22, 2015. The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:05 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

Councillor Hatfield informed members that he would be declaring conflict of interest when Council deals with the bursary selection as his niece has applied for a municipal bursary.

Councillor El-Jakl informed members that he would be declaring conflict of interest when Council deals with the bursary selection as a daughter of one of his employees has applied for the bursary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held May 25, 2015, and Special Council Meeting held June 8, 2015 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING RE: SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY – C.S.I. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Warden informed members that the Public Hearing regarding the sale of the C.S.I. Elementary School has been postponed to a later date.

AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2015

Mr. Doug Drane, of Redding, CA, appeared before the meeting for the purpose of presenting the Draft Audited Financial Statements for the year ending March 31, 2015.

Highlights of the Financial Statements were then reported on by Mr. Drane. The Municipality's year ended with a nonconsolidated general operating fund surplus of \$6,021.00..

Resolution C150602

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipal Council accept and approve the Draft Audited Financial Statements submitted by the Municipal Auditor.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Drane informed members that the final Financial Statements will now be prepared and forwarded to the Municipality.

MUNICIPAL BUDGET POWER POINT PRESENTATION

A power point presentation was prepared and presented by each department head. Presentations made were as follows:

- Cameron Whiteway, Property Services
- Dave Andrews, Building Inspection
- Dave Kendrick, Fire Services
- Anna Kenney, Recreation Services
- Samantha Goreham, Physical Activity
- Diane Smith, Visitor Information Centre
- Suzy Atwood, Tourism and Community Development
- Lesa Rossetti, Administrative Services

A 2015-2016 budget summary was provided by Brian Holland, Clerk-Treasurer.

2015-2016 BUDGET

Resolution C150603

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that all matters relating to the 2015-2016 Budget, with the exception of setting of Fire Rates, establishing the Sewer Service Charges and the Farm Acreage Tax be referred to the Council meeting to be held in July, at which time the Annual Council Meeting will be reconvened.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl
Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried.

Sewer Services Charges for 2015-2016

Resolution C150604

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that amendments to By-Law No. 21, “Municipal Sewers”, and By-Law No. 27, “Wastewater Management District”, to increase the Sewer Service Charge, from \$300.00 to \$310.00 per unit for the Barrington/Barrington Passage Sewer System and the Woods Harbour Sewer System, for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, be approved in first reading.

AFFIRMATIVE

Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

Jody Crook
George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Fire Rates for 2015-2016

Resolution C150605

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the following Area Rates be set for 2015-2016 fiscal year:

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| - Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Dept. | \$0.180/\$100.00 of assessment |
| - Barrington/Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Dept. | \$0.131/\$100.00 of assessment |
| - Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Dept. | \$0.085/\$100.00 of assessment |
| - Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department | \$0.165/\$100.00 of assessment |

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

NEGATIVE

Jody Crook
Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

Farm Acreage Tax

Resolution C150606

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the Farm Acreage Tax for the year 2015-2016 be \$2.95 per acre for all land that is assessed as exempt farm land.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

Butler's Estates Ltd. – Albenia Lane Sewer Connection

The Clerk informed members that additional documentation has now been received from Butler's Estates Limited concerning the sewer agreement previously reached with Council. The easement has now been granted and is currently in the process of being recorded. As soon as confirmation has been received that the easement has been registered, the \$10,000 deposit will be returned to Butler's Estates Limited.

Concern was raised that the Municipality did not hire an engineer to view the sewer lines as was required with a previous request.

Resolution C150607

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that this matter be referred to a Council or Committee meeting to discuss the process of taking over the sewer line at Albenia Lane with the Municipal Solicitor.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
George El-Jakl
Shaun Hatfield
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Shelburne County Senior Services

Correspondence has been received from Shelburne County Senior Safety and Services Society advising that they are currently seeking funding from foundations and organizations to help financially support and grow their senior safety programs. From research they have found that it is difficult to apply to foundations due to the fact that they are a registered society and not a registered charity. They have investigated the possibility of becoming a registered charity, however at this time they feel that this would be a large task for their small society, and very time consuming. The Society is therefore requesting permission to source and administer foundation funding through the Municipality of Barrington. The Municipality would therefore be responsible to issue tax receipts for funding received.

It was agreed that this matter be discussed further with the Municipal Solicitor at a meeting to be held in the near future.

Town of Shelburne Re: Gas Prices

A copy of a letter addressed to the Premier of Nova Scotia from the Town of Shelburne expressing their concern about the high price of gas in the Town of Shelburne was received.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden reported on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

The Warden also reported on the Park in Barrington Passage which was developed by the Shelburne County ATV Association and Multi Use Trail Association. On Thursday, June 18, 2015 the Park was dedicated to the memory of Sgt. Kirk Taylor.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Arena Manager- Seasonal Position

Moved by S. Hatfield d seconded by G. El-Jakl that Stacey Dixon be hired for the seasonal position of Arena Manager.

Resolution C150608

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that the above motion be deferred to a later date.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Having reached the hour of 10:00 p.m., it was agreed that the meeting continue.

Seaside Tourist Rest Stop

The Seaside Tourist Rest Stop property was purchased by the Municipal in July, 2014. The funding source for this purchase was identified as the Capital Reserve Fund, but no formal motion of Council was made at that time.

Resolution C150609

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that the purchase of property for the Seaside Tourist Rest Stop located behind the lower strip mall on the Barrington Passage side of the C.S.I. Causeway, be financed from the Capital Reserve Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00, as previously intended.

Motion carried unanimously.

Barrington Court Closure

Resolution C150610

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a letter be sent to our MLA requesting that he obtain costs for the operation of the Shelburne Satellite Court and the Barrington Satellite Court so that a cost comparison can be made by committee members.

Motion carried unanimously.

Senior's Coordinator Budget

Resolution C150611

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that correspondence be sent to the Shelburne County Senior Safety Society indicating that the Municipality will not carry any deficit for this group in the future. This deficit is to be made up in the current year's budget and the Society is to operate within its funding in future years.

Motion carried unanimously.

May Tourism Report – Lobster Fest Expo

Resolution C150612

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality provide the Tourism and Community Development Officer with two paid days off for her efforts in organizing and conducting the Lobster Fest Expo.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Community Requests

Resolution C150613

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that a grant in the amount of \$500.00 each be provided to the Seaside Cemetery, White Lily Cemetery and Old Farm Cemetery.

Motion carried unanimously.

Shelburne County Health Care Professional Recruitment and Retention Committee

Resolution C150614

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a grant of \$500.00 be provided to the Shelburne County Health Care Professional Recruitment and Retention Committee for the purpose of funding a relocation allowance for registered nurses.

Motion carried unanimously.

Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal Operation & Safety Review

Resolution C150615

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a letter be sent to the Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal requesting that concerns regarding level crossings within Shelburne County, and more particularly within the Municipality of Barrington, be addressed by his department as quickly as possible, which will in turn improve safety for both residents and the travelling public.

Motion carried unanimously.

Municipal Pensions

Resolution C150616

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that effective July 1, 2015 the Municipal contributions by employees to the Municipal Pension Plan be allowed to increase to a maximum of 6 ½% to be matched up to that level by the Municipality as employer.

Motion carried unanimously.

Barrington Bridge

Resolution C150617

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality sign and complete an application to the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency for funding of repairs to the Barrington River Bridge.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTINUATION OF NEW BUSINESS

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

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with proposed amendments to Policy 54, “Fire Response and Emergency Services Policy”.

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

Consideration of Amendments to Policy 62, “Barrington Municipal Arena”

Notice of consideration of amendments to Policy 62, “Barrington Municipal Arena”, was given at the last meeting of Council. The Clerk reviewed proposed amendments to the policy with members. Amendments relate to a promotional rate, ice related activities, daily hours of operation, holiday hours, 50/50 tickets, assisting devices, emergencies, use and maintenance of defibrillator, etc.

Resolution C150618

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that proposed amendments to Policy 62, “Barrington Municipal Arena Policy”, be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Amendments to Policy 6 – Municipal Facilities

Notice of consideration of amendments to Policy 6, “Municipal Facilities”, was given at the last meeting of Council. It is proposed that the policy be amended by adding the Robertson Building, deleting all fees, and requiring fees to be set by resolution of Council, and granting the Municipal Clerk authority to provide free use of municipal facilities.

Resolution C150619

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that amendments to Policy No. 6 “Municipal Facilities” be approved as presented.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried.

Letter of Authority Re: Barrington River Bridge

The Clerk informed members that the Letter of Authority for the Barrington River Bridge be renewed. Once the bridge has been completed the Woodland Multi Use Trail Association will take over the LOA.

Resolution C150620

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the Municipality renew the Letter of Authority for the Barrington River Bridge.

Motion carried unanimously.

Bursary Selection

Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Shaun Hatfield declared conflict of interest, vacated his seat and left the meeting room as his niece has applied for the bursary.

Councillor El-Jakl declared conflict of interest vacated his seat and left the meeting room as a daughter of one of his employees has applied for the bursary.

Resolution C150621

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the 2015 municipal bursary be awarded to Drew McCarthy of BMHS.

Motion carried unanimously.

Canteen Services

The Clerk informed members that an advertisement was placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper for two issues inviting proposals from local individuals or organizations interested in operating the canteen at the Barrington Municipal Arena. The deadline for proposals was June 19, 2015. No proposals were received.

It was agreed that this matter be added to a future Committee of the Whole Council agenda.

CONTINUATION OF REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor George El-Jakl

Councillor El-Jakl gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council. During his report he requested Council to consider membership in the Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance.

Resolution C150621

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the Municipality pay the membership fee for the Nova Scotia Association of Police Governance.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that the Town of Clark's Harbour will be asked to contribute towards the cost of membership.

Councillor El-Jakl informed members that the Bay Side Home Board of Directors approved renovations to the old section of Bay Side Home to bring that section up to the same standards as other parts of the building.

Councillor Shaun Hatfield

Councillor Hatfield reported on his activities since the last meeting of Council. Councillor Hatfield recently attended the FCM Conference held in Edmonton, Alberta, from June 4- 8, 2015.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

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

Councillor Jody Crook

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

Councillor Crook expressed concern regarding the lack of attendance at a recently scheduled Fire Advisory Committee. It was agreed that this matter be added to the next Committee of the Whole Council agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website June 26, 2015.