

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 14, 2015. The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:12 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 J. Crook that minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held November 23, 2015 and Special Council Meeting held December 7, 2015 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### ORDER RE: GRAHAM WOOD PROPERTY – CLYDE RIVER

At 7:15 p.m. the dangerous and unsightly condition of the Graham Wood property located at 33 Old Place Lane, Clyde River, was brought forward for discussion. The Municipal Clerk informed members that when the property was first brought to the attention of staff, the roof of the house had collapsed in the middle and pushed the front and rear walls out. The two ends of the house were still standing. Numerous attempts were made to have the property owner address the dangerous and unsightly condition of his property.

During a re-inspection of the property the By-Law Enforcement Officer noted that the house had been demolished but all debris remained on the property. The property owner was once again contacted and requested to address the dangerous and unsightly condition of his property by removing all debris from the property and disposing of it at an approved disposal site. The property owner lives in Aberford, GB, and all communication has been through email and by way of registered letters.

Tonight Council is being requested to issue an Order requiring the property owner to remedy the condition of the property by removing and properly disposing of all the construction and demolition debris remaining on the property. By way of letter dated November 10, 2015, the property owner was advised that Council would be asked to issue an Order tonight.

Resolution C151204

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that Council issue an Order for Graham Wood to address the dangerous and unsightly condition of his property located at 33 Old Place Lane, Clyde River within thirty (30) days, and that he be advised that failure to do so may result in the Municipality of Barrington entering his property and carrying out the work specified in the Order, at his expense.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

At this time a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with personnel matters in accordance with Section 22(2)(c) of the Municipal Government Act.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that the performance evaluation for Darren Brown which was presented in Closed Session be accepted.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

327 Unicorn Cadet Corps and Navy League of Barrington

The Municipal Clerk informed members that an invitation has been received from the 327 Unicorn Cadet Corps and the Navy League of Barrington inviting two (2) councillors to attend their Annual Christmas Mess Dinner. The dinner will be held on Sunday, December 20, 2015 at the Barrington Lions Hall, at 5:45 p.m.

It was agreed that the Warden and a guest would attend, subject to his work schedule.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council. During the Warden's Report it was noted that this will be Brian Hollands' last Council meeting as he will be retiring at the end of the month. Warden and councillors extended best wishes to Brian on his retirement.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor George El-Jakl

Councillor El-Jakl 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 Jody Crook

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

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

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

Deputy Warden Messenger then reported on recommendations from committees.

Vending Permit Request

Resolution C151205

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that a Vending Permit to Darlene A. Smith for the *Twisted Sisters...Sou'West Grub and Grill* mobile food truck be approved for the 2016 fiscal year.

Motion carried unanimously.

ERMES Parent Support Group

The ERMES Parent Support Group is requesting funding in the amount of \$7,500.00 to help with the establishment of a *Learn and Play* room in the Evelyn Richardson Memorial Elementary School.

Resolution C151206

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the ERMES Parent Support Group be provided up to \$2,500.00 to match funds that they will raise publicly for this project as provided in Policy No. 58.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C151207

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that a grant of \$1,250.00 be provided under Policy No. 58, "Playground Funds", for the ERMES Parent Support Group for the purpose of establishing a *Learn and Play* room in the school.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C151208

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a letter of support be sent to the Department of Education and to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities indicating the plight of this Parent Support Group and similar groups throughout the Province in relation to funding being provided by School Boards for valuable programs within the school, and that a copy of the letter addressed to the Department of Education be forwarded to the Tri-County Regional School Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Services Coordinator

Resolution C151209

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality extend the fire department training required for officers and firefighters to June 1, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

Arena Audio System

Resolution C151210

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality install a new audio system at the Sandy Wickens Memorial Arena as soon as possible.

Motion carried unanimously.

Canadian Red Cross

Resolution C151211

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that a donation of \$500.00 be provided to the Canadian Red Cross as requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of the Repeal of Policy 47, "Community Health Centre Rental Policy"

Notice was given to members at their last meeting that Policy 47, "Community Health Centre Rental Policy", is no longer required as the property has been sold.

Resolution C151212

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that Policy 47, "Community Health Centre Rental Policy", be repealed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Grant Request – Shelburne County Special Olympics

It was reported that a grant request has been received from the Shelburne County Special Olympics. Question was raised as to previous grants provided to this organization.

Resolution C151213

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that this matter be deferred to the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed that the Regional Coordinator of the Shelburne County Special Olympics be advised that their request is being considered.

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 C151214

**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 on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December A.D., 2015 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.](#)

Temporary Staff Appointments

The Warden informed members that with the Municipal Clerk Treasurer retiring at the end of the year it is necessary that temporary arrangements be made:

Acting Municipal Clerk

Resolution C151215

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that Lesa Rossetti be appointed Acting Municipal Clerk until a CAO is hired and that she be paid \$1,000.00 per month in addition to her regular salary.

Motion carried unanimously.

Acting Administrator

Resolution C151216

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that in accordance with Section 41 of the Municipal Government Act, Lesa Rossetti be appointed Acting Administrator responsible for the Dangerous and Unsightly Premises Provisions of the Act.

Motion carried unanimously.

Acting Director of Finance

Resolution C151217

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that Dwayne Carey be appointed Acting Director of Finance for the Municipality until a CAO is hired, and that he be paid \$50.00 per hour for time on the job, and travel as agreed to, pending his acceptance of the position.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Warden

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Clerk

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website December 16, 2015.**