

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, January 25, 2016. The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Acting Municipal Clerk reported that all councillors representing all districts of the Municipality were present with the exception of Councillor George El-Jakl.

- Warden Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor Jody Crook
- Councillor Shaun Hatfield

- Lesa Rossetti, Acting Municipal Clerk

Councillor George El-Jakl was absent due to work commitments.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that minutes of the last meeting held December 14, 2015 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

- Closed Session Re: Request for right-of-way and personnel matter (MGA Section 22 (2)(a) and (c))
- James Brannen Request for Letter of Support Re: Housing Project.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter Re: *Learn, Play and Grow Room* – ERMES

As a result of our letter to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, correspondence has been received advising that the government has provided every school in the province with an annual grant of \$5,000.00 per school, plus \$1.00 per student, to enable schools to make decisions to support local school initiatives. Council was previously informed that the Tri-County Regional School Board and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not directly fund the implementation of *Play, Learn and Grow* rooms, however both organizations support and encourage play based learning.

Resolution C160101

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that a copy of the letter received from the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development be forwarded to the ERMES Parent Support Group and the Principal, and request information on what the government funding was used for.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

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

Councillor Jody Crook

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

Councillor Shaun Hatfield

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

Councillor Hatfield also reported on recommendations from committee.

Committee of the Whole Council

Arena Audio System

Resolution C160102

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that a PA system be ordered from Ocean Blue Music Ltd. as outlined in their quote of December 4, 2015, in the amount of \$9,920.45.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dehumidifiers – Sandy Wickens Memorial Arena and Barrington Regional Curling Club

Resolution C160103

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that CBCL Ltd. be hired for an Arena/Curling Club humidity investigation as outlined in their letter dated December 22, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

Bateman Road

Resolution C160104

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that a letter be forwarded to Greg Newell of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting that Bateman Road be upgraded by resurfacing the road with Type 1 gravel or chip sealing.

Motion carried unanimously.

Audit Committee Meeting

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger reported on a recommendation from the Audit Committee.

The committee on January 18, 2016 reviewed proposals received for auditing services for the next five (5) year period. It is recommended that the proposal received from Redding, CA be accepted.

Resolution C160105

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that the proposal received from Redding, CA, for auditing services for the next five (5) year period, be accepted.

Motion carried unanimously.

Committee of the Whole Council Meeting

Councillor Hatfield continued to report on recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Council.

Seaside Tourist Rest Stop

As reported to the committee, an invoice has been received from Crook's Electrical Service for the supply of cable which was purchased by him to carry out work for Greg Smith at the Lower Causeway Plaza, which is no longer necessary due to work carried out by the Municipality of Barrington at the Seaside Tourist Rest Stop. The Municipality is now being requested to pay the cost of the cable as it cannot be returned.

Resolution C160106

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the invoice received from Crook's Electrical Services for the purchase of 56 meters of cable, plus service calls and labour for scoping the area with Nova Scotia Power, be approved in the amount of \$1,393.25.

Motion carried unanimously.

Shelburne County Tourism Association Beach Brochure

Resolution C160107

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality contribute \$400.00 to the beach brochure project, subject to all five (5) municipal units in Shelburne County contributing towards the cost.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

NEGATIVE

Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

Special Olympics Grant Request

Resolution C160108

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that a grant be provided to the Shelburne County Special Olympics in the amount of \$1,000.00 as per their request.

Motion carried unanimously.

Arena Issues

It was reported that in advance to the meeting each member received a copy of an email which expressed concerns regarding issues at the Sandy Wickens Memorial Arena. Concerns expressed related to the state of the scoreboard, heaters, zamboni bay door, and vending machines.

The Acting Municipal Clerk informed members that 3 electricians have looked at the scoreboard and AC Electronics has worked on the board as well. All faults have been corrected with the exception of the second home penalty indicator. To fix this wiring problem it would require extensive wiring troubleshooting which may cause the sign to fail. It was therefore decided that this matter would be left until spring.

Heaters at the Arena were then discussed. Of the six units located in the Arena, five are not working properly and one is not working at all. All coin mechanisms are worn and require repairs. Arrangements have been made for a technician to come from Halifax on Friday, January 29, 2016.

Concern was also expressed regarding the Zamboni bay door. This door was broken Friday night, January 22, 2016. Repairs were carried out today and the door is now operating. Repairs will be completed tomorrow.

Problems have been experienced with the coke machines at the Arena. The Manager has advised that when there are problems the technician is called who is on site within a couple of days to address the issues. New machines have been requested. The Acadian vending machine broke down before Christmas and the Arena Manager was not aware of any other problems.

Resolution C160109

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that staff look into purchasing a new scoreboard for the Sandy Wickens Memorial Arena and that it be installed as soon as possible.

Motion carried unanimously.

Bus Stop – North East Point

Councillor Hatfield informed members that concerns have been expressed to him regarding a bus stop located at Sable Sands Lane in North East Point. The bus is also backing into the lane and turning at this location. Some parents have expressed their concerns to the Tri-County Regional School Board and have asked that we write a letter as well, as this is a very dangerous location and has been the site of fatal accidents in the past.

Resolution C160110

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter be written to the Tri-County Regional School Board asking them to immediately assess any potential safety issues with the bus stop located at Sable Sands Lane in North East Point, and that a copy of this letter be forwarded to our School Board representative, Andrea Huskison-Townsend.

Motion carried unanimously.

Centreville Stretch – Pothole

Resolution C160111

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter be sent to both the Yarmouth Office and Shelburne Office of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal bringing their attention to the recurring pothole located in the highway along the Centreville stretch which is a highly traveled section of highway.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Tender – Sale of Municipal Truck

The Acting Municipal Clerk informed members that an advertisement was placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper on December 15 and December 22, 2015 inviting tenders for the sale of a 2002 Dodge truck which was being sold “as is where is”. Five tenders were received which were opened by staff on January 4, 2016. Tenders received were as follows:

- Corey Blades, \$577.00
- Larry Hopkins, \$500.00
- Shirley Hopkins, \$400.00
- C. Smith’s Used Cars & Parts Ltd., \$1,550.00
- Larry Hopkins, \$750.00

It is the recommendation of Municipal Staff that the highest tender be accepted which was received from C. Smith’s Used Cars & Parts Ltd. in the amount \$1,550.00.

Resolution C160112

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the tender received from C. Smith’s Used Cars & Parts Ltd. in the amount of \$1,550.00 for the purchase of the 2002 Dodge Ram 2500 truck be accepted.

Motion carried unanimously.

Highway 3 – Atwood’s Brook

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department and a copy of a memo received from the Fire Services Coordinator expressing concern regarding the bad road condition at the corner in Atwood’s Brook between Civic #4617 and 4671. This matter was reported to the Department of Transportation and officials have determined that it was not bad enough to require repairs this year.

Resolution C160113

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that a letter be forwarded to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal asking that they reassess the dangerous state of the highway on Atwood’s Brook corner as this is a concern expressed by the Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department and that this letter be copied to the WSHVFD.

Motion carried unanimously.

Clyde River Bus Stop

The Warden informed members that he had received a call from a constituent advising that a transport did not stop when the bus stopped to pick up kids at the West River Road bus stop in Clyde River. The Warden advised that he was not sure whether the bus had the red lights or the yellow lights on at the time. Councillor Crook informed members that there has been a number of near misses at this bus stop and the RCMP have been monitoring the area for speeding motorists. The Tri-County Regional School Board has been contacted and other areas have been suggested for a bus stop, but these locations do not meet the criteria of the School Board.

Resolution C160114

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter be forwarded to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development requesting that her department evaluate the West River Road bus stop location to determine if there are any solutions or alternatives to the problems being experienced there, and that a copy of this letter be forwarded to the Tri-County Regional School Board representative, the RCMP, and the Tri-County Regional School Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

JAMES BRANNEN REQUEST FOR A LETTER OF SUPPORT

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger informed members that James Brannen is renovating the old house located near Petticoat Lane in Barrington to make affordable housing for people in the area which will consist of six (6) apartments. Mr. Brannen is asking Council to provide a letter of support for his housing project.

Resolution C160115

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that a letter of support, in principle, be provided to James Brannen for his proposed apartment complex project located at 2352 Highway 3, Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

At this time a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with a right-of-way request and personnel matter (MGA Section 22 (2)(a) and (c))

The regular Council meeting was reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

The Warden gave a brief report on the Closed Session. Instruction was given to the Acting Municipal Clerk in Closed Session regarding the right-of-way request.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Warden

Secretary for the Meeting

On website January 29, 2016.