

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Tuesday, March 29, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Chief Administrative Officer reported that all councillors representing all districts of the Municipality were present with the exception of Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger who was absent due to illness.

- Warden Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- Councillor Jody Crook
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Councillor Shaun Hatfield

- Rob Frost, Chief Administrative Officer
- 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 February 22, 2016, and Special Council Meetings held February 22nd, February 25th, and March 21, 2016, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

West River Road Bus Stop

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development in response to our letter dated February 2, 2016 in which we expressed concern regarding the West River Road bus stop in Clyde River. The Minister advised that due to parental concerns the bus stop has been checked twice recently by the Tri-County Regional School Board Transportation Staff to ensure that it meets requirements of the Motor Carrier Act & Regulations and Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal criteria. The area Motor Carrier Inspector and the Provincial Motor Carrier Inspector have been involved and have confirmed that the bus stop meets the requirements and that there is adequate site distance. The Tri-County Regional School Board has also involved the Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal Area Supervisor and the Shelburne and Barrington RCMP Detachments as some motorists are not following the posted speed limit. In closing, the Minister suggested that we contact Mr. Steven Stoddart, Director of Operations for the Tri-County Regional School Board, if we would like to discuss this matter further.

During discussion of this matter Councillor Crook informed members that he would check to see if there are bus stop signs posted in the vicinity of the West River Road bus stop and will report back to Council.

Speed Zone – Trunk 3, Woods Harbour

Correspondence has been received from Mr. Joe Crowell, District Traffic Supervisor, of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, in response to our letter dated July 30, 2015 in which we requested that the speed zone on Trunk 3 in Woods Harbour be reassessed. Mr. Crowell advised that this 70 kilometer per hour zone was previously studied in 2010. At that time the technical data supported retaining the 70 kilometer per hour speed limit. It appears that conditions have not changed significantly since 2010. Considering that the roadside conditions and the prevailing vehicle speeds have not changed since 2010, Mr. Crowell concluded that the existing 70 kilometer per hour speed zone be retained at this time.

Councillor El-Jakl informed members that a resident brought this concern to his attention. A copy of the letter received from Mr. Crowell will be provided to the resident, and if the resident wants the matter pursued then Councillor El-Jakl informed members that he would be bringing the matter back to Council for further consideration.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

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 George El-Jakl

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

Councillor El-Jakl then reported on recommendations from committee.

Debenture Re: Barrington/Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department Fire Hall

Acting Director of Finance, Dwayne Carey, was present for this portion of the meeting.

It was reported that it is expected that the construction of the new Barrington/Port LaTour Fire Hall will be completed this spring. A Temporary Borrowing Resolution has already received the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs. The next step in the process requires that Council pass a resolution for the Pre-Approval of Debenture Issuance Subject to Interest Rate. Also required is a formal commitment by Council to participate in the Spring Debenture Issue.

In September 2015, Council passed two resolutions pertaining to this project. The first resolution was to guarantee interim financing in the amount of \$775,000.00. The second resolution approved long term borrowing for the project at \$680,000.00. It was previously reported to Council that the total cost of the project, after HST rebates, would be \$877,595.00. Council agreed to provide \$140,000.00 from the Fire Services Fund and it was estimated that the old fire stations could be sold for approximately \$60,000.00 once the new fire hall was completed, resulting in a long term borrowing requirement of \$680,000.00.

Resolution C160302

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that Council pass the following Resolution for the Pre-Approval of Debenture Issuance Subject to Interest Rate and approve the draft commitment letter to the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation.

Motion carried unanimously.

WHEREAS Section 91 of the *Municipal Government Act* provides that a municipality is authorized to borrow money, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs;

AND WHEREAS the resolution of council to borrow for \$680,000.00 was approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on October 23, 2015;

AND WHEREAS clause 91(1)(b) of the *Municipal Government Act* authorizes the council to determine the amount and term of, and the rate of interest, on each debenture, when the interest on a debenture is to be paid, and where the principal and interest on a debenture are to be paid;

AND WHEREAS clause 91(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* states, that in accordance with the *Municipal Finance Corporation Act*, the mayor or warden and clerk or the person designated by the council, by policy, shall sell and deliver the debentures on behalf of the municipality at the price, in the sums and in the manner deemed proper;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT under the authority of Section 91 of the *Municipal Government Act*, the Municipality of the District of Barrington borrow by the issue and sale of debentures a sum or sums not exceeding \$680,000.00, for a period not to exceed 10 years, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs;

THAT the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality of the District of Barrington in the amount that the mayor or warden and clerk or the person designated by the council deems proper, provided the average interest rate of the debenture does not exceed the rate of 5.5%;

THAT the debenture be arranged with the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation with interest to be paid semi-annually and principal payments made annually;

THAT this resolution remains in force for a period not exceeding twelve months from the passing of this resolution.

Request Re: Charity Hockey Game – February 26, 2016

Resolution C160303

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the Municipality cover the 2 ½ hours of ice time for the charity hockey game to raise funds for the Carman Faith Memorial Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tax Reduction Application – Ralph and Mary Jane Schnare

Resolution C160304

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that Ralph and Mary Jane Schnare be granted a tax reduction in the amount of \$116.48 since their house was lost due to fire on January 28, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

50th Anniversary – Canadian Coast Guard Rescue Boat Serving South West Nova Scotia

Correspondence has been received from the Town of Clark's Harbour advising that they are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Coast Guard Rescue Boat 101 serving all of South West Nova Scotia. The Town is asking municipal units to contribute \$150.00 towards this event.

Resolution C160305

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality provide a grant of \$150.00 to assist with the cost of the 50th Anniversary of the Canadian Coast Guard Rescue Boat 101 serving all of South West Nova Scotia.

Motion carried unanimously.

Request from Dr. Yee Re: Dalhousie Residency Program – Lease Agreement

Resolution C160306

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality enter into another two year lease agreement with Parsons Investments Limited for space for the Dalhousie Residency Program at a cost of \$675.00 per month.

Motion carried unanimously.

Woodside Cemetery Road

Resolution C160307

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal be requested to gravel and ditch the Woodside Cemetery road located in Port LaTour.

Motion carried unanimously.

South Shore Tourism Team

Resolution C160308

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality support the South Shore Tourism Team and contribute to their operating fund in the amount of \$810.00 as requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

Volunteer Banquet

Resolution C160309

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the April 11, 2016 Committee of the Whole Council meeting be moved to Tuesday, April 12, 2016, to allow for Council/Staff to attend the Volunteer Banquet if so desired.

Motion carried unanimously.

Waiting Period for Group Insurance Benefits for CAO

Resolution C160310

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that Council waive the waiting period for Group Health Insurance Benefits for the Chief Administrative Officer as agreed to in the contract.

Motion carried unanimously.

Election List

Resolution C160311

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the Provincial Election's List be used for the upcoming municipal elections.

Motion carried unanimously.

Sale of Surplus Municipally Owned Property

The Municipality has four (4) parcels of land that were obtained through Tax Sale that are deemed surplus. Council needs to make a decision as to how they would like to dispose of these parcels.

Surplus properties in question are as identified below:

- Assessment Account No. 00609404, land/dwelling located at 3081, Hwy 3 Barrington Passage
- Assessment Account No. 01240064, land/dwelling located at 3 Veldon's Lane, Lower Woods Harbour
- Assessment Account No. 04057058, Lot 1 dwelling located at 4536 Hwy 3, Atwood's Brook
- Assessment Account No. 08407347, Lot 1 dwelling building located at 1017 Baccaro Road, East Baccaro

Resolution C160312

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that Council list the four (4) municipally owned properties through local Real Estate agents and that they waive the need for an appraisal.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C160313

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Council also waive the requirement for a Public Hearing prior to the sale of the four municipally owned surplus properties.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Report on Business Park Survey

The Chief Administrative Officer provided an update on the development of the Business Park located in Barrington Passage. It is anticipated that the survey will be completed this week and staff will be coming back to Council with a recommendation for costing.

Budget Meetings

It was agreed that budget meetings be held on Thursday, April 14, 2016 and Thursday, April 21, 2016. Meetings will be held in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre and will commence at 7:00 p.m.

Consumer Price Index

The Chief Administrative Officer reported that the Consumer Price Index as at the end of February 2016 was 1.4%. This increase will be applied to salaries for staff and remunerations paid to councillors as per policy.

RFP – Collection and Transportation of Solid Waste

The Chief Administrative Officer reported that the RFP for the Collection and Transportation of Solid Waste was released. The deadline for submissions is April 11, 2016, at 2:00 p.m.

UNSM Resolution Re: Offshore Oil and Gas

In advance to the meeting the Chief Administrative Officer provided members with a draft UNSM resolution regarding Offshore Oil and Gas.

Resolution C160314

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality move forward with the draft UNSM resolution regarding Offshore Oil and Gas and that the CAO approach other municipalities for support, and further refinement of the resolution, for presentation to the UNSM at their Fall Conference to be held in November 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

During discussion of this matter it was also suggested that the CAO follow up with Nathan Blades and his committee to obtain comments on the draft resolution.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Warden

Chief Administrative Officer

Secretary for the Meeting

On website March 31, 2016.