

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 12, 2016. 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 Jody Crook
- Councillor Murray Atkinson
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Councillor Shaun Hatfield
  
- Rob Frost, Chief Administrative Officer
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

#### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

#### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Being duly moved and seconded the agenda was approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held November 28, 2016 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

##### Nancy Quinlan Re: Litter Clean-up

Ms. Nancy Quinlan of Barrington Passage was invited to appear before Council this evening to receive a Certificate of Recognition in acknowledgement of her continued commitment to keep our communities clean through her litter clean-up efforts in the Municipality. In the last three months Ms. Quinlan has picked up 195 bags of waste collected in the vicinity of the CSI Causeway. Ms. Quinlan was thanked for going above and beyond to keep our Municipality clean.

##### MLA Chris d'Entremont – Discussion of General Regional Issues

Chris d'Entremont, MLA for Argyle/Barrington appeared before the meeting to discuss general regional issues.

The first topic of discussion was priorities for 2017- capital projects, recreation infrastructure and economic development.

The CAO advised that some capital projects have been identified in the Capital Plan. Some discussion has taken place regarding the future of the Administrative Centre and the Recreation Centre. Concern has also been expressed regarding sewer infrastructure - repair, replacement and expansion. The CAO advised that priorities for 2017 will be further identified during budget deliberations which will commence next month.

Internet requirements were discussed and Mr. d'Entremont was advised that the Western Regional Enterprise Network is looking at a project to enhance internet services. The Municipality of Barrington will be joining the WREN in 2017.

The next topic of discussion was provincial priorities/issues which included the recent drought, roads and health. A brief discussion took place regarding recent legislation, allowing municipalities to provide financing to residents for new wells, etc. The CAO informed members that CAOs in the area are currently in discussions regarding the development of by-laws to provide for financing to address water issues.

When discussing roads, question was raised regarding bike lanes being created in the Municipality. It was suggested that maybe the Province could provide some type of cost sharing program for the creation of bike lanes, similar to what is provided for paving "J" Class roads. Mr. d'Entremont advised that bike lanes are tied into the Active Transportation Plan which some municipalities have in place. He advised that if municipalities have this plan in place then the Province will cost share widening the shoulder of roads for bike lanes when repaving projects are carried out.

During discussion of roads Mr. d'Entremont asked each member to identify concerns in their area. Concerns identified are as follows:

- District 1 – Councillor El-Jakl
  - Station Road in Shag Harbour
  - bad section of road from the Yarmouth County line to Woods Harbour
  - road shoulder near UFO Museum in Shag Harbour
  - Old Oak Park Road should be accessible by emergency vehicles
  - Bay Side Home is located on a secondary road. Plowing has been an issue in the past when the Home had to hire a private plow to allow transport of a resident to the hospital.
  
- District 2 – Councillor Atkinson
  - Highway #3 in Barrington Passage and shoulder
  
- District 3 – Councillor Hatfield
  - Bateman Road – This is not a new issue. Numerous attempts have been made to have this road upgraded. Residents would like to see the road chip sealed or paved. There is also a water issue in the area.
  - a dip in the road across the Causeway requires investigation
  - road shoulders
  
- District 4 – Warden Nickerson
  - shoulders of roads throughout the municipality
  - pave remainder of South Side Road

- District 5 - Deputy Warden Crook
  - Villagedale Road is in need of repaving.
  - Old Post Road needs upgrading – Mr. d’Entremont suggested that the Villagedale intersection be opened up allowing an easier turn for larger trucks which would hopefully cut down on the truck traffic using Old Post Road
  - regular maintenance required on the Baccaro Road around to the Point
  - Blanche Road requires grading

Mr. d’Entremont advised that he continues to push for a dialysis clinic to be located in the area. He advised that doctor recruitment continues to be a challenge. The District Health Authority is creating some barriers.

Radiation therapy was also a topic of discussion. Mr. d’Entremont advised that there is a move afoot to have treatment available in Yarmouth.

Wait lists for long term care facilities continues to be a problem. During discussion of this matter Mr. d’Entremont advised that he would provide the name of the Placement Officer located in Kentville and would try to organize a meeting.

At 8:15 p.m. Mr. d’Entremont thanked Council for the opportunity to address them to discuss regional issues.

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

##### McGray Avenue

The CAO reported that a meeting has been scheduled to meet with residents of McGray Avenue to discuss matters of concern on January 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Deputy Warden Jody Crook

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

##### Councillor Murray Atkinson

Councillor Atkinson gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council. During Councillor Atkinson’s report he indicated that the bridge was installed today connecting the Multi Use Trail across the Barrington River.

##### Councillor George El-Jakl

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

During his report it was indicated that a petition is currently being circulated in Woods Harbour regarding the lack of cell phone coverage in the area.

##### Councillor Shaun Hatfield

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

During his report he provided information on the UNSM Conference recently held in Halifax. He also provided information on the Western Counties Regional Library Board and encouraged members to obtain a library card.

During Councillor Hatfield's report he indicated that some of the plastic corner markers are missing or broken on McGray Avenue.

Resolution C161201

Being duly moved and seconded be it resolved that the Department of Transportation be contacted and requested to replace missing or broken plastic pole corner markers located on McGray Avenue.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Hatfield then reported on committee recommendations.

Rural Internet

Resolution C161202

Being duly moved and seconded be it resolved that Council invite representatives from Bell Aliant and Eastlink to come to a Committee or Council meeting to discuss the current internet situation in Barrington Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Engine Brake Use near Wireless Road

Resolution C161203

Being duly moved and seconded be it resolved that Council have staff further investigate the use of engine brakes with Department of Transportation and other related entities.

Motion carried unanimously.

Blanche Road

Resolution C161204

Being duly moved and seconded be it resolved that Council ask the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to grade Blanche Road at the first available opportunity.

Motion carried unanimously.

Street Light in Centreville

Resolution C161205

Being duly moved and seconded be it resolved that Council have a street light added near the property of Darryl and Stella Nickerson in Centreville, Civic #1286, Hwy 330.

Motion carried unanimously.

Post Office in Barrington Passage

Resolution C161206

Being duly moved and seconded be it resolved that Council write a letter to Canada Post asking for them to install lighting near the handicap parking at the Barrington Passage Post Office.

Motion carried unanimously.

Highway 103 – Exit 29

Resolution C161207

Being duly moved and seconded be it resolved that Council request the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to look at Exit 29 and the possibility of adding a flashing light to improve visibility and awareness at night.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council. During discussion he made reference to the definition of “children present” which was provided to him by Sgt. Deluco. He requested that this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole Council for further discussion.

MOTIONS – CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS – POLICY 59 “COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Consideration of amendments to Policy 59 “Committees of Council” was provided at the last meeting of Council.

Resolution C161208

Being duly moved and seconded be it resolved that proposed amendments to Policy 59, “Committees of Council”, be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS – NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION – FLOATING DOCK POLICY

Notice was given to members that consideration of the adoption of the Floating Dock Policy will take place at the next meeting of Council.

NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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Warden

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Chief Administrative Officer

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website December 15, 2016.**