

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, August 28, 2017. The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:06 p.m., with the following members present:

- Warden Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- Deputy Warden Jody Crook
- Councillor Murray Atkinson
- Councillor Shaun Hatfield
- Councillor George El-Jakl
  
- Rob Frost, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

#### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held July 24, 2017 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### SECOND READINGS – PROPOSED AND AMENDED BY-LAWS

At 7:07 p.m. second readings were held for the following:

##### Proposed Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program By-law

At this time Council considered the adoption of a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program By-law. This by-law makes provision for an owner of a qualifying property located within the Municipality of Barrington to apply to the Municipality for financing of a Clean Energy Upgrade for their property. A Clean Energy Upgrade will result in substantially improved energy efficiency, the generation of renewable energy or reduced greenhouse gas emissions. Upgrades could include caulking, weather stripping, duct/air sealing, energy efficient windows and doors, heat pumps, wood or pellet stoves, etc.

Second reading of the by-law was advertised in the Tri-County Vanguard Newspaper on August 16, 2017.

No written or oral presentations were received from the public.

Resolution C170801

Being duly moved and seconded that the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program By-law be approved in second and final reading, as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Water Supply Upgrade – Lending Program By-law

Council is considering this evening that adoption of a Water Supply Upgrade – Lending Program By-law. This by-law makes provision for an owner of a qualifying property located within the Municipality of Barrington to apply to the Municipality for financing of a water supply upgrade to their property. A water supply upgrade could include the construction of a new dug or drilled well or an upgrade to an existing well that is required to source water for the property. Upgrades may also include the installation of cisterns, water from fog systems, grey water collection or other containers that are installed for the purpose of the supply, use and conservation of water.

Second reading of the by-law was advertised in the Tri-County Vanguard Newspaper on August 16, 2017.

No written or oral presentations were received from the public.

Resolution C170802

Being duly moved and seconded that the Water Supply Upgrade – Lending Program By-law be approved in second and final reading as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Amendments to By-law No. 25 – “Tax Exemption By-law”

The Municipal Council is considering amendments to Schedules “A”, “C” and “D” of By-law No. 25, “Tax Exemption By-law”.

Schedule “A” will be amended by adding Agape Café Youth Ministry which is a non-profit organization that owns property in Barrington Passage. By being added to the by-law they will be exempt of the responsibility for payment of rates and taxes, exclusive of area rates, sewer charges, service charges and any other special levies.

Schedule “C” will be amended by deleting references to properties formerly owned by the Barrington/Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department and by adding the Assessment Account Number of the property currently owned by the Department.

Schedule “D” will be amended by adding two more properties owned by the Cape Sable Historical Society located in Barrington.

Second reading of the by-law was advertised in the Tri-County Vanguard Newspaper on August 16, 2017.

No written or oral presentations were received from the public.

Resolution C170803

Being duly moved and seconded that amendments to Schedules “A”, “C” and “D” of By-Law No. 25, “Tax Exemption By-law” be approved in second and final reading, as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence to be reported on.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Warden

The Warden gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council. During his report he also reported on the Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation Annual Meeting which was held June 5, 2017. Minutes of this meeting are attached to the agenda.

The Warden also briefly reported on the Aquaculture Conference held in Norway, August 12-19, 2017. His written report will be presented in the near future.

Report from Outside Committees

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.

Councillor Atkinson also reported on the Region 6 Solid Waste Management Committee meeting held May 26, 2017. A copy of these minutes are attached to the agenda.

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.

Sale of Incidental Assets

At this time, Warden Nickerson informed the public that incidental assets of the Municipality will be offered for sale at which members of the public can purchase items at a predetermined price. Items for sale will include sofa, chairs, desk, pictures, podium, file cabinets, photocopiers, keyboards, computer monitors, etc. The sale will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, on Wednesday, September 6, 2017.

Reports from Committees of Council

Councillor El-Jakl reported on recommendations from committees.

Request for Support of Doppler Radar System in Yarmouth Area

Correspondence has been received from the Municipality of Yarmouth requesting support in encouraging the placement of a doppler radar system in the Yarmouth area.

Resolution C170804

Being duly moved and seconded that Council write a letter to our MP and MLA in support of the provision of a Doppler Radar System in South West Nova Scotia.

Motion carried unanimously.

TIR Three Year Cost Share Agreement for Subdivision Streets

Resolution C170805

Being duly moved and seconded that Council accept the agreement with TIR as presented and that the Warden and CAO sign the agreement on behalf of the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Advocacy Requests

Resolution C170806

Being duly moved and seconded that Council proclaim October 15<sup>th</sup> as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day in the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

Shelburne County Tourism Partners Proposal

Discussion has taken place regarding a potential Shelburne County Tourism Partners Proposal.

Being duly moved and seconded that Council support and commit to the Shelburne County Tourism Partners Proposal as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Upon discussion of this matter it was noted that the total project cost is estimated at \$55,000, with the municipal cost being \$24,000. The Municipality of Barrington will provide staffing for the project which will reduce our municipal cost to approximately \$19,000. During discussion of this matter it was also noted that if all five municipal units do not participate in this proposal then the project will not be pursued.

Seal Island Light

Resolution C170807

Being duly moved and seconded that Council give direction to staff to speak with Cape Sable Historical Society to explore options regarding ownership of the Seal Island Light.

Motion carried unanimously.

Expenses Form Posting

Resolution C170808

Being duly moved and seconded that Council adopt the recommended Municipal Expense Forms and reporting process as presented by the Joint Municipal Accountability and Transparency Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that a policy will be drafted in the near future and presented back to committee for consideration. Expense Forms will be posted on the municipal website immediately.

Floating Dock

Resolution C170809

Being duly moved and seconded that Council amend the Floating Dock Policy to allow for 45 minute tie-up time and two smaller signs with the following four points:

1. 45 berthing time limit
2. boats in violation will be removed at owner's expense
3. commercial use is prohibited
4. dock under video surveillance

Motion carried unanimously.

During discussion of this matter it was suggested that a double-sided sign be posted at the top of the stairs near the railing and that one sign be posted facing the water alerting people entering the floating dock.

Resolution C170810

Being duly moved and seconded that Council have staff contact the Queen of Hearts Dory Club to ask that they restrict their use of the floating dock to one space, and if needed tie the second dory to the first.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C170811

Being duly moved and seconded that a press release be issued through the radio, newspaper and social media indicating changes being made to the Floating Dock Policy and emphasizing the fact that the floating dock is not for berthing but for the purpose of onloading and offloading.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTIONS

Consideration of Proposed Policy Re: PACE Upgrade Standards

Notice was given at the last meeting of Council that the adoption of the Policy regarding PACE Upgrade Standards will be considered this evening. The policy identifies the eligible types of clean energy upgrades that may be financed by the Municipality of Barrington through the PACE By-law.

Resolution C170812

Being duly moved and seconded that the Policy Re: PACE Upgrade Standards be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Proposed Policy Re: PACE Lending Rate

Notice was given at the last meeting of Council that the adoption of the Policy Re: PACE Lending Rate will be considered this evening. The policy identifies the lending rate charged by the Municipality of Barrington through the PACE Program.

Resolution C170813

Being duly moved and seconded that Policy Re: PACE Lending Rate be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

First Reading – Adoption of Deed Transfer Tax By-law

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a draft Deed Transfer Tax By-law. A copy of the Deed Transfer Tax By-law was also attached to the agenda. A Deed Transfer Tax is a tax that can be levied on the transfer of real property which is payable at the time of conveyance of the title. It is proposed that the Municipality of Barrington put in place a Deed Transfer Tax in the amount of 1.5%.

Resolution C170814

Being duly moved and seconded that the Deed Transfer Tax By-law be approved in first reading.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

**Murray Atkinson**

**Shaun Hatfield**

**Eddie Nickerson**

**NEGATIVE**

**Jody Crook**

**George El-Jakl**

Motion carried

Councillor Hatfield informed members that he would not be present at the next meeting of Council to be held on September 25, 2017 which would be the normal date for the Second Reading of the Deed Transfer Tax By-law to be held.

Councillor El-Jakl informed members that he may not be available for the October 23, 2017 Council meeting due to health issues.

Resolution C170815

Being duly moved and seconded that Council move the September 25, 2017 Council meeting to October 2, 2017 in order to ensure that there is a full complement of Council when dealing with the second reading of the Deed Transfer Tax By-law.

Motion carried unanimously.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that the Municipality of Barrington is one of three municipal units that do not have a Deed Transfer Tax in place.

Appointment of Civic Addressing Coordinator

Now that the Civic Addressing By-law has been put in place it is necessary to appoint a Civic Addressing Coordinator for the by-law. The CAO recommended that the Civic Addressing Coordinator be David Andrews.

Resolution C170816

Being duly moved and seconded that David Andrews be appointed as Civic Addressing Coordinator for the Civic Addressing By-law.

Motion carried unanimously.

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

Notice of Consideration of adoption of New Low Income Property Tax Exemption Policy No. 41

Notice is given this evening that Council will consider the adoption of a new Low Income Property Tax Exemption Policy No. 41 to replace the existing policy at the next meeting of Council.

Notice of Consideration of amendments to Policy 70, "Municipal Floating Dock Policy"

Notice is given this evening that Council will consider amendments to Policy No. 70, "Municipal Floating Dock Policy" at their next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Warden

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Chief Administrative Officer

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website August 30, 2017.**