

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, October 23, 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

- Rob Frost, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

Councillor George El-Jakl was absent due to medical reasons.

#### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was agreed that the following item be added to the agenda:

- Arena dehumidifier.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Being duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held October 2, 2017 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

##### Continuation of Second Reading – Proposed Deed Transfer Tax By-law

The Warden informed members that Second Reading of the proposed Deed Transfer Tax By-law was held at the last meeting of Council. At that meeting the public were given an opportunity to provide input into the adoption of the proposed by-law. After hearing comments from the public the matter was referred to the Committee of the Whole Council for further discussion.

The matter has now been further considered by Committee and is being referred back to Council tonight, with no proposed changes from the original draft.

The Warden informed members that previously Council had decided to not deal with the Deed Transfer Tax By-law unless there was full complement of Council present. With Councillor El-Jakl being absent this evening members were asked how they wanted to proceed.

Resolution C171012

Being duly moved and seconded that the proposed Deed Transfer Tax By-law be referred to a Special Meeting of Council to be held on November 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., subject to there being a full complement of Council present.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Warden

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

Report from Outside Committees

Councillor Hatfield gave a brief report on the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation Board Meeting held June 20, 2017. A copy of minutes of this meeting were attached to the agenda. Councillor Hatfield informed members that the Foundation is currently going through a board assessment.

Councillor Hatfield also reported on the September 7, 2017 meeting of the Shelburne County Housing Coalition. Minutes of this meeting were attached to the agenda. Councillor Hatfield informed members that the Coalition is currently circulating a Housing Needs Assessment Survey.

Reports from Committees of Council

Councillor Hatfield reported on recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Council.

WMTA and SCAA Trail Maintenance Request

Members of the WMTA and SCAA met with the Committee of the Whole Council to discuss maintenance of trails within the Municipality of Barrington. Both associations were requesting the assistance of Council with ongoing maintenance and improvements of trails.

Resolution C171013

Being duly moved and seconded that Council request that the WMTA and SCAA provide Council with a five year maintenance plan, including costs, so that Council can best determine how to provide financial support for ongoing maintenance of trails in the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

TIR Cost Share Agreement 2018

Correspondence had been received from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting to know whether the Municipality would like to submit any roads for paving for the 2018-2019 fiscal year under the Cost Share Agreement.

Resolution C171014

Being duly moved and seconded that Council put forth “Newell Lane”, which is located in South Side, to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal as a road to be considered under the Cost Share Paving Agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

Paving at McGray Avenue

Tenders were invited for the Second Lift Paving Project at McGray Avenue parking lot. Tenders closed on October 4, 2017 and all four tenders received were opened publicly. All tenders were over budget.

The Committee of the Whole Council has considered this matter and is recommending that quotes be obtained to repair existing problems with the paving.

Resolution C171015

Being duly moved and seconded that Council direct staff to get quotes on cutting out and repairing the problem areas at McGray Avenue parking lot.

Motion carried unanimously.

Quotes will be received and the matter will be further considered by the Committee of the Whole Council.

Signage at Shag Harbour Gazebo

Doug Shand, Eric Shand, and Laurie Wickens made a presentation to the Committee of the Whole Council regarding signage at the Shag Harbour Gazebo. They would like to see a sign on the site recognizing Evelyn Richardson.

Previously, Council advised the Chapel Hill Society that if they were to raise the funds for the sign the Municipality would work with them to find a location.

Both groups, the Chapel Hill Society and the UFO Incident Society, are asking Council to consider paying for a sign and placing it at the UFO Tourist Rest Stop in Shag Harbour.

Resolution C171016

Being duly moved and seconded that Council ask the Chapel Hill Society and the UFO Incident Society to write a joint letter to Council that outlines their specific request, including location and design of the requested signage.

Motion carried unanimously.

RFP – Sale of the Robertson Building

As a result of the issuance of an RFP for the purchase and use of the Robertson Building, only one response was received. An RFP was submitted by Natasha Nickerson in the amount of \$25,000. Her plans include the renovation of the building to provide for hotel rooms on the second floor and a café/coffee shop on the main floor.

Resolution C171017

Being duly moved and seconded that Council accept the proposal received from Natasha Nickerson for the purchase of the Robertson Building.

Motion carried unanimously.

Draft Active Transportation Policy

A draft Active Transportation Policy was presented to the Committee of the Whole Council on October 16, 2017.

Resolution C171018

Being duly moved and seconded that Council accept the Active Transportation Policy as presented, and that notice be given this evening to consider the adoption of the policy at the next meeting of Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

Letter from Debbie Atkinson

Correspondence has been received from Debbie Atkinson who expressed concern regarding the following three (3) matters:

1. humidity at the Arena,
2. strong currents at Stoney Island Beach; and
3. fencing in of playgrounds.

Resolution C171019

Being duly moved and seconded that Council write a letter to the Department of Natural Resources asking them to erect a sign saying “Warning! Strong Current. Swim at Own Risk.”, on the Stoney Island Beach.

Humidity issues at the Arena are currently being addressed and should be cleared up very soon. The Municipality currently has two fenced in playgrounds, and with the review of assets currently taking place the Sherose Island Playground may be further investigated.

Mrs. Atkinson will be advised of steps being taken by Council to address her concerns.

Tender for the Provision of a Truck for Property Services

An RFP was issued for the provision of a truck for the Property Services Department. Two proposals were received and it is the recommendation of staff that the proposal received from Smith & Watt Ltd., of Barrington Passage, be accepted.

Resolution C171020

Being duly moved and seconded that Council accept the tender received from Smith & Watt Ltd. for the provision of a 2 tonne, 4X4 truck, at the price of \$60,697, plus HST.

Motion carried unanimously.

PACE and Water Programs

Resolution C171021

Being duly moved and seconded that Council set the amount of funds available for the PACE Program and the Water Supply Upgrade Lending Program at a maximum of \$50,000 for each program per year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Committee and Board Appointments – 2017-2018

Committee and Board appointments for 2017-18 were considered by the Committee of the Whole Council on October 10, 2017. The Warden reported on the Committee's recommended appointments.

Resolution C171022

Being duly moved and seconded that Committee and Board appointments for 2017-2018 for committees of Council be approved as presented and indicated on the attached list.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C171023

Being duly moved and seconded that Committee and Board appointments for 2017-2018 for committees where Council has a financial interest be approved as presented and indicated on the attached list.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C171024

Being duly moved and seconded that Committee and Board appointments for 2017-2018 to outside committees to which Council appoints a councillor be approved as presented and indicated on the attached list.

Motion carried unanimously.

The list of Committee and Board Appointments for 2017-2018 is attached and forms part of the minutes. The list also includes committees to which Council has appointed citizen representation. Terms for these appointments have not expired and do not require Council's attentions at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Arena Dehumidifier

The CAO informed members that problems continue with the humidity in the Arena. After a few weeks into the season one of the dehumidifiers broke down. We currently have 4-5 portable dehumidifiers in the Arena in an attempt to address the problem, but the Arena is still foggy and wet. Repairs to the existing dehumidifier will cost approximately \$10,000.

It is the recommendation of the CAO to purchase a new dehumidifier unit at a cost of approximately \$20,000 to \$30,000.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that both dehumidifiers are original to the Arena.

Resolution C171025

Being duly moved and seconded that Council give authority to the CAO to hire a mechanical engineer to determine the proper dehumidifier required at the Arena.

Motion carried unanimously.

YARMOUTH HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

The Warden informed members that he has received correspondence tonight from the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation with a copy of the Foundations' 2016-2017 Annual Report. This information will be kept in the Office should anyone like to review it.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Warden

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Chief Administrative Officer

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Secretary for the Meeting

## LIST OF COMMITTEES

**2017/2018**

COMMITTEE	CHAIRMAN	OUTSIDE APPOINTMENTS	MEMBERSHIP
<b>Committees of Council</b>			
Committee of the Whole Council	Warden		ALL
Nominating Committee	Warden		ALL
Planning Advisory Committee (3)	Jody Crook	Cecil Swimm (Expires Mar. 31/18) Cindy Nickerson (Expires Mar. 31/18)	Jody Crook Murray Atkinson Eddie Nickerson
Audit Committee (3)		Donna LeBlanc-Messenger (2 years - expires Apr. 1/19)	Eddie Nickerson Jody Crook Shaun Hatfield
Joint EMO Executive Committee (2)		Town of Clark's Harbour Reps	Eddie Nickerson George El-Jakl
Joint Police Advisory Board (2)		Penny Duggan Cindy Nickerson	Eddie Nickerson Jody Crook
<b>Committees where Council has Financial Interest</b>			
Region 6 Waste (1)			Murray Atkinson Alternate - Jody Crook

Western REN Liaison and Oversight Committee			Eddie Nickerson Alternate – Shaun Hatfield
Western Counties Regional Library (1)			Shaun Hatfield
<b>Outside Committees to which Council appoints a Councillor</b>			
Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation (1)			Eddie Nickerson
Yarmouth Hospital Charitable Foundation (1)			Shaun Hatfield
Barrington Municipal/Clark's Harbour Town Satellite Dialysis Clinic Committee			Jody Crook Shaun Hatfield
Shelburne County Housing Coalition			Shaun Hatfield
Barrington Municipal Exhibition Committee			Jody Crook
<b>Outside Committees to which Council Appoints Citizen Representation</b>			
Bay Side Home Board of Directors		George El-Jakl Brenda Maxwell Rev. Bradley Pass Donna Malone Ethel Nickerson Rodney Stoddard James Symonds	
Western Regional Housing Authority		Cecil Swimm	

