

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, November 27, 2017. The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:10 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 was absent due to work commitments.

- Rob Frost, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

- Arena Dehumidifiers.

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 minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held October 23, 2017 and Special Council Meeting held November 6, 2017 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was 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.

He reported on the UNSM Conference held in Halifax from November 7 – 10, 2017 which he attended. During the conference a presentation was made on Asset Management which he found to be very informative. He questioned whether a copy of this presentation could be forwarded to all councillors for their review. It was agreed that this matter would be investigated.

During the Warden's Report he also made reference to the Festival of Lights. The Lobster Pot Tree Lighting Ceremony was held on Thursday, November 23rd and the Lobster Dip took place on Saturday, November 25th with there being 51 participants this year. The Chamber of Commerce Parade of Lights was held Saturday evening, November 25, 2017 and he suggested attendance was up by approximately 40% due to the date being changed to the last Saturday in November.

REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE COMMITTEES

Joint Police Advisory Board

Warden Nickerson gave a brief report on the Joint Police Advisory Board Meeting held June 7, 2017. A copy of the minutes of this meeting were attached to the agenda.

Shelburne County Housing Coalition

Councillor Hatfield gave a brief report on the October 5, 2017 meeting of the Shelburne County Housing Coalition. Minutes of this meeting were attached to the agenda. Councillor Hatfield reminded members of the Housing Needs Assessment Survey which is currently being circulated by the Coalition, and encouraged residents to complete a survey if they have not already done so.

Reports from Committees of Council

Councillor Shaun Hatfield

Councillor Hatfield gave a brief report of his activities since the last meeting of Council. He also attended the UNSM Conference held in Halifax earlier this month. He made reference to Governance Changes, Asset Management, Mobile Food Market and Changes in Technology Presentations made at the Conference.

Councillor Murray Atkinson

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

Deputy Warden Jody Crook

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

Reports from Committees of Council

Deputy Warden Crook reported on recommendations from committees.

Derelict Vessel

The Committee of the Whole Council discussed the hull of a boat that is moored just off the floating dock at McGray Avenue, North East Point.

Resolution C171101

Being duly moved and seconded that Council write a letter to the proper authority asking to have this boat dealt with in the appropriate manner.

Motion carried unanimously.

RCMP Report

Sgt. Deluco attended the November 14, 2017 Committee of the Whole Council Meeting at which time she presented a report outlining activities of her Detachment.

During the meeting with Sgt. Deluco staffing concerns were discussed. It was noted that the Barrington Detachment is currently two officers short.

Resolution C171102

Being duly moved and seconded that Council write a letter to Minister Mark Furey, Minister of Justice, requesting that the funding we currently provide for RCMP services be reviewed and that we receive a refund on amounts paid due to the shortage of officers.

Motion carried unanimously.

Shine a Light on Woman Abuse Campaign

Correspondence has been received from the Tri-County Women's Centre requesting Council to take part in their campaign to raise awareness of violence against women by turning towns and regions purple for the month of November. They are proposing that the Municipality light the Municipal Administration Building or other location purple for the campaign.

Resolution C171103

Being duly moved and seconded that Council support the *Shine a Light on Woman Abuse Campaign*, speak with the Cape Sable Historical Society about the possibility of having the Seal Island Light shine purple and to assist in the promotion and awareness of this campaign.

Motion carried unanimously.

"Making Health Care Better" Campaign

Correspondence has been received from Robert Legere, Chair of the Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation requesting Council to donate to their "Making Health Care Better" Fundraising Campaign. The Foundation has taken a leading role in the recruitment and retention of health care personnel and this project is the largest to date with the Foundation making a commitment of \$300,000 towards the new collaborative health care centre.

Resolution C171104

Being duly moved and seconded that the Municipality contribute \$10,000 to the Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation towards the Collaborative Health Care Centre in Shelburne.

Motion carried unanimously.

Letter from Goldie Blizard

A letter has been received from Ms. Goldie Blizard requesting the Municipality to take over the responsibility for a street light that she had installed years ago at McGray Avenue.

Resolution C171105

Being duly moved and seconded that Council take over the street light in question as requested by Ms. Goldie Blizard.

Motion carried unanimously.

Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal

At the November 14, 2017 Committee of the Whole Council meeting, Councillor El-Jakl asked that letters be written to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting them to double chip seal Station Road in Shag Harbour, and pave sections of Highway 3 in Shag Harbour and Woods Harbour areas.

Resolution C171106

Being duly moved and seconded that Council write a letter to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting that they double chip seal Station Road in Shag Harbour.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C171107

Being duly moved and seconded that Council write a letter to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting that they pave Highway 3 from Upper Woods Harbour to Charlesville, and from the first turnoff to Bear Point to Twinkie's Corner.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed that both of these letters also be forwarded to our MLA, Chris d'Entremont.

CAO Review

Resolution C171108

Being duly moved and seconded that Council accept the Performance Review of the CAO as completed by Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

Letter from Cape Sable Historical Society

Correspondence has been received from the Cape Sable Historical Society requesting Council to ask the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal about local truck traffic signs to reduce the number of trucks in the area of the museums, that Council ask the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to install a crosswalk, and that Council consider designating the area of the museums as a historic district.

Resolution C171109

Being duly moved and seconded that Council provide the following response and actions in regards to the requests from the Cape Sable Historical Society:

- Write a letter to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal asking as to the process for Local Truck Traffic Only Signs, and that they be installed if possible.
- Speak with the Cape Sable Historical Society regarding the requirements for the installation of a crosswalk, and that Council will not pursue this request.
- That the request to have a Historic Area Designation be referred to Planning Advisory Committee for discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

South West Nova Biosphere Reserve

Correspondence has been received from the South West Nova Biosphere Reserve asking Council to support funding for highway signage.

Resolution C171110

Being duly moved and seconded that Council inform South West Nova Biosphere Reserve that at this time the Municipality is not supportive of funding highway signage.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Jody Crook
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION OF “ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION POLICY”

At the last meeting of Council notice was given that Council would consider the adoption of the proposed “Active Transportation Policy” at tonight’s meeting. The goal of the proposed policy is:

1. to improve citizen’s accessibility and mobility regardless of age, ability or social economic status,
2. to enhance the safety of our communities; and
3. to minimize the impact of transportation activities on our natural environment.

Resolution C171111

Being being duly moved and seconded that the proposed “Active Transportation Policy” be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION

It was reported that the Committee of the Whole Council has been reviewing policies of the Municipality.

Notice is given tonight that Council will consider changes to the following policies at their next meeting:

- a. Amend Policy No. 5 – Press Release Policy
- b. Amend Policy No. 7 – Wood Cutting Policy
- c. Amend Policy No. 9 - Administration and Enforcement of the Building By-law, Building Code Act, Municipal Government Act, and Land Use By-law
- d. Amend Policy No. 22 – Use of Municipal Vehicles Policy
- e. Amend Policy No. 25 – Regulations Governing the Use of the Building Inspection Department Vehicle
- f. Repeal Policy No. 26 – Garbage Bins – Private Roads
- g. Amend Policy No. 44 – Payroll Deduction Policy
- h. Repeal Policy No. 61 – Activities Fund Policy
- i. Repeal Policy No. 30 – Policy to Eliminate Conflict of Interest Regarding Municipal Capital Projects
- j. Amend Policy No. 34 – Municipality of Barrington Health and Safety Policy
- k. Amend Policy No. 56 – Interim Tax Billing Policy
- l. Repeal Policy No. 58 – Playground Funding Policy

UNSM – GOVERNANCE (Sub-Committee of Municipal Indicators Committee)

Councillor Hatfield informed members that the UNSM is seeking Expressions of Interest from UNSM members to serve on a number of committees.

Councillor Hatfield expressed an interest in serving on the Governance Committee which is a sub-committee of the Municipal Indicators Committee. He questioned whether the Municipality would cover travel and other expenses.

Much discussion took place since the UNSM Board pay their members travel and expenses for attendance at meetings.

Resolution C171112

Being duly moved and seconded that this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole Council for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

ARENA DEHUMIDIFIERS

The CAO reported that quotes have been received from two different companies for dehumidifiers to address the humidity in the Sandy Wickens Memorial Arena.

Resolution C171113

Being duly moved and seconded that Council give authority to the CAO to correct the humidity problems at the Sandy Wickens Memorial Arena by purchasing and having installed two dehumidifier units, and that the money to cover the cost of these units be taken from Capital Reserves.

Motion carried unanimously.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that it will cost approximately \$100,000 to address the humidity problems in the Arena.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be dealt with the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Warden

Chief Administrative Officer

Secretary for the Meeting