

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, February 26, 2018.

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

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

- Rob Frost, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

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 that the minutes of the last meeting of Council held January 22, 2018 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

SECOND READING – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAW NO. 25 “TAX EXEMPTION BY-LAW”

At this time Council considered amendments to Schedule “B” of By-law No. 25 “Tax Exemption By-law”. It is proposed that Schedule “B” be amended by adding the Woods Harbour Ballfield Society. By being added to the by-law, the Society will be exempt of responsibility for payment of rates and taxes, exclusive of area rates, sewer charges, service charges and any other special levies.

Second reading of these amendments was advertised in the Tri-County Vanguard Newspaper on February 7, 2018.

No written or oral presentations were received from the public.

Resolution C180201

Being duly moved and seconded that Schedule “B” of By-law No. 25 “Tax Exemption By-law” be amended by adding the Woods Harbour Ballfield Society, and that this amendment be approved in second and final reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Warden

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

Warden Nickerson reported that he and the CAO Rob Frost attended a Municipal Modernization Meeting held in Halifax on January 31, 2018.

Reports from Outside Committees

Councillor George El-Jakl

Councillor El-Jakl 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 Hatfield reported on activities of the Shelburne County Housing Coalition. A copy of the minutes of their meeting held December 7, 2017 were attached to the agenda on the Municipal website.

Councillor Hatfield also reported on activities of the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation. A copy of the board minutes for November 28, 2017 were attached to the agenda on the Municipal website.

VARIANCE APPEAL – WILSON’S SHOPPING CENTRE LIMITED

At 7:15 p.m. Dave Andrews, Development Officer, appeared before the meeting.

The Development Officer, David Andrews, was present for this portion of the meeting.

It was reported that David Wilson of Wilson’s Shopping Centre wishes to construct an addition to an existing building on their property located at 3542, Highway 3, Barrington Passage.

Mr. Wilson is requesting that the side yard between the Home Hardware Building Centre and the boundary line abutting property of Sobey’s, Civic #3552, be reduced from the required twenty (20) feet to one (1) foot. The original application to the Development Officer was rejected since the request does not meet the requirements of the Land Use By-law.

All assessed owners located within 30 meters of the variance sought have been notified that the appeal would be considered at tonight’s meeting of Council.

No written or oral presentations were received regarding this variance request.

Resolution C180202

Being duly moved and seconded that the variance requested by Wilson's Shopping Centre Limited be approved reducing the side yard requirements between the Home Hardware Building Centre and the boundary line abutting property of Sobey's, Civic #3552, be reduced from twenty (20) feet to one (1) foot as requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

David Andrews, Development Officer, was thanked for appearing before Council and left the meeting at approximately 7:20 p.m.

Continuation of Reports from outside Committees

Deputy Warden Jody Crook

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

Deputy Warden Crook also reported on the October 18, 2017 meeting of the Barrington Municipal Exhibition Committee. A copy of these minutes are attached to the agenda on the Municipal website.

Councillor Murray Atkinson

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

Councillor Atkinson then reported on recommendations from committees.

NS Lumberjack Championships

Nova Scotia Lumberjack Championship Association plan to bring the Nova Scotia Lumberjack Championship to Barrington Municipality. The Municipality is being requested to support this event by providing a grant which will improve television coverage.

Resolution C180203

Being duly moved and seconded that Council sponsor the NS Lumberjack Championship to take place in Barrington Municipality at an amount of \$4,000.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Roseway Hospital Locums

Correspondence has been received from the Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation requesting financial assistance to assist with the cost of securing lodging for locums providing coverage in the Emergency Department of the Roseway Hospital.

Resolution C180204

Being duly moved and seconded that Council provide \$2,000.00 to the Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation for the lodging costs for locums in the Emergency Room.

Motion carried unanimously.

Storm Damage Report from Woodland Multi-Use Trail Association and Future Funding

Sherman Embree of the Woodland Multi-Use Trail Association has advised that he will be making application to the Province for funding to assist with the cost of repairs to the trail necessary as a result of storm damage. There is a shortfall of funds for the total project cost in the amount of \$925.00, and the Association is requesting a grant from the Municipality to cover this amount.

Resolution C180205

Being duly moved and seconded that Council provide \$925.00 to the Woodland Multi-Use Trail Association for the completion of repairs to the trails as a result of storm damage.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tourism Partnership with the Municipality of Shelburne

Resolution C180206

Being duly moved and seconded that Council partner with the Municipality of Shelburne on a shared tourism initiative and include the required financial contribution in the budget process for 2018-2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

Strategic Plan

Resolution C180207

Being duly moved and seconded that Council approve the Strategic Plan as presented to Committee on February 5, 2018.

Motion carried unanimously.

Well Easement Re: Acinom Properties Inc.

Acinom Properties Inc. is in the process of purchasing the former Telephone Office building which is currently occupied by East Bay Realty Limited. As part of this transaction Acinom Properties Limited is requesting that a well easement be granted allowing access to the drilled well located on the adjoining municipal property.

Resolution C180208

Being duly moved and seconded that Council deny the well easement as requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tri-County Women's Centre Re: International Women's Day

Resolution C180209

Being duly moved and seconded that Council submit a list of names with brief bios as nominations for the International Women's Day Recognition event.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Jody Crook
Shaun Hatfield
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Request for Relief of Taxes Due to Loss by Fire – Butler's Estates Ltd.

Property owned by Butler's Estates Limited located at 3322, Highway 3, Barrington Passage, was destroyed by fire on December 17, 2017. The owner is therefore requesting an adjustment in taxes.

Resolution C180210

Being duly moved and seconded that Council approve the tax relief as requested by Butler's Estates Ltd.

Motion carried unanimously.

Request for Grant – FRA Playground Association

Resolution C180211

Being duly moved and seconded that Council approve a grant of \$2,000.00 to the FRA Playground Association.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO POLICY 22 "USE OF MUNICIPAL VEHICLES"

Notice of consideration of amendments to Policy No. 22 "Use of Municipal Vehicles" was given at the last meeting of Council. It is proposed that the policy be amended to change the reference from Clerk-Treasurer to Chief Administrative Officer, remove the reference to specific vehicles owned by the Municipality, require that damage to vehicles be reported, etc.

Resolution C180212

Being duly moved and seconded that amendments to Policy No. 22 “Use of Municipal Vehicles” be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF REPEALING POLICY 25 “USE OF BUILDING INSPECTION VEHICLE”

Notice of consideration of repealing Policy 25 “Use of Building Inspection Vehicle” was given at the last meeting of Council. The contents of this policy have been incorporated into Policy 22 “Municipal Vehicles Policy”.

Resolution C180213

Being duly moved and seconded it was agreed that Policy 25 “Use of Building Inspection Vehicle” be repealed as proposed.

Motion carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO POLICY 42 “MUNICIPAL GRANTS”

It was reported that the Municipal Grants Policy has been totally redrafted. The policy now requires that applicants be in good standing with the Registry of Joint Stock Companies, all grants will be paid in full to the applicant upon approval by Council, new application form has been prepared, etc. The new proposed policy will be considered by Council at their next meeting.

NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF REPEALING POLICY 11 “POLICY RE: COURT APPEARANCES AND REPRESENTATION”

It is proposed that Policy 11 “Policy Re: Court Appearances and Representation” be repealed as it is no longer required.

Repealing of Policy No. 11 “Policy Re: Court Appearances and Representation” will be considered at the next meeting of Council.

NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

Epilepsy Association

The Warden read the following proclamation, *Purple Day for Epilepsy*, and having received no objection to the proclamation declared March 26, 2018 as Purple Day in the Municipality of Barrington.

Resolution C180214

WHEREAS Purple Day is a global effort dedicated to promoting epilepsy awareness in countries around the world;

AND WHEREAS Purple Day was founded in 2008 by Cassidy Megan, a nine-year-old girl from Nova Scotia, who wanted people to know that if you have epilepsy, you are not alone;

AND WHEREAS epilepsy is one of the most common neurological conditions, estimated to affect more than 50 million people worldwide, and more than 300,000 people in Canada;

AND WHEREAS the public is often unable to recognize the common seizure types, or how to respond with appropriate first aid;

AND WHEREAS Purple Day will be celebrated on March 26 annually to increase understanding, reduce stigma and improve the quality of life for people with epilepsy throughout the country and globally;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson, proclaim March 26, 2018 as *Purple Day* in the Municipality of the District of Barrington, in an effort to raise epilepsy awareness everywhere.

Motion carried unanimously.

Selection of Volunteer of the Year

Resolution C180215

Being duly moved and seconded that Council recognize Helen Leary as the Volunteer of the Year for Barrington Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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