

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, January 28, 2019. 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

Chris Frotten, CAO
Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of Conflict of Interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the last meeting held December 10, 2018, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Centralized Dispatch Service

In advance to the meeting members were provided with a copy of correspondence received from the Minister of Municipal Affairs, in response to our letter of November 29, 2018, in which we advised of our support of the resolution of FSANS regarding a centralized fire dispatch service for the Province. The Minister advised that Provincial staff are currently participating in a review of the issue to identify potential options.

CORRESPONDENCE

Provincial Accessibility Act

Information has been received from the Province regarding Nova Scotia's Accessibility Act which was passed in September 2017. The Act sets goals for an accessible province by 2030. In the near future municipalities will be required to establish an accessibility committee and accessibility plan. It was noted that we will be moving forward to meet requirements of this act.

Nova Scotia Association of Realtors Re: Deed Transfer Tax

Correspondence has been received from the Nova Scotia Association of Realtors advising that they have been lobbying municipal and provincial government officials to amend Deed Transfer Tax policies. NSAR is proposing that municipalities either waive the DTT for first-time buyers on the purchase of their home or extend the DTT payment period over five years. NSAR will be requesting an opportunity to present their proposal to Council.

NSFM Board Initiatives Report - December 7, 2018

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of the NSFM Board Initiatives Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Warden

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

Report of Councillors

Councillor Shaun Hatfield

Councillor Hatfield provided a brief report on the WCRL Board Meeting held October 4, 2018. A copy of the minutes of this meeting were attached to the agenda.

He also 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.

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 of Council.

2016 and 2018 Water Shortage Issues

It has been suggested that the Municipality participate in a joint letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting financial assistance to address future water shortages. The letter has been prepared on behalf of the Municipality of Barrington, Municipality of Argyle, Municipality of Yarmouth and the Region of Queens.

Resolution C190101

Being duly moved and seconded that the proposed letter to the Honourable Chuck Porter, Minister of Municipal Affairs be approved, subject to our proposed projects being identified as “suggestions and possible projects to address water shortage”.

AFFIRMATION

Murray Atkinson
Jody Crook
Shaun Hatfield
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

George El-jakl

Motion carried.

FCM Membership for 2019-20Resolution C190102

Being duly moved and seconded that the 2019-20 FCM Membership be approved and the invoice be paid.

Motion carried unanimously.

Contest for Sign Design for Stumpy Cove Park

A contest was held for sign designs for Stumpy Cove Park. Only one submission was received.

Resolution C190103

Being duly moved and seconded that the sign design submitted by Cal Brown for the sign to be posted at Stumpy Cove Park be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Region 6 Budget 2019-20

Resolution C190104

Being duly moved and seconded that the 2019-20 Region 6 Annual Budget be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Request from Shelburne County ATV Association

Resolution C190105

Being duly moved and seconded that \$2,500.00 be provided to the Shelburne County ATV Association to assist with the cost of a storage container to house their equipment used to maintain trails.

Motion carried unanimously.

Quote to Clear Roadway to former Knowles Property

Resolution C190106

Being duly moved and seconded that the quote received from Undercut Tree Removal to clear a 60 foot roadway from Highway 3 to the former Knowles Property be accepted as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that the removal of wood and clean-up of brush would also take place.

Sherose Island Road

Resolution C190107

Being duly moved and seconded that a letter be forwarded to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal expressing Council's concern regarding seaweed being washed up on Sherose Island Road during high tides and request them to take action to address this safety matter.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tax Reduction Application - Adam Charles Benjamin Kenney

An application has been received from Adam Charles Benjamin Kenney requesting a reduction in his 2018 property taxes for his property located at 81 Centreville/South Side Road, as his house was destroyed by fire on December 12, 2018.

Resolution C190108

Being duly moved and seconded that the Tax Reduction Application received from Adam Kenney for his property identified as Assessment Account Number 08405174, be approved in an amount not to exceed \$446.00 for the 2018-19 taxation year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Offer of Land - Thomas M. Bartlett

Thomas M. Bartlett owns 2 parcels of land in the Port LaTour area that he has offered to donate to the Municipality. It was noted that during the last 2 years the Municipality has been selling surplus municipal properties.

Resolution C190109

Being duly moved and seconded that the Municipality not accept the offer of land received from Thomas M. Bartlett and help him connect with Ducks Unlimited and Nature Conservancy of Canada.

Motion carried unanimously.

Former Port Clyde Fire Hall

The CAO informed members that when the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department was dissolved funds in their possession were turned over to the Municipality. Since then much discussion has taken place with the Barrington/Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department and the Clyde Area Community Centre Association regarding the disbursement of funds and the transfer of the former Port Clyde Fire Hall.

Resolution C190110

Being duly moved and seconded that funds be disbursed to the Barrington/Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$20,355.25 and to the Clyde Area Community Centre Association in the amount of \$44,108.24.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C190111

Being duly moved and seconded that a Public Hearing be held regarding the sale of the former Port Clyde Fire Hall property to the Clyde Area Community Centre Association.

Motion carried unanimously.

International Women's Day

Resolution C190112

Being duly moved and seconded that the International Women's Day Annual Celebration Gala be sponsored in the amount of \$250.00, as requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

SouWest Recreation Complex Advisory Committee

It was reported that the SouWest Recreation Complex Advisory Committee has planned a fundraiser for February 16, 2019 and is requesting free ice time.

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Resolution C190113

Being duly moved and seconded that the Municipality sponsor the SouWest Recreation Complex Advisory Committee fundraiser event by providing 2 free hours of ice time at the Sandy Wickens Memorial Arena.

Motion carried unanimously.

Reports from Committees of Council

There were no other reports received at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Extended Ice Time at the Arena

The CAO informed members that after further investigation it has been determined that the minor hockey group is requesting extended ice time at the arena for next year and not this year as originally indicated.

Resolution C190114

Being duly moved and seconded that staff prepare for extended ice time for the 2019-20 ice season by reaching out to user groups, preparing a budget, etc. and that all information gathered be presented to the Committee of the Whole Council for consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

Request for Letter of Support - Atlantic Hall @ The Hawk Society

The Atlantic Hall @ The Hawk Society is requesting Council for a Letter of Support of their application to the Age-friendly Communities Grant. They are hoping to access funding to carry out a project to educate seniors on how they can best connect with the many resources available in the area.

Resolution C190115

Being duly moved and seconded that Council provide a Letter of Support to the Atlantic Hall @ The Hawk Society for their application to the Age-friendly Communities Grant.

Motion carried unanimously.

Notice of Consideration of Adoption of a Travel and Expense Policy

The Province is requiring that all municipal units in Nova Scotia adopt an Expense Policy.

Notice was given that Council will consider the adoption of a Travel and Expense Policy at their next meeting.

Notice of Consideration of Adoption of a Hospitality Policy

The Province is requiring that all municipal units in Nova Scotia adopt a Hospitality Policy.

Notice was given that consideration of the adoption of the Hospitality Policy will take place at the next meeting of Council.

Notice of Consideration of amendments to the Floating Dock Policy

It is proposed that the Floating Dock Policy be amended by deleting Section 5 and replacing it with the following:

“Any boat docked, moored or left unattended, or obstructing use of Municipal Property identified as PID Number 80024060 as shown on attached maps, for more than 24 hours, will be removed by the Municipality or a person contracted on its behalf, after due effort has been made by the Municipality to notify the owner or operator. The vessel will be moved to another location and the vessel owner shall be responsible for all associated costs. In special circumstances, the Municipality may waive costs.”

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

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

No items were forthcoming.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Warden

Chief Administrative Officer

Secretary for the Meeting