

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, NS, on Monday, November 25, 2019. The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:03 p.m., with the following members present:

- Warden Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- Councillor Murray Atkinson
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Deputy Warden Jody Crook
- Councillor Shaun Hatfield
  
- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Debbie Mader, Administrative Assistant

#### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Canada Post Mail Boxes near Centreville Firehall
- Bernadette Jordan – letter of congratulations

#### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Being duly moved and seconded that the Agenda be approved as circulated.

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 minutes of the Regular Meeting held October 28, 2019 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### REPORT OF WARDEN

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

#### REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

The Deputy Warden and each Councillor gave a brief report on their activities since the last meeting of Council.

#### REPORT FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

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

Discussion – Request from Tyler Nickerson to Extend Municipal Sewer

Tyler Nickerson is requesting the Municipality to change their plans to install an 8 inch sewer lateral across Highway No. 3 near the Ground Search and Rescue building in Barrington Passage. Mr. Nickerson is requesting that the lateral be extended across Highway No. 3 near the Masonic Lodge in Barrington Passage to accommodate his planned development in that area. He has plans for the construction of 2 fourplexes and a mobile home park in the general area of the Starboard Inn. He would like to connect both developments on one lateral which he plans to run from the Highway Right-of-Way to the proposed mobile home park property. Once completed he will be requesting the Municipality to take over the lateral serving the two projects.

Resolution C191101

Being duly moved and seconded that the Municipality change the location of the proposed lateral installation from the Search and Rescue Building to Civic No. 3386 to accommodate Tyler Nickerson's developments near the Starboard Inn in Barrington Passage for the 2019-2020 Municipal Budget year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C191102

Being duly moved and seconded that a letter of support be provided to Grand Multip supporting their project to develop a 24-unit Mobile Home Park in Barrington Passage.

Motion carried unanimously.

2019-2020 Committee and Board Appointments

Resolution C191103

Being duly moved and seconded that Warden Nickerson and Deputy Warden Crook be appointed to serve on the Recreation Advisory Committee and Councillor El-Jakl be designated the alternate for this committee, no appointment be made to the Barrington Municipal Exhibition Committee and other appointments remain the same as last year.

Motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the 2019/20 Committee and Board Appointments is attached and form part of the minutes.

Driver Abstracts for Firefighters RE: Request to Waive Fee

The Municipality of Cumberland has sent correspondence to the Registry of Motor Vehicles requesting that since the annual vehicle permit renewals for fire vehicles has been waived, that the fee for Driver Abstracts for volunteer firefighters be waived as well. They have suggested that similar requests to the Registry of Motor Vehicles from other municipal units may be helpful in having the fee waived.

Resolution C191104

Being duly moved and seconded that the Municipality send a letter to the Registry of Motor Vehicles requesting that the fee of \$18.65 for Driver Abstracts for volunteer firefighters be waived.

Motion carried unanimously.

Sou' West Nova Transit

The Sou' West Nova Transit Association has applied for designation as a municipal service, which will allow them to receive some tax benefits and is requesting a letter indicating that continued funding beyond this fiscal year will be received.

Resolution C191105

Being duly moved and seconded that a letter be provided to the Sou' West Nova Transit Association confirming the Municipality's intention to provide continued support.

Motion carried unanimously.

Faith Christian Church – Grant Request

Resolution C191106

Being duly moved and seconded that Faith Christian Church be advised that budgeted grant funds have been depleted for the current fiscal year and invite them to apply again next year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Traffic Lights – Barrington Passage

Correspondence has been received from Marsha Cunningham requesting a traffic light be installed at Sobey's entrance/exit, in Barrington Passage, due to traffic congestion in that area.

Resolution C191107

Being duly moved and seconded that a letter be forwarded to the Department of Transportation requesting that they assess traffic congestion from the Irving Gas Station to Sherose Island to determine whether another set of traffic lights in the area is required and copies of this letter be forwarded to Marsha Cunningham, Minister of Transportation and MLA LeBlanc.

Motion carried unanimously.

Post Office Boxes

Concern has been expressed regarding the condition of the property where mail boxes are located in Clam Point. The area where people pull off the road to check their mail is full of ruts and water holes.

Resolution 191108

Being duly moved and seconded that a letter to forwarded to Canada Post expressing concern regarding the condition of the property where mail boxes are located at 770 Stoney Island Road and 1082 Stoney Island Road in Clam Point.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place on the mail boxes located near the Centreville Firehall as residents are wondering if the location is temporary or permanent.

Resolution 191109

Being duly moved and seconded that a letter be sent to Canada Post pertaining to the status of the addresses near Centreville Firehall 1081 Highway 330.

Motion carried unanimously.

Drafted Resolution Re: Electronic Voting Resolution

Resolution 191110

Being duly moved and seconded that:

**WHEREAS the public needs to know that each vote in an election was made by an individual, legitimate, elector; that the secrecy of each ballot was preserved; and that each vote choice recorded was accurately counted exactly as it was cast; and**

**WHEREAS the integrity of every election depends on these fundamental components being preserved; and**

**WHEREAS the questions of how to adequately maintain the security, validity, and integrity of electronic voting methods are still unanswered; and**

**WHEREAS there is no evidence that electronic voting methods increase voter turnout; and**

**WHEREAS there are no standards for any type of electronic voting in Canada or Nova Scotia; and**

**WHEREAS the proliferation of electronic election services has the power to alter the nature of electoral participation by causing more electors to vote alone instead of at a polling place with others; and**

**WHEREAS A lot of time and money must be invested to ensure that the public is aware that electronic voting is an option and that voters are able to understand and use the on-line system to cast a ballot.**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of the District of Barrington will use the traditional paper-based voting system as the method in the 2020 municipal election.**

Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence from CSHS RE: Cape Light

Resolution C191111

Being duly moved and seconded that the Municipality not become involved in the transfer of ownership of the Cape Light and the Municipality offer assistance by considering any grant request which may be forthcoming relating to this project.

AFFIRMATIVE

Deputy Warden Crook  
Councillor Atkinson  
Councillor El-Jakl  
Councillor Hatfield

NEGATIVE

Warden Nickerson

Motion carried.

During discussion, it was suggested to clarify the Municipality's position to the Cape Sable Historical Society to explain the reason we do not get involved with historical artifacts.

Request for Tax Exemption

Resolution C191112

Being duly moved and seconded that a property tax exemption be provided to the Clyde Area Community Centre Association for AAN 03788687 and steps be taken to amend By-law No. 25 "Tax Exemption By-law"

Motion carried unanimously.

Request from Shelburne County ATV Association

Resolution C191113

Being duly moved and seconded to provide 24-yards of gravel to the ATV Association for trail maintenance from the Wireless Road to the Starboard Inn.

Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Marathon Committee Members

Resolution C191114

Being duly moved and seconded that Council appoint Jennifer Larkin, Melanie d'Entremont and Andrea Mood-Nickerson to the Marathon Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORT

The Chief Administrative Officer provided his report for the period October 29<sup>th</sup> to November 25, 2019.

Topics highlighted were as follows:

- Physician Recruitment Meeting
- New Recreation Centre
- Improved access to internet
- Beach Strategy
- Stoney Island Beach Parking Area
- Christmas at the Causeway
- Municipal Awareness Week
- Overview of Capital Projects

NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

Consideration of Adoption of Personnel Policy – Cell Phone Policy

The CAO provided an overview of the Cell Phone Policy with the general uses guidelines for Municipally owned cell phone and Personal Cell Phones used for Municipal business.

It was noted that notice of consideration of adoption of a Personnel Policy – Cell Phone Policy was given on November 12, 2019.

Resolution C191115

Being duly moved and seconded that the Personnel Policy – Cell Phone Policy be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Amendments to Procurement Policy

The CAO provided the amendments to the Procurement Policy page 4, section 16 b) Bid Opening, Evaluation, and Award, Appendix 4 – Disclaimer, changing the title of Manager to Director throughout the Policy and the removal of Section 17 Fair Treatment for Nova Scotia Suppliers.

It was noted that notice of consideration of Amendments to Procurement Policy was given on November 12, 2019.

Resolution C191116

Being duly moved and seconded that the Amendments to the Procurement Policy be accepted as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ratify decision to accept offer for land at Oak Park

Resolution C191117

Being duly moved and seconded that Council ratify the decision to accept the offer for surplus land, PID #80045412 at Oak Park, from the Janet Reynolds.

Motion carried unanimously.

First Reading By-law No. 25 "Tax Exemption" Re: Clyde Area Community Centre Association

Resolution C191118

Being duly moved and seconded that Council approved in First Reading proposed amendments to add "Clyde Area Community Centre Association" to Schedule "A" of By-law No. 25 "Tax Exemption."

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence to report on.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

No items were brought forward.

IN-CAMERA SESSION RE: SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY. MGA Section 22(2)(a)

In accordance with Section 22(2)(a) of the Municipal Government Act, an In-Camera Session was held at 8:33 p.m. to discuss sale of municipal property.

The regular meeting was called to order at approximately 8:42 p.m.

Report on In-Camera Session

Direction was given to the CAO to negotiate to a minimum bid on Lot 5 located in the Brass Hill Subdivision.

BERNADETTE JORDAN MP

Resolution C191119

Being duly moved and seconded that Council send a congratulations letter to Bernadette Jordan MP/Minister of Fisheries & Oceans and to invite her to meet with members of Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 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 2019/2020

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. 31/20) Shawna Nickerson (Expires Mar. 31/20)	Jody Crook Murray Atkinson Eddie Nickerson
Audit Committee (3)		Donna LeBlanc-Messenger Andrea Mood-Nickerson Amanda Lloyd (2 years - expires Apr. 1/21)	Eddie Nickerson Jody Crook Murray Atkinson
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
NS Marathon Committee (Ad hoc committee created Sept 12/18)		Shaun Hatfield – Citizen Rep Cara Newell – Citizen Rep Town of CH Amanda Nippard, Sasha Crowell Crystal Stoddart, Colin Wickens, Jennifer Shand, Gerilyn Crowell, Adlai Cunningham, Talent Wilson, Brandi Nickerson, Cara M. Atkinson, Andrea Mood-Nickerson, Jennifer Larkin, Melanie d'Entremont	Jody Crook Eddie Nickerson
Recreation Advisory Committee		District#1 Wayne Malone District#2 Andrea Mood-Nickerson District#3 vacant District#4 vacant District#5 Doug Brannen Town of CH Laura Ross (2 years - expires Oct. 28, 2021)	Eddie Nickerson Jody Crook Alternate - George El-Jakl
<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 Reg. Library (1)			Shaun Hatfield
<b>Outside Committees to which Council appoints a Councillor</b>			
Roseway Hosp. Charitable Foundation (1)			Eddie Nickerson
Yarmouth Hosp. Charitable Foundation (1)			Shaun Hatfield
Barrington Municipal/Clark's Harbour Town Satellite Dialysis Clinic Committee	<b>Clark's Harbour:</b> Mayor Leigh Stoddart <b>Public Members:</b> Lee Goreham-Smith Courtney Rennehan Eunice Rennehan	Councillor Rex Stoddard  Brenda Cleaver David Cleaver Timm Smith	Jody Crook Shaun Hatfield
Shelburne County Housing Coalition			Shaun Hatfield

Barrington Municipal Exhibition Committee		No Council Member appointed in 2019
<b>Outside Committees to which Council Appoints Citizen Representation</b>		
Bay Side Home Board of Directors	Irene Baker Brenda Maxwell Sandra Jelenich Amelie Daykin	Carl Dixon Andrea Mood-Nickerson Michael Stoddard Cecil Swimm
Western Regional Housing Authority		Cecil Swimm Exp. Sept 25/20
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