

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING
July 18, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Shaun Hatfield, Chair
- Jody Crook
- George El-Jakl
- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- Andrea Mood-Nickerson – Arrived at 7:22 p.m.

- Leah d'Eon, Director of Finance
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk
- Chris Frotten, CAO - Joined meeting by phone at 8:34 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that minutes of the last meeting held July 11, 2023 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There were no matters arising from previous meetings.

IBPVFD GUARANTEE RESOLUTION – FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE

Resolution COW230705

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that:

WHEREAS the Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department is a registered fire department with the Municipality of the District of Barrington;

WHEREAS the Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department is incorporated by the Societies Act;

WHEREAS the Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department has determined to borrow the aggregate principal amount of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) for the purpose of Fire Truck by special resolution on the 4 day of April, 2023, as per Section 10 (d) of the Societies Act;

WHEREAS the Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department has requested the Municipality of the District of Barrington to guarantee the said borrowing;

WHEREAS Section 294(6) of the Municipal Government Act provides that a municipality may grant or lend money to, or guarantee a loan for, a registered fire department for operating or capital purposes; and

WHEREAS Section 88(3) of the Municipal Government Act provides that no guarantee of a borrowing by a municipality shall have effect unless the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing has approved of the proposed borrowing or debenture and of the proposed guarantee;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT the Municipality of the District of Barrington does hereby approve the borrowing by the Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department of One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) for the purpose set out above;

THAT subject to the approval of the Minister of the Municipal Affairs and Housing of the guarantee, the Municipality unconditionally guarantee repayment of the principal and interest of the borrowing so made;

THAT upon the issue of the debentures, the Warden and Clerk of the Municipality do sign the guarantee attached to each of the debentures and affix thereto the corporate seal of the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

GRANT REQUESTS

Grant requests have been received from the following:

- Samuel Wood Historical Society
- Shelburne County Archives and Genealogical Society
- Clyde River Society and Cemetery
- Barrington Hillside Cemetery Society
- Old Farm Cemetery Society
- Mount Pleasant Cemetery
- Barrington and Area Chamber of Commerce

Resolution COW230706

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a grant in the amount of \$500.00, for the 2023/24 fiscal year, be provided to the Samuel Wood Historical Society, Shelburne County Archives and Genealogical Society, Clyde River Society and Cemetery, Barrington Hillside Cemetery Society, Old Farm Cemetery Society and Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Resolution COW230707

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a Special Events Grant in the amount of \$500.00, for the 2023/24 fiscal year, be provided to the Barrington and Area Chamber of Commerce.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Warden Crook requested and it was agreed by consensus of member, that the Wesley Heritage Community Seniors Association grant application be added to the agenda.

He reported that the Association has raised questions regarding the grant they received for 2023/24 and expressed concern regarding recent amendments to the Municipal Grants Policy.

Councillor Mood-Nickerson joined the meeting.

Resolution COW230708

Being duly moved and seconded that this matter be tabled until the next meeting of the Committee and information be gathered on the topic.

Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST - PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF WEBCAM AT BACCARO LIGHTHOUSE PICNIC PARK

Correspondence has been received from Keepers of the Baccaro Light requesting the Municipality to purchase and install a Nova Scotia Webcam at Baccaro Point. They are willing to provide a contribution of \$2,500.00 towards the project which will cover the cost of the camera. The Municipality would be responsible to provide a power source, internet and cover the monthly cost of the camera moving forward.

During discussion it was noted that there is currently a webcam at McGray Avenue, in North East Point and one at the Kiack Brook, in Barrington. It was suggested that consideration be given to placing a webcam in each district.

Resolution COW230709

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality approved the request of the Keepers of the Baccaro Light to purchase and install a webcam at Baccaro Point and some flexibility be allowed for staff to consider live streaming and a more robust camera, if necessary, and any additional costs be brought back to committee for consideration.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook

Shaun Hatfield

Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Andrea Mood-Nickerson

Motion carried.

MONITORING CONTRACT FOR FLOATING DOCK AT MCGRAY AVENUE, NORTH EAST POINT

It was reported that the monitoring contract for the floating dock at McGray Avenue is due to expire on September 30, 2023. Carl Stewart is willing to continue to provide this service.

Resolution COW230710

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a monitoring contract for the floating dock at McGray Avenue, in North East Point, be entered into with Carl Stewart for another two year period to expire September 30, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously.

RFP MODB2305 – ARCHITECT SERVICES FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

It was agreed that this matter be deferred to the August 8, 2023, Committee of the Whole Council Meeting.

LOCAL CLAM FLATS

Resolution COW230711

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that:

WHEREAS there is a growing problem with food-insecurity in our community and local residents could supplement their food supply through recreational clamming;

WHEREAS steamer clams (& quahogs) along our tidal flats are not considered a species under threat;

WHEREAS recreational clamming has been a traditional activity and safe practice in the Municipality of Barrington for centuries;

WHEREAS toxicity concerns have not prompted any Federal or Provincial Agency to prohibit the recreational harvesting of wild mushrooms; and

WHEREAS safety concerns around the recreational harvesting of wild mushrooms is left solely to the knowledge, common sense, experience, and safe practices of individual mushroom harvesters; and

WHEREAS recreational clam harvesters possess equal levels of knowledge, common sense, experience, and safe practice around the clam resource, as do harvesters of the wild mushroom resource do; and

WHEREAS there appears to be no reason to classify our local clam flats since not one Federal Agency - including the Canadian Shellfish Sanitation Program, Canadian Food Inspection

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Agency, Environment and Climate Change Canada or Fisheries and Oceans Canada - are accepting any current responsibility for testing such areas for resource toxicity nor for resource safety;

WHEREAS if the Federal Government has any concern about toxicity in the absence of ongoing testing, then recreational clamming licenses could be required at no cost before anyone is permitted to engage in this activity and, along with the issuance of such licenses, recreational harvesters could also sign a waiver indicating that they are aware possible shellfish toxicity and that they indemnify and save harmless anyone from harvesting clams or preparing them solely at their own risk.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Shellfish Sanitation Program - administered jointly by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Environment and Climate Change Canada, and Fisheries and Oceans Canada - be requested by Council to declassify coastal clam flats within the Municipality of Barrington and to open those traditional sites for recreational clamming purposes.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the correspondence request to declassify coastal clam flats within the Municipality of Barrington be directed to the Canadian Shellfish Sanitation Program, including all federal departments who share in the administration of this program. And, that this correspondence also be cc'd to our Federal Member of Parliament and to other municipal councils within the Tri-Counties.

Motion carried unanimously.

PETITION TO NAME PRIVATE LANE

A petition has been received from property owners on a private lane located in Barrington. Property owners are requesting their road be recognized as "Lillian Drive" for civic numbering purposes.

Resolution COW230712

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the private road in Barrington, in Forest View Estates, be named "Lillian Drive" as requested by petition signed by property owners.

Motion carried unanimously.

NSFM UPDATE

In advance of the meeting members were provided with a NSFM Monday Memo Summary Sheet covering the period June 20th to July 17, 2023.

BREAK

A short break was held at 8:25 p.m.

The meeting was called back to order at 8:34 p.m., at which time the CAO joined the meeting by phone.

IN-CAMERA SESSION RE: CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS – MGA SECTION 22(2)(e)

At this time, an In-camera session was held under Section 22(2)(e) of the Municipal Government Act, to deal with contract negotiations.

The meeting returned to open session at 9:04 p.m.

REPORT ON IN-CAMERA SESSION

Information was presented to members in the in-camera session on contract negotiations. Additional information will be gathered and brought back to members for their consideration.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

No agenda items were brought forward.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting