

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, NS, on Monday October 28, 2019. The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:08 p.m., with the following members present:

- Warden Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- Councillor Murray Atkinson
- Councillor George El-Jakl

- Deputy Warden Jody Crook - Absent due to work commitments.
- Councillor Shaun Hatfield - Absent due to vacation.

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

No items were added to the Agenda.

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 September 23rd and the Special Meeting held September 26, 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.

During his report he advised that he has noticed more issues with the CSI Causeway and now there are three more areas in the highway, on the southern side, that have settled. He asked that this matter be added to an upcoming Committee Agenda for discussion.

REPORT ON LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

It was reported that minutes of the Western Counties Regional Library Board Meeting held June 20, 2019, were attached to the Agenda on the website.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

Councillor El-Jakl reported on recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Council.

Recreation Centre Design

Resolution C191001

Being duly moved and seconded that the Municipality build the new Recreation Centre building next to the Arena and attach both buildings together with a shared entrance.

Motion carried unanimously.

Request for Open Fire By-law or Policy

The Barrington/Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department has asked the Municipality to consider the possibility of enacting a by-law or policy regarding campfires in campgrounds. The department is requesting that campgrounds be required to adhere to Provincial regulations. At present campgrounds are exempt from restrictions and can have campfires during green, yellow and red categories and no burn days identified on the map of the Department of Lands and Forestry.

Resolution C191002

Being duly moved and seconded that the Barrington/Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department be advised that the Municipality is not interested in developing a municipal by-law regulating campfires since there are already restrictions in place Provincially and there are clear reasons why campgrounds are exempt and the enforcement of such a by-law would be very challenging.

Motion carried unanimously.

TIR Over Estimate Memo Re: Red Schoolhouse Lane

Resolution C191003

Being duly moved and seconded that the Municipality approve the new tender amount of \$212,000.00 to pave Red Schoolhouse Lane, in Centreville, of which the Municipality will be responsible for 50% of the cost, \$106,000.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

During discussion of this matter it was suggested that Department of Transportation Representatives be invited to meet with the Committee of the Whole Council to discuss transportation matters and the paving of Station Road in Shag Harbour under the 50/50 cost shared agreement.

Appointment of Members to Bay Side Home Board of Directors

Resolution C191004

Being duly moved and seconded that the Municipality accept the recommendation of the Board of Directors of Bay Side Home and Andrea Mood-Nickerson and Amelie Daykin be appointed to serve on the Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

Sou' West Recreation Complex Advisory Committee Grant Request

Resolution C191005

Being duly moved and seconded that the Municipality provide a grant to the Sou' West Recreation Complex Advisory Committee in the amount of \$5,000.00 to assist with the cost of the business plan and feasibility study to help aid the SWRCAC in achieving its goal of building an indoor public pool recreation complex.

Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Members – Recreation Advisory Committee

Resolution C191006

Being duly moved and seconded that the Terms of Reference for the Recreation Advisory Committee be amended to include a representative from the Town of Clarks Harbour.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C191007

Being duly moved and seconded that the Municipality appoint the following community members to serve on the Recreation Advisory Committee:

- Wayne Malone - District 1
- Andrea Mood-Nickerson - District 2
- Doug Brannen - District 5
- Laura Ross - Town of Clarks Harbour

Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that the Municipality will continue to advertisement for individuals to represent districts 3 and 4.

Regional Planning Services Proposal

The AMANS South Western Shore Region is suggesting that members prepare a joint proposal to the Province for funding to prepare a study into the concept of a regional planning service. The group is suggesting a cost shared funding arrangement of 90% provincial and 10% municipal. It was noted that the province may not support this suggestion and the funding arrangement may be something different than the suggested 90/10.

Resolution C191008

Being duly moved and seconded that the Municipality support the application for provincial funding for a shared land use planning service and that the request be 90% funding provincially and the remaining 10% be paid by participating municipalities if the application is successful.

AFFIRMATION

Warden Nickerson
Councillor Atkinson

NEGATIVE

Councillor El-jakl

Motion carried.

Concern was expressed that the group is too large and a joint planning service with the Municipality of Shelburne would better serve our needs.

Cape Sable Historical Society Re: Electrical Hook Up

The Cape Sable Historical Society is requesting approval from the Municipality to make application to the Province for funding to have an electrical hook up installed beside the Kiack Brook gazebo and to utilize the area for events.

Resolution C191009

Being duly moved and seconded that the Cape Sable Historical Society be granted permission to proceed with their application for provincial funding to have an electrical hook up installed beside the Kiack Brook gazebo.

Motion carried unanimously.

Stoney Island Beach Parking Lot

Resolution C191010

Being duly moved and seconded that the quote received from R. & T. Excavating Limited in the amount of \$12,800.00 plus hst for the development of a 165' x 165' parking area at the Stoney Island Beach be accepted.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Each Councillor gave a brief report on their activities since the last meeting of Council.

REPORT FROM NS MARATHON COMMITTEE

It was reported that the NS Marathon will celebrate its 50th Anniversary on July 26, 2020. Registration for the 2020 Marathon will open on November 1, 2019.

STAFF REPORT

The Chief Administrative Officer provided his report for the period September 24th to October 28, 2019.

Topics highlighted were as follows:

- New Recreation Centre
- Improved Access to Internet
- Amenities at Beaches
- Trash Talk
- New Welcome Signage
- Building Permits and By-law Enforcement
- Nova Scotia Lobster Crawl Summit
- Christmas at the Causeway
- Fire Services

NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

Consideration of Adoption of Driver Abstract Policy

The proposed Driver Abstract Policy will require municipal employees who operate a motor vehicle as part of their regular job duties to grant permission to the Municipality to obtain a copy of their Driver Abstract. This measure will help ensure the health and safety of our employees and the public at large and to protect the property and best interests of the Municipality.

It was noted that notice of consideration of adoption of the Driver Abstract Policy was given on September 23, 2019.

Resolution C191011

Being duly moved and seconded that the Driver Abstract Policy be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Adoption of Corp. Identity and Branding Policy

The proposed Corporate Identity and Branding Policy will provide guidelines for the management of the Municipality's corporate identify and branding. The policy will also assist in maintaining continuity and consistency in all applications of municipal logos.

It was noted that notice of consideration of adoption of the Corporate Identity and Branding Policy was given on September 23, 2019.

Resolution C191012

Being duly moved and seconded that the Corporate Identity and Branding Policy be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Amendments to the Municipal Grants and Sponsorship/Advertising Policy

It is proposed that various amendments be made to the Municipal Grants and Sponsorship/Advertising Policy including amendments to provide for Capital Investment Grants, Operating Investment Grants and Event Investment Grants.

It was noted that notice of consideration of amendments to the Municipal Grants Policy was given at the October 15, 2019 meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council.

Resolution C191013

Being duly moved and seconded that amendments to the Municipal Grants and Sponsorship/Advertising Policy be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Adoption of new Flag Policy

It was reported that a new Flag Policy is being proposed to replace the existing Flag Policy. The new Policy is designed to establish a consistent protocol and management of the flying of flags on Municipal properties and identifies a Special Purpose Flagpole to be located adjacent to the Kiack Brook, in Barrington.

It was noted that notice of consideration was given at the October 15, 2019 Committee of the Whole Council Meeting.

For clarity, it was suggested that Section 3 be amended by inserting “or municipally owned property” between the words “flagpole” and “notwithstanding”.

Resolution C191014

Being duly moved and seconded that the new Flag Policy be approved, as amended to provide clarity in Section 3 as noted above.

Motion carried unanimously.

Barrington Leisure Park Association

The Barrington Leisure Park Association is requesting funding of \$20,000.00 plus legal fees to purchase property in Barrington Passage for an Outdoor Living Leisure Park.

The CAO advised that based on correspondence from the Association’s lawyer and municipal requirements, we are not aware of any reason why the Association would not be permitted to develop the land for their intended purpose.

Resolution C191015

Being duly moved and seconded that Council provide a grant to the Barrington Leisure Park Association in the amount of \$20,000.00, for the purpose of purchasing the former Victoria Hotel/Motel Property in Barrington Passage for the development of an Outdoor Living Leisure Park. This grant is conditional on development of the property taking place within 2 years. If development does not take place within this period of time, the grant is to be returned to the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Workers' Compensation for Volunteer Firefighters

It was reported that legislation amending the Workers' Compensation Act to make it mandatory for municipalities to pay for coverage for volunteer firefighters is now before the Law Amendments Committee.

Question was raised as to how these amendments got to this point in the process without consultation with municipalities. Members would like to know how these amendments came to light and who initiated them.

Resolution C191016

Being duly moved and seconded that letters be sent to the Minister of Labour and Advanced Education, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Minister of Justice requesting information on proposed amendments to the Workers' Compensation Act and expressing our concerns with moving forward with legislation to make it mandatory for municipalities to pay for the coverage of volunteer firefighters without consultation with municipalities and that copies of letters be forwarded to all municipal units in Nova Scotia and our MLA.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence to report on.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

No items were brought forward.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Warden

Chief Administrative Officer

Secretary for the Meeting

