

## REPORT FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING, July 11, 2023

#### Audit Committee Vacancies

**It is recommended** to Council that Donna LeBlanc-Messenger and Bradley Goreham be appointed to serve on the Audit Committee for a two year term to expire March 31, 2025.

#### Federal Fuel Charge Exemption

The Island and Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department has asked Council to request the Federal Government to exempt fire departments from the new fuel charge.

**It is recommended** to Council that a letter be written to the Federal Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, requesting that volunteer emergency service providers be exempt from the new fuel charge and the letter be copied to FCM, NSFM, MP Rick Perkins, MLA Nolan Young and all municipal units in Nova Scotia.

#### Request for Letter of Support Re: Seal Island Lighthouse

Sonia Symonds-Newell, Concern Citizens for the Seal Island Lighthouse, is requesting Council to send a letter in support of their efforts to have the deplorable condition of the Seal Island Lighthouse addressed.

**It is recommended** to Council that a letter be sent to MP Rick Perkins advocating to keep the light on the federal list of lighthouses that they continue to maintain.

#### Grant Request – Bonny Castle Cemetery

**It is recommended** to Council that a grant in the amount of \$500.00, for the 2023/24 fiscal year, be provided to the Bonny Castle Cemetery.

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

#### IBPVFD Guarantee Resolution – Fire Truck Purchase

**It is 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.

#### Grant Requests

**It is 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.

**It is 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.

### 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.

**It is 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.

### Monitoring Contract for Floating Dock at McGray Avenue, North East Point

**It is 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.

### Local Clam Flats

**It is 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 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.

#### Petition to Name Private Lane

**It is 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.