

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, November 9, 2009.

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported that all councillors representing all districts of the Municipality were present with the exception of Councillor O'Donnell due to a death in his family.

- Warden Louise Halliday
- Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor Murray Atkinson
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Councillor Shaun Hatfield
- Councillor Cathy Stoddard

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the minutes of the last previous meeting held October 26, 2009 be approved as circulated.

It was pointed out by a member that in Resolution C091030, it was the intention of Council to contribute \$1.00 for each person "from the Municipality of Barrington" who visited the Roseway Emergency Department during the last year, based on the statistics that were provided to Council for the previous year.

Resolution C091030 (Amended)

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that Resolution C091030 be amended to be a \$1.00 contribution for each of those patients visiting the Roseway Hospital Emergency Room from the Municipality of Barrington during the previous year.

Amendment carried unanimously.

The division was then requested on the previous motion approving the minutes of October 26, 2009 as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION RE: WOOD'S HARBOUR WALKWAY

Marilyn Goreham, a resident of Wood's Harbour who is the chairperson of local Walkway Committee, appeared before meeting. Mrs. Goreham's purpose in appearing before Council was to request on behalf of her committee and the residents of Wood's Harbour, some of whom attended the meeting this evening, that the sidewalk along Highway #3 be completed between Post Office Road and Cemetery Road. At the present time 800 meters of the sidewalk has been completed. There is approximately another 800 meters to be done between the present sidewalk and Cemetery Road. Mrs. Goreham had a petition containing 220 names of residents in Wood's Harbour who would like to have the sidewalk completed as soon as possible.

Several councillors addressed this request and the possibility of obtaining funding for this project.

Resolution C091103

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality update the estimated cost of completing the sidewalk and seek the required funding for the completion of this project, and that Council commit up to \$167,000.00 from municipal funds for this project contingent upon funding approval being obtained from other sources.

Motion carried unanimously.

Having completed her presentation, Mrs. Goreham retired from the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Deferred Motion Re: Presentations to Council, Resolution C091033

At the October 26, 2009 Council meeting the following motion was made;

"Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that a table be used at the end of the councillor's seats in order for public representatives to make presentations to Council."

This motion was deferred back to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Having discussed this matter at the Committee of the Whole, members agreed by consensus that the manner in which presentations would be made to Council would be determined appropriately by Municipal Staff, therefore the motion made at the previous Council meeting would not be necessary.

The division was then requested on the previous motion.

Motion defeated unanimously.

Deferred Motion Re: SWSDA Guarantee Request, Resolution C080238

At the February 25, 2008 Council meeting the following motion was made;

“Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by W. Smith that the South West Shore Development Authority be informed that the Municipality is unable to extend any guarantee as a result of the information received from the Municipal Advisor of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations.”

This motion was deferred until further information was available from our Municipal Advisor at Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations. Subsequent to this motion, Service Nova Scotia, in consultation with the Department of Economic & Rural Development, had determined that municipalities may not be authorized to provide guarantees to the South West Shore Development Authority. As a result this motion should now be dealt with by Council.

The division was then requested on the motion.

Motion defeated unanimously.

Guarantee Borrowing of Corporations

Staff had previously been requested to obtain a letter addressing this matter. The letter was a response from Service Nova Scotia to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities. The portion of the letter that dealt with a request from the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities to amend the Municipal Government Act to enable municipalities to guarantee the borrowings of corporations indicated that there is continuing discussion between Service Nova Scotia and the Department of Economic Development regarding this matter. As yet, no determination has been made whether or not such an amendment will be required.

Breakfast - 1st day of Lobster Season

The Municipal Office has been informed, by telephone call from the Premier's Office, that the Premier will be unavailable to attend the breakfast being held at the Island & Barrington Passage Fire Hall on the 1st day of the lobster season, however, Minister Belliveau, who is the Minister of Fisheries as well as the Minister of Environment, will be able to attend that morning.

Funding of Museums

Correspondence has been received from both the Municipality of the District of Shelburne and the Municipality of Argyle indicating their support for continued funding and financial support for museums from the provincial and federal governments, and they have forwarded correspondence to both levels of government supporting our Municipality's request on this matter.

Doctor Incentive and Recruitment

In response to a query to the Shelburne County Recruitment Committee, information has been provided by the Chair, Mr. Bob Legere. Mr. Legere has indicated that an incentive has been offered to Dr. Wambulwa in the amount of \$56,500.00 spread out over a number of years. The Roseway Hospital Foundation is providing \$19,000.00 for the incentive, the Province of Nova Scotia \$5,000.00, and the Municipality of the District of Shelburne \$32,500.00.

CORRESPONDENCE

Provincial Police Services Agreement

Correspondence has been received from the Nova Scotia Department of Justice indicating that based on service levels, the cost of the Police Services Agreement for the period April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010 for the Municipality of Barrington will be \$720,796.00. This is an increase of approximately 1.5% over the cost of the same complement of officers in the previous year.

Greenhill Community Church

Correspondence has been received from the The Society for the Preservation of the Greenhill Community Church thanking the Municipality for their contribution and provided a photo of their recently purchased wood carved fisherman sculpture for the information of members. The photo of the sculpture was circulated to members for their viewing.

Building Officials

A copy of correspondence has been received from the Municipality of the County of Annapolis. This correspondence is a letter to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities supporting their position that there be a more seamless approval process for out of province building officials seeking employment within Nova Scotia, such as recognizing the credentials of candidates who successfully challenge the exams.

Resolution C091104

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that a letter be sent to the appropriate provincial department supporting the UNSMs' position for a more seamless approval process for out of province building officials.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mink Farm - Clyde River

Correspondence has been received from the local office of the Nova Scotia Department of Environment. In this correspondence, they indicate that they have conducted a sample collection program to test water quality of Little Goose Creek at 5 locations. Two sets of water samples were collected, one on September 16, 2009, and a second after a heavy rain event on September 30, 2009. The data will represent background water quality conditions at Little Goose Creek and will be a good comparator for future water quality results. Water test results will be available soon but compilation and interpretation of the data will take some time.

Resolution C091105

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Department of Environment be requested to send the results of their water quality samples to both Maranatha Fur Farms Limited and to the Clyde River Land Use Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Town of Shelburne Request Re: Amalgamation

Correspondence has been received from the Town of Shelburne indicating that they will be hosting a meeting to begin a dialogue about the pros and cons of amalgamation. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 25, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., at the Shelburne Community Centre. Mayor John Leefe of the Region of Queens and a staff member will talk about their experiences in Queens County. All municipal units are invited to send representatives to participate in this meeting.

Resolution C091106

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality pay the related expenses of members attending this meeting in the Town of Shelburne on November 25, 2009 about the pros and cons of amalgamation.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden gave a brief report of her activities since the last previous Council meeting.

Resolution C091107

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality send a letter of appreciation and support to the Shelburne County Learning Network, and also that mention of the good work of this group be included in the next issue of the Warden's Report.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor George El-Jakl

Councillor El-Jakl gave a brief report of his recent activities.

Committee of the Whole

Town of Shelburne Request

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality send two representatives, being Warden Halliday and Councillor Hatfield, to attend the proposed meeting being hosted by the Town of Shelburne.

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that the following phrase also be added to the motion, "to discuss an agency for economic development in Shelburne County".

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion now reads:

Resolution C091108

“...that the Municipality send two representatives, being Warden Halliday and Councillor Hatfield, to attend the proposed meeting being hosted by the Town of Shelburne to discuss an agency for economic development in Shelburne County.”

The division was then requested on the amended motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C091109

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality pay the expenses of any councillors wishing to attend the meeting to discuss an agency for economic development in Shelburne County.

Motion carried unanimously.

Phase III ESA - Sherose Island

Resolution C091110

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Phase III ESA report completed by Maritime Testing be forwarded to the Yarmouth Office of the Nova Scotia Department of Environment with the request that the recommendation contained in the report by Maritime Testing be accepted.

Motion carried unanimously.

Hours of Meetings

Resolution C091111

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that Council be given notice of proposed amendments to Policy No. 52 and Policy No. 59.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Louise Halliday
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

The proposed amendments are to allow Council to establish the hours of meetings of council and committee by resolution.

Dog By-Law

Resolution C091112

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that Council approve first reading of proposed amendments to By-Law No. 12, “Dog By-Law”.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Louise Halliday
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Dr. Blair Agreement

Resolution C091113

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter be sent to Dr. Blair thanking him for his continued cooperation in the provision of medical services to the community during the term of his agreement, and expressing the desire of Council for him to continue his service to the Municipality as long as he is able.

Motion carried unanimously.

Nova Scotia Community-Based Transportation Association

Resolution C091114

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that a letter be sent to the Nova Scotia Community-Based Transportation Association explaining the Municipality’s current situation regarding local transportation, and requesting any information they may be able to provide to assist in developing a community-based non profit organization for this purpose.

Motion carried unanimously.

Lighthouse Road at Baccaro Point

Resolution C091115

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that correspondence be sent to the Nova Scotia Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal indicating that Council is not satisfied with his reply, and invite the Minister to come to the Municipality to view the road, and that an invitation also be sent to our local MLA who is also the Environment Minister, to also attend and view the road the same time as the Minister of Transportation.

Motion carried unanimously.

Sign Request

Resolution C091116

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the Department of Transportation be requested to provide signs on Highway 103 indicating which exits can be used to access the village of Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

Propane Use at B.M.H.S.

Resolution C091117

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that a follow-up letter be sent to the Minister of Education requesting a response regarding the use of propane in the chemistry laboratory at Barrington Municipal High School, and asking if this is a common practice across the province or is it unique to B.M.H.S. only.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Cathy Stoddard

Councillor Stoddard gave a brief report of her activities over the previous two weeks.

Resolution C091118

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that the Age Friendly Communities Program be referred to Committee of the Whole for discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C091119

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter be sent to the Lobster Council of Canada suggesting ways of promoting the sale of lobster.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C091120

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter be written to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities informing them that licence plates are available at a cost of \$7.00, plus H.S.T., plus shipping, and also requesting all municipal units in the province who operate arenas to purchase 4 X 8 signs with a logo similar to those printed on the licence plates that are currently being sold, and that these signs be placed in the Arena facilities.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C091121

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that Council provide \$1,000.00 in funding for communication purposes for the Year of the Lobster Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C091122

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality advertise for additional members for the Year of the Lobster Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C091123

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that the following members be appointed to the Year of the Lobster Committee; Donna Messenger, Cathy Stoddard, Michael & Julie Newell, Gary Thomas, John Shaar, Jeffrey Spencer, Anna Kenney and Diane Smith.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Murray Atkinson

Councillor Atkinson provided a brief summary of his activities during the last two weeks.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Councillor Messenger provided a brief summary of her activities for the past two weeks.

Councillor Shaun Hatfield

Councillor Hatfield also provided a brief summary of his activities for the previous two weeks.

Resolution C091124

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that a letter be sent to the Nova Scotia Minister of Environment to ask, that since we are a municipality extremely vulnerable to coastal erosion, storm surges and salt water intrusion, that our municipality be considered as a prime field location for any upcoming pilot projects or coastal climate change studies being planned by the Nova Scotia Government.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C091125

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that local businesses be asked to consider placing bike racks at their place of business in order to promote “greener” travel in our community and that the Municipal Administration Building be the first to install such bike racks.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

District Planning Commission

Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2009 have been received for the Yarmouth-Argyle-Barrington District Planning Commission. These statements are available at the Municipal Office and can be copied to councillors who are interested in viewing them.

Notice of Consideration of Amendments to Policy 16 Re: Bursary

Notice is given this evening that amendments to Policy 16 providing the guidelines to the awarding of the Municipal Bursary will be considered at the next subsequent meeting of Council.

Confirmation of Credit Facilities

Correspondence has been received from the Royal Bank of Canada requesting a confirmation of credit facilities. The only significant change in the credit facilities is that the interest being charged to the Municipality on loans from the bank will be Royal Bank Prime, minus .25%.

Resolution C091126

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by M. Atkinson that the proposed agreement for credit facilities with the Royal Bank of Canada be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Health Care Advisory Committee

The Municipality had previously advertised for expressions of interest for representatives from various districts of the Municipality on the Community Health Care Advisory Committee. To date, no responses have been received.

CLOSED SESSION

Members then entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the former B.M.H.S. property.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 9:42 p.m.

Warden

Secretary for the Meeting

On website November 13, 2009