

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, October 26, 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 illness.

- 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
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

### DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that the minutes of the last meeting held October 13, 2009 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### PRESENTATIONS

#### International Exchange Students

The International Exchange Students attending B.M.H.S. were invited to attend tonight's meeting. Council welcomed them to the Municipality and wished them a successful year. Each of the 21 students were given an opportunity to introduce themselves. The Warden presented students with a gift consisting of a T-shirt with municipal crest, reusable bag, brochure, lapel pin and pen.

Pam Thibault, South West Shore Development Authority Immigration Officer, was invited to attend tonight's meeting. Mrs. Thibeau is no longer in this position and Andrew Pace is the new Immigration Information Navigator for South West Nova Scotia. Mr. Pace will be invited to attend a future meeting of Council.

Resolution C091018

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that a letter be forwarded to B.M.H.S. congratulating them on a successful International Exchange Student Program and a thank you letter also be forwarded to all host families.

Motion carried unanimously.

Restorative Justice - Ian Goulden

Mr. Ian Goulden, Tri-County Restorative Justice, appeared before the meeting. Mr. Goulden informed members that the Restorative Justice Program deals with youth ages 12 to 17 who have been in conflict with the law. Restorative Justice is about accountability, reconciliation, restoration, healing and rehabilitation. The program allows for face to face meetings between the victim, the offender and community members. At this meeting all participants are given an opportunity to talk about their concerns. Participants develop an understanding of the impact of the offence and an agreement is reached outlining what the offender can do to make amends such as restitution, personal service to the victim, community service, etc.

Mr. Goulden informed members that a pilot project is currently taking place at the Yarmouth Regional High School bringing restorative justice into schools. This has been a successful project and steps are now being taken to bring the pilot project to Shelburne Regional High School.

Andrea Huskilson-Newell, School Board Representative, was in the audience and was given an opportunity to comment on this matter. Mrs. Huskilson-Newell informed members that B.M.H.S. is next in line for the pilot project. She informed members that she has been attending workshops and meetings regarding bringing restorative justice into schools, and she and the Board are very interested in this pilot project.

Mr. Goulden was then thanked for appearing before Council and making his presentation.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

B.M.H.S. Propane Burners

Correspondence has been received from the Tri-County Regional School Board regarding propane burners at B.M.H.S., in response to our letter asking why these burners are not used in the chemistry lab for experiments. The letter advised that during the process of the School Steering Team Committee for the construction of B.M.H.S., the Department of Education indicated that propane burners would not be used in any labs for experiments, and that other options would be considered. The letter further advised that during the process of the planning through the SST for B.M.H.S., the Municipality of Barrington was represented and therefore Council would have been aware that propane was no longer to be used in any of the labs.

Resolution C091019

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that a letter be forwarded to the Principal of B.M.H.S. requesting clarification on the use of the chemistry lab burners.

Motion carried unanimously.

Lighthouse Road - Baccaro

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal regarding the Lighthouse Road at Baccaro Point. The Minister advised that the Department is not presently in a position, budget wise, to construct a seawall along Lighthouse Road, however, it will be considered along with other similar requests during forthcoming budget deliberations. In the meantime, Department staff will continue to monitor road conditions during and after future storm events to ensure that it is maintained in a serviceable condition.

Resolution C091020

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the letter received from the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding the Lighthouse Road at Baccaro Point be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Roseway Hospital Emergency Room

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Minister of Health regarding closures at Roseway Hospital Emergency Department. The Minister advised that she believes we have the capacity in Nova Scotia to address the system challenges that are facing the Roseway Hospital Emergency Department through innovative and creative approaches. She advised that the province has hired Dr. John Ross as Nova Scotia's first provincial advisor on emergency patient care. Dr. Ross will work with the South West Nova District Health Authority, the physicians in the area, and other health care providers to address emergency department closures.

Deferred Motion - Campsite Leases

The Clerk informed members that on February 16, 2009 at the Committee of the Whole Meeting a recommendation was made to Council to increase the number of campsite leases. This motion was deferred until after the Building Inspector had an opportunity to visit the campsites on municipal property.

The Municipal Building Inspector has inspected 28 campsites that are currently being leased on municipal properties. At the present time there does not appear to be any significant environmental issues with these camps. A few minor issues were identified which are currently being addressed with the lessees. In one location pallets have been placed on a swampy area for 4-wheelers to travel across. This action has been investigated with the Department of Environment. The Department has advised that as long as the pallets are not made of "treated" wood, this will not create an environmental issue.

The deferred motion was then brought forward.

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the number of campsite leases on municipal property be increased to 40.

Motion defeated unanimously.

Rural Post Offices

The Clerk informed members that Council at their last meeting endorsed a resolution that Council demand the federal government continue to enforce the moratorium on closures of rural post offices and abandon all proposals put forth by the Strategic Review Committee of further privatization of all rural postal services.

The Clerk questioned Council as to whether or not they wanted to proceed with this resolution since a letter was received from the Minister of State for Transport on September 23, 2009 advising that the government is maintaining the moratorium on closure of rural post offices.

Resolution C091021

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that Council proceed with the resolution to demand the federal government to continue to enforce the moratorium on closures of rural post offices.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation's Annual Report

The Clerk informed members that a copy of the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation's 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Report has been received. A copy will be kept in the Municipal Office should councillors wish to review the document.

Letter from Town of Shelburne

This item was added by the Warden.

It was reported that correspondence was recently received from the Town of Shelburne advising that they would like to meet with two representatives of Council to discuss the delivery of Economic Development in Shelburne County.

Resolution C091022

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the above referred to letter be forwarded to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion and a special meeting of Council be held if need be to deal with this matter.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Shaun Hatfield

Councillor Hatfield gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Deputy Warden Messenger gave a brief report on her activities since the last meeting of Council.

Mink Farm - Clyde River

During her report she offered some comments and observations on the subject of the mink farm in Clyde River which has been brought to light repeatedly in the media and in presentations made by the public. She stated the Municipal Government Act was followed and a certified appraiser carried out the appraisal on the property.

The Clerk informed members that the Department of Environment has advised that two baseline samples have already been taken from the brook on the boundary of property of Maranatha Fur Farms Limited. It has been requested that the results of these samples will be forwarded to the Municipality, in writing.

Councillor Murray Atkinson

Councillor Atkinson gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

Councillor Cathy Stoddard

Councillor Stoddard gave a brief report on her activities since the last meeting of Council

Councillor George El-Jakl

Planning Advisory Committee

Approval of ICSP Issues

Resolution C091023

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that the ICSP Issues and Priorities be approved as recommended by the Planning Advisory Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

ICSP Issues and Priorities are attached.

Foundation Principles

Resolution C091024

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Foundation Principles be accepted by Council as recommended by the Planning Advisory Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Foundation Principles attached.

Revised Goals and Objectives

Resolution C091025

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that the revised list of Goals and Objectives be approved by Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

Goals and Objectives attached.

Committee of the Whole Council

Property Tax Reduction Application

Resolution C091026

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the taxes on Assessment Account #00135186, in the name of Jamie Reynolds, be reduced in proportion to the reduction in assessment provided by the Property Valuation Services Corporation for the period during which Mr. Reynolds is unable to occupy his home.

Motion carried unanimously.

Department of Transportation

Resolution C091027

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that a request be sent to the Department of Transportation asking that a crosswalk be placed on Highway #330, somewhere in the area between the intersection of Highway #3 and the intersection of the Barrington Bay Trail.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that a letter be sent to the Tri-County Regional School Board retracting former correspondence regarding the bus stop location in Stoney Island.

Motion defeated unanimously.

Sidewalk - Barrington Passage

Resolution C091028

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that Petro Canada be requested to remove the cement barrier placed across the sidewalk in Barrington Passage.

Motion carried unanimously.

Clyde Nickerson Presentation

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that answers be provided to Mr. Nickerson's questions and that the Municipal Clerk ask Mr. Nickerson for a summary of the questions.

Motion defeated unanimously.

Policy Development - Profanities

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that Municipal Staff draft a policy regarding the use of profanities at council and committee meetings.

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that the above motion be amended by inserting the words "and obscene language".

**AFFIRMATIVE**

George El-Jakl  
Louise Halliday  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Cathy Stoddard

**NEGATIVE**

Murray Atkinson  
Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried.

The original motion as amended was then put to a vote and carried.

The amended motion reads as follows:

Resolution C091029

"...that Municipal Staff draft a policy regarding the use of profanities and obscene language at council and committee meetings."

Physician Recruitment Request

Correspondence has been received from the Physician Recruitment Committee requesting a contribution towards the incentive to be offered to a doctor willing to work in the Emergency Room at Roseway Hospital.

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality respond by requesting to know what is the incentive target they wish to provide and what other units are contributing to this incentive program.

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that the above motion be amended to indicate that the Municipality for the time being is willing to provide \$1.00 for each person who visited the Roseway Emergency Department during the last year.

Motion carried unanimously.

The original motion as amended was then put to a vote and carried.

The revised motion now reads as follows:

Resolution C091030

“...that the Municipality respond by requesting to know what is the incentive target they wish to provide and what other units are contributing to the incentive program and advising that the Municipality, for the time being, is willing to provide \$1.00 for each person who visited the Roseway Emergency Department during the last year.”

Fire Chief's Request

Water Hole

Resolution C091031

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality make the Thomasville area water hole a priority to be done as soon as possible and before winter.

Motion carried unanimously.

Minimum Fire Standards

Resolution C091032

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality put priority on establishing minimum standards for fire departments.

Motion carried unanimously.

Presentations to Council

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

Resolution C091033

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the above motion be deferred back to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.



Leslie Chetwynd Request

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl that an appraiser be provided access to the property formerly owned by Mr. Chetwynd which is now owned by the Municipality in accompaniment with a municipal employee.

There being no seconder to the motion, the motion was declared lost.

Resolution C091034

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that Mr. Leslie Chetwynd be advised that his request did not receive the support of Council.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

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

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Community Grant Request

Resolution C091035

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by M. Atkinson that \$1,000.00 be provided from the District 2 Community Grants Fund to the Chapel Hill Historical Society pending the availability of funds.

Motion carried unanimously.

At the present time there appears to be only \$920.00 left in the District 2 Community Grants Fund, therefore the amount of the grant cannot exceed this amount.

Community Health Care Advisory Committee

On-Call Service

Resolution C091036

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter be sent to the District Health Authority's Recruitment Officer, Mrs. Shirley Watson-Poole, emphasizing the doctor shortage in this area and questioning why this shortage in the Municipality of Barrington does not receive a higher priority from the District Health Authority. Correspondence received from the three (3) local doctors will be attached to this letter with the permission of their authors. It will also be suggested that the District Health Authority promote the use of the Health Link 811 more in our local area.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk informed members that contact has been made with the three (3) local doctors with only one doctor granting permission for their letter to be forwarded to the District Health Authority.

It was agreed that copies of this letter would be forwarded to our MLA and to Dr. Ross at the Department of Health.

Resolution C091037

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that Minister Belliveau and Dr. Ross both be invited to meet with the Community Health Care Advisory Committee for the purpose of consulting on local health care issues and that both municipal and town councils be notified of the date of such meetings.

Motion carried unanimously.

Physician Recruitment

The Municipal Clerk indicated that he had been in conversation with Dr. Kinsley who advised that he has been doing locums for ten (10) years and is not interested in setting up a permanent practice in Barrington.

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter be sent to Dr. Kinsley to determine his interest in practicing more often in the local area and permanently, if possible.

Motion withdrawn.

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

The Clerk-Treasurer's Report will be presented at the next meeting of Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Amendments to Policy 59 - Committees of Council

The Clerk informed members that notice was given at the last meeting of Council that consideration of amendments to Policy No. 59 "Policy on Committees of Council" will be carried out tonight.

It is recommended that the reference to Waterfront Development under the heading Ad Hoc Committees be deleted. This committee has been disbanded.

Resolution C091038

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that amendments to Policy No. 59 "Policy on Committees of Council" be amended by deleting the reference to Waterfront Development.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Amendments to Policy No. 52 “Council Meetings and Proceedings Policy”

Notice of consideration of amendments to Policy No. 52 was given at the last meeting of Council.

Resolution C091039

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that amendments to Policy No. 52, “Council Meetings and Proceedings Policy” dealing with presentations to Council be approved as presented.

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the above motion be amended to require written presentation and questions.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

George El-Jakl

**NEGATIVE**

Murray Atkinson

Louise Halliday

Shaun Hatfield

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Cathy Stoddard

Motion defeated.

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that the above motion be amended to require a brief summary and questions.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Murray Atkinson

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Cathy Stoddard

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl

Louise Halliday

Shaun Hatfield

Motion defeated.

The original motion was then put to a vote and carried.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Murray Atkinson  
George El-Jakl  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Cathy Stoddard

**NEGATIVE**

Louise Halliday  
Shaun Hatfield

**Borrowing Resolution**

The Clerk informed members that it is now necessary to put another Temporary Borrowing Resolution in place for the Business Park. It is proposed that a Borrowing Resolution in the amount of \$500,000.00 be approved.

**Resolution C091040**

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger and carried:

**WHEREAS** Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act provides that the Municipality of the District of Barrington, subject to the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, may borrow to expend funds for a capital purpose authorized by statute;

**AND WHEREAS** clause 65(ao) of the Municipal Government Act authorizes the Municipality of the District of Barrington to borrow funds for the purpose of industrial parks, incubator malls and land and other facilities for the encouragement of economic development;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** under the authority of Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act, the Municipality borrow a sum or sums not exceeding Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) in total for the purpose set out above, subject to the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations;

**THAT** the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality to such an amount as the Council deems necessary;

**THAT** the issue of debentures be postponed pursuant to Section 92 of the Municipal Government Act and that the Municipality borrow from time to time a sum or sums not exceeding Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) in total from any chartered bank or trust company doing business in Nova Scotia;

**THAT** the sum be borrowed for a period not exceeding Twelve (12) Months from the date of the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations of this resolution;

**THAT** the interest payable on the borrowing be at a rate to be agreed upon; and

**THAT** the amount borrowed be repaid from the proceeds of the debentures when sold.

JEPP Application

The Clerk informed members that the Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department is requesting the Joint EMO Planning Committee to submit an application to the JEPP Program for funding to purchase and install two propane generators for their buildings in Wood's Harbour in order for them to be used for comfort centres. The estimated cost of the project is \$15,434.21. It is suggested that funding be applied for in the amount of \$17,500.00 to ensure that all expenses are covered.

Resolution C091041

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that an application in the amount of \$17,500.00 be forwarded to the JEPP Program for funding to purchase and install two propane generators at the Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

At this time a Closed Session of Council was held for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and security of municipal property.

The Regular Council Meeting was then called back to order.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Clerk informed members that Wes Deschamp has requested approximately 15 weeks leave of absence due to illness. Medical documentation has been received supporting this request.

Resolution C091042

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by M. Atkinson that Wes Deschamp be granted a leave of absence for up to fifteen (15) weeks after sick leave benefits with the Municipality have been depleted.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

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Warden

Clerk

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Secretary for the Meeting

