

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, July 13, 2009.

The meeting was called to order by the Deputy 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 the Warden who was away on vacation, and the vacancy in District 6.

- Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Councillor Shaun Hatfield
- Councillor Cecil O'Donnell
- 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 G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the minutes of the 130th Annual Meeting of Council held on June 22, 2009 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Additions

It was agreed that the following items be dealt with under correspondence:

- Queen of Hearts Dory Club.
- Kids Help Phone.
- Retirement.
- Valetta Muise Letter Re: Dangerous & Unsightly Premise.

Juniper House

A thank you card was received from Juniper House thanking Council for their recent grant.

Shelburne County Early Childhood Development Association

A thank you letter was received from the Shelburne County Early Childhood Development Association thanking Council for their grant of \$200.00 for the year 2009/2010.

FAM Tour

Correspondence has been received from Discover Shelburne County advising that their FAM Tour was a success and thanked Council for their participation in the event.

Queen of Hearts Dory Club

A thank you letter was received from the Queen of Heart Dory Club thanking Council for the \$500.00 grant provided to their Club for the 2009/2010 fiscal year.

Kids Help Phone

A thank you letter was received from the Kids Help Phone thanking Council for their recent grant.

Rural and Small Post Offices

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers. The letter advised that the Advisory Panel of the Canadian Post Corporation Strategic Review has issued its report which contains both positive and negative recommendations. The Canadian Union of Postal Workers is asking that Council consider the draft resolution provided. The resolution was then read by the Deputy Warden.

Resolution C090701

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that the following resolutions be approved by Council:

WHEREAS the report of the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review (CPCSR) recommends that the current moratorium on post office closures in rural and small towns be replaced with a mechanism involving new rules and procedures, including the ability to replace public post offices with private outlets.

WHEREAS the report also recommends that rural mailbox delivery be reconsidered.

WHEREAS these recommendations, if implemented by the federal government, would undermine public postal service and jobs in our community and fundamentally change the nature of Canada Post's retail and delivery network.

WHEREAS the report proposes that Canada Post's highly inadequate community consultation process be used when closing or "rationalizing" a post office/outlet and that a similar process be used when replacing rural mailbox delivery with delivery to a community box, green box or post office.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Barrington write to Rob Merrifield, the Minister responsible for Canada Post, and request that the government preserve public postal service and jobs in our community by rejecting CPCSRS recommendations that would:

1. Put an end to the moratorium on post office closures in rural and small towns and give Canada Post the flexibility to close post offices covered by the current moratorium or convert these public post offices to private outlets
2. Cut delivery to rural mailboxes without exploring all options or properly consulting with residents or the representatives of rural delivery workers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we request that Minister Merrifield consult with the public, postal unions and other major stakeholders to develop a uniform and democratic process for making fundamental changes to Canada Post's retail and delivery network.

Motion carried unanimously.

Retirement

The Clerk informed members that Luella Belliveau, Accountant, has tendered her resignation effective August 28, 2009.

Resolution C090702

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the letter of resignation submitted by Luella Belliveau, effective August 28, 2009, be accepted with regret, and that Mrs. Belliveau be thanked for her service to the Municipality for the past 15 years.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C090703

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Letter from Valetta Muise Re: Dangerous & Unsightly Premise

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of the letter received from Valetta Muise regarding the unsightly condition of property of Doug Townsend and Patsy Cameron located at 6238, Highway #3, Lower Wood's Harbour. The letter further indicated that Arthur and Lee Goreham-Smith have reported this unsightly premise to the Municipal Office on several occasions.

The Clerk informed members that complaints have been received in the past regarding the condition of this property. On each occasion the complaint has been investigated and the property owner took steps to address the unsightly condition.

The Clerk informed members that upon receipt of the letter from Mrs. Muise, the By-Law Enforcement Officer was contacted and requested to investigate the complaint. Her written report was then read to Council. Mr. Townsend was instructed to take steps to address the unsightly condition of his property and the By-Law Enforcement Officer will be rechecking the property at the end of the month.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden was absent from the meeting due to vacation.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Shaun Hatfield

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

Tri-County Regional School Board

Councillor Hatfield informed members that he and Councillor Stoddard met with the Tri-County Regional School Board on July 7, 2009 to discuss the C.S.I. Schools. Answers were provided to the 10 questions previously provided to the School Board. Copies of answers will be circulated to members.

Councillor Cecil O'Donnell

Councillor O'Donnell gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

Councillor George El-Jakl

Councillor El-Jakl gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

School Board Representative

During his report he suggested that the School Board representative be invited to attend a Council or Committee of the Whole Meeting in the Fall to discuss matters of mutual concern, etc.

Councillor Cathy Stoddard

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

C.S.I. Sewer Steering Committee

Councillor Stoddard gave a brief report on the recent meeting of the C.S.I. Steering Committee.

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Request for Proposals for the design and construction engineering consultant services for the Cape Sable Island Wastewater Collection and Treatment Plant, Phase I, be awarded to ABL Environmental Ltd.

Resolution C090704

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that this matter be tabled until after the Closed Session of Council scheduled to be held later in the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

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

During her report she suggested that consideration be given to purchasing a bench in memory of Hattie Perry.

It was agreed that this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Committee Reports

Pollution Event Insurance Coverage

Resolution C090705

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality decline Pollution Event Insurance Coverage at this time due to minimal risk involved versus the high premium required.

Motion carried unanimously.

Sherose Island Site Assessment

Resolution C090706

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality advertise on the Nova Scotia Government website for Requests for Proposals for Phase III Environment Site Assessment for Sherose Island which will be paid for with funds from the Special Reserve Fund Operating Account.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that Phase I and Phase II Environment Assessments were previously completed by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

Physician Recruitment Policy

Resolution C090707

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that Municipal Staff indicate to Shirley Watson-Poole, the Physician Resource Manager for South West Health, that the Municipality is interested in bringing an additional doctor to the Municipality and will provide incentives as required, and pay the cost required in order to bring the doctor to the area.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Grants

Resolution C090708

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the following list of Community Grants be approved:

District 1

Wood's Harbour Days	\$1,000.00
Samuel Wood Historical Society	\$1,000.00
Do For Others Club	\$1,000.00
Charlesville Green Grove Cemetery	\$ 400.00
Barrington Municipal Exhibition	\$ 300.00
Safe Grad	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$3,750.00

District 2

Chapel Hill Historical Society	\$1,000.00
Shag Harbour Incident Society	\$ 580.00
Old Farm Cemetery	\$1,000.00
Shag Harbour Clippers Mens' Lobbball (field improvements)	\$1,000.00
Barrington Municipal Exhibition	\$ 300.00
Safe Grad	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$3,930.00

District 3

Hillside Cemetery	\$ 800.00
7E Fire Department - Storage Building	\$ 500.00
Riverdale Cemetery	\$ 800.00
Barrington Ball Field Committee	\$ 700.00
Barrington Municipal Exhibition	\$ 300.00
Safe Grad	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$3,150.00

District 4

Ross Heritage Society	\$ 250.00
Port Clyde Cemetery	\$ 750.00
Barrington Municipal Exhibition	\$ 300.00
Safe Grad	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,350.00

District 5

Old Kirk Cemetery	\$1,000.00
Stoney Island Community Club	\$2,000.00
Ross Heritage Group	\$ 500.00
Barrington Municipal Exhibition	\$ 300.00
Safe Grad	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$3,850.00

District 6

Barrington Municipal Exhibition	\$ 300.00
TOTAL:	\$ 300.00

District 7

White Lily Cemetery	\$1,000.00
Evergreen Cemetery	\$1,000.00
Barrington Municipal Exhibition	\$ 300.00
Safe Grad	\$ 50.00
TOTAL:	\$2,350.00

TOTAL COMMUNITY GRANTS APPROVED: \$18,680.00

Motion carried unanimously.

Commercial Waste Collection

Resolution C090709

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that a letter be sent to Ship's Lobster located in Wood's Harbour explaining the current policy of the Municipality in regards to waste collection and indicating the Municipal Waste Collector is trying to do the job properly as required by Municipal Policy.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was suggested that the Waste Collection By-Law be reviewed prior to tendering again for waste collection services.

Tourism Development Officer

Resolution C090710

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that Councillor Stoddard serve on the Tourism Committee for the purpose of overseeing the work of the Tourism Development Officer for Shelburne County and that her expenses be paid accordingly.

Motion carried unanimously.

Post Office Parking

Resolution C090711

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that Canada Post be requested to provide access to a meter and a half of their property, and to cost share in relocating the sidewalk closer to the Barrington Passage Post Office.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chebucto Resources Proposal

Resolution C090712

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell:

WHEREAS Chebucto Resources has approached the Municipality of the District of Barrington to discuss a proposed Option Agreement for a development;

AND WHEREAS Council has determined after hearing the proposal that Council is not interested in pursuing negotiations at this time;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality not enter into an Option Agreement at this time.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

The Clerk-Treasurer gave a report outlining his activities during the month of May 2009.

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading - By-Law No. 8

It is proposed that By-Law No. 8, "Collection, Storage, and Disposal of Waste", Section 12, be amended to increase fines as follows:

- for the first offence, a fine of \$1,000.00
- for the second offence, a fine of \$2,000.00
- for the third offence, a fine of \$5,000.00

Resolution C090713

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that proposed amendments to Section 12 of By-Law No 8 "Collection, Storage and Disposal of Waste", be approved in first reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

Notice of Consideration Re: Policy No. 52

Notice is given tonight that Council will consider amendments to Policy No. 52 "Council Meetings and Proceedings Policy" at the next meeting of Council.

CLOSED SESSION

At this time a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with the possible purchase of land.

The Regular Council Meeting was then called back to order.

C.S.I. SEWER SYSTEM

Resolution C090714

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by S. Hatfield that the awarding of the Request for Proposals for the design and construction engineering consultant services for the Cape Sable Island Wastewater Collection and Treatment Plant, Phase I, be deferred until a sewage treatment plant site is secured.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Deputy Warden

Clerk

____ Secretary for the Meeting

On website July 14, 2009.