

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, NS, on Tuesday, May 25, 2010.

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 Murray Atkinson. Councillor Atkinson is on leave due to medical reasons.

- Warden George El-Jakl
- Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor Louise Halliday
- Councillor Shaun Hatfield
- Councillor Cecil O'Donnell
- Councillor Cathy Stoddard
  
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

#### CLOSED SESSION

At 6:00 p.m., a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with Building Inspector's wages and South West Shore Development Authority legal issues.

#### DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the minutes of the last meeting held May 10, 2010 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### KALADAR ENERSAVE MANAGEMENT INC.

The Clerk informed members that it was necessary for representatives of Kaladar Enersave Management Inc. to cancel their presentation to Council this evening. The presentation of the Energy Audit will take place at the next meeting of Council.

PRESENTATION - DISCOVER SHELBURNE COUNTY

Mr. Alan Nelson, Chair of Discover Shelburne County Tourism Association; Brenda Maxwell, Association member; and Suzy Atwood, Tourism Coordinator; appeared before the meeting.

Mr. Nelson circulated a copy of the cost-shared budget items for 2010. The list included the following items:

- Saltscapes Trade Show
- Joie de Vivre Tourism Trade Show in Moncton
- Shelburne County Lighthouse Map
- Shelburne County FAM Tour

The amount of funding being requested from the Municipality is \$3,246.63. It is proposed that these items be cost-shared by all five municipal units in Shelburne County. During discussion of this matter question was raised regarding the fees identified to be paid to museums and for accommodations for the FAM Tour. Mr. Nelson was asked what contribution is being made by industry. He said that he would check further to see if the amounts identified for accommodations and museums could be reduced with in kind donations.

Mrs. Atwood informed members of her activities since being hired in January 2010.

Mr. Nelson provided answers to the following questions of Council:

1. Are Coordinator's expenses reviewed and approved by committee?  
*Yes.*
2. Does Coordinator present travel and other expense plan to committee for review and discussion.  
*Yes.*
3. Is Coordinator attending events on behalf of Discover Shelburne County?  
*Mrs. Atwood has attended some events with Discover Shelburne County personnel.*

Having reached the allotted time for the Discover Shelburne County presentation, Council was asked how they wanted to proceed.

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that Council continue with the presentation.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. What is Committee's plan for tourism development in Shelburne County?  
When will it be presented to councils?  
*The website for Discover Shelburne County has been updated to include community events, history and heritage to promote Shelburne County as a destination. Some work has started on the action plan and strategy and the Tourism Committee will discuss this matter further in June. Shelburne County is also being promoted as a destination through social media such as facebook, twitter, u-tube, etc.*

5. Has the Consultant's Report been received? When will it be forwarded to Council?  
*Mr. Nelson informed members that the report was presented to the Tourism Committee earlier today and the report will be forwarded to councillors in the very near future.*
6. Are municipal units being asked to fund both the Tourism Coordinator and Discover Shelburne County?  
*Yes.*
7. Has a list of events been prepared for the year and how are they being advertised and promoted?  
*Mrs. Atwood informed members that a list of events has been prepared and is being promoted on the website for Discover Shelburne County.*

Mr. Nelson, Mrs. Atwood and Mrs. Maxwell were thanked for appearing before Council and making their presentation.

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

##### Funding - Organizational Study

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations advising that the Province will provide 50% of eligible costs associated with an Organizational Efficiency Study up to a maximum contribution of \$10,000.00.

##### Resolution C100524

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality issue an RFP for consultants to carry out the Organizational Efficiency Study for the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

##### Department of Transportation Concerns

##### Repaving of Highway No. 3

The Clerk informed members that Benny Acker, Area Supervisor, Department of Transportation, has advised that a tender will be issued this summer for the repaving of a section of Highway No. 3 from Route 330, Causeway intersection, to the Bear Point intersection.

##### Bump on Highway No. 3

Mr. Acker has advised that it would be best for the Municipality to contact Aberdeen Paving for a quote to carry out the required work on the manhole located on Highway No. 3 near the RCMP Detachment in Barrington.

Request for Washrooms and Change Rooms - North East Point Beach

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of an email received from David Gordon of the Department of Natural Resources in response to Council's request to have washrooms and change rooms located at the North East Point Beach. The email advised that the Provincial Government has put strict budget pressures on all departments and therefore no new park development is taking place at this time.

Mr. Gordon suggested in his email that labour and/or materials can sometimes be donated by local businesses for these types of projects.

Resolution C100525

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that Mr. Gordon of the Department of Natural Resources be asked if permission would be granted to locate washrooms and change rooms at the North East Point Beach area should materials be provided.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Request from 327 Unicorn Corps

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from Sharon MacKay, Vice President of the Navy League. Mrs. MacKay is requesting permission to plant a tree or a shrub on municipal property near the Recreation Centre on Sherose Island in honour of Martha and Allan Brannen for their dedication and involvement in the 327 Unicorn Corps.

Resolution C100526

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by S. Hatfield that the request received from Sharon MacKay to plant a tree in the vicinity of the Recreation Centre on Sherose Island in honour of Allan and Martha Brannen be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Request for Funding

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of an email requesting funding to assist with the cost of Kaitlyn Harris participating in the Otesha Cycling and Performing Tour. Kaitlyn will be peddling 2,000 kms from Vancouver to Regina. Along the way she will be stopping in various communities to spread the message of sustainability.

During discussion of this matter it was agreed that individual councillors make a donation if they so wished.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Louise Halliday

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

Dr. Premachandra

Resolution C100527

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by C. Stoddard that a fruit basket be forwarded to Dr. Premachandra welcoming him to our municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Shaun Hatfield

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

327 Unicorn Corps

Resolution C100528

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that a letter be forwarded to Allan and Martha Brannen expressing Council's appreciation for their continued dedicated service to the 327 Unicorn Corps.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Cecil O'Donnell

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

Fire Chief's Meeting

At the last Fire Chiefs Meeting it was suggested that a meeting be arranged for the Clerk, Councillor Hatfield, Councillor O'Donnell and Fire Department representatives to meet with representatives of Bell and Grant to discuss fire department insurance.

It was agreed that the requested meeting be arranged.

Councillor Cathy Stoddard

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

Committee of the Whole

Yarmouth Ferry Service

Resolution C100529

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter of support for the reinstatement of the Yarmouth to New England ferry service for the 2010 season and beyond be forwarded to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities.

Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Surplus

Resolution C100530

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the auditors make provision in the Financial Statements for the transfer of up to \$200,000.00 from any current years' surplus for the year ended March 31, 2010 to the Special Reserve Fund Operating for the purpose of completing the projects that are currently in progress by the Municipality and that an additional surplus over and above that amount remain in the General Revenue Fund Surplus to be used for working capital purposes.

Motion carried unanimously.

H.S.T. on Poppies

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by C. O'Donnell that a letter be sent to the Prime Minister requesting that H.S.T. not be charged on poppies being sold on behalf of the Royal Canadian Legion and that this letter be copied to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities as well as to leaders of the federal opposition parties.

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the above motion be amended by deleting the words "on behalf of" and adding the word "to".

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion now reads as follows:

Resolution C100531

"...that a letter be sent to the Prime Minister requesting that H.S.T. not be charged on poppies being sold to the Royal Canadian Legion and that this letter be copied to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities as well as to leaders of the federal opposition parties."

Motion carried unanimously.

Building Inspector

Resolution C100532

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality offer the position of Building Inspector to the alternate as recommended by the Hiring Committee as the preferred candidate has declined to accept the position.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

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

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

The Clerk-Treasurer gave a brief report on his activities during the month of April.

FRA Invitation

The Clerk informed members that an invitation has been received for members to attend Forest Ridge Academy's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration being held Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Black Loyalist Heritage Society

The Clerk informed members that an invitation has been received from the Black Loyalist Heritage Society inviting members to attend the dedication of the stain glass windows at St. Paul's Anglican Church and the unveiling of the Bunce Island Exhibit at the Birchtown Community Hall on Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m.

Barrington Regional Curling Club Trivia Night

The Clerk informed members that an invitation has been received from the Barrington Regional Curling Club inviting members to enter a team in the first trivia night at the Curling Club to be held on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

It was agreed that councillors and staff be contacted to determine whether there is enough interest to enter a team.

Barrington Regional Curling Club Ice Rink Energy Program

The Clerk informed members that as a result of the Ice Rink Energy Program funding can be accessed for the installation of a low-e ceiling at the Barrington Regional Curling Club. The total cost for this project is \$21,840.00. The Municipality will only be responsible for 20% of this cost, totaling \$4,368.00.

Resolution C100533

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality take part in the Ice Rink Energy Program to install a low-e ceiling at the Barrington Regional Curling Club at a municipal cost of \$4,368.00, to be taken from the Special Reserve Fund Operating.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Opening - Land Tenders

The Clerk informed members that tenders were invited for the purchase of surplus municipal property. Five parcels of land were advertised for sale. Two tenders were received. Tenders were opened by the Warden and reported as follows:

- Tender received from Paul Ross - AAN 03856291, property formerly assessed to Murray Quinlan - \$1,500.00
- Tender received from Paul Ross - AAN 04304411, property formerly assessed to Basil Fenton Smith - \$5,002.00

The Clerk informed members that both bids were in excess of the minimum amount set and therefore he recommended that they be accepted.

Resolution C100534

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the bids received from Paul Ross for properties identified as Assessment Account No. 03856291 and Assessment Account No. 04304411 be accepted.

Motion carried unanimously.

Notice of Consideration - Policy No. 37

The Clerk informed members that it is being recommended that Policy No. 37, "Recreation Loans Policy", be repealed since it no longer meets the requirements of the Municipal Government Act.

Notice of consideration is given tonight and the repeal of the policy will be considered by Council at their next meeting.



ADJOURNMENT

**Moved** by L. Halliday that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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Warden

Clerk

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website May 27, 2010.**