

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, April 12, 2010.

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

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported that the following councillors were present:

- Warden Louise Halliday
- Councillor Murray Atkinson
- Councillor Shaun Hatfield
- Councillor Cecil O'Donnell

The Clerk informed members that Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger, and councillors Cathy Stoddard and George El-Jakl were attending the Volunteer Awards Ceremony in Halifax and are expected to arrive at approximately 7:30 p.m.

- Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger (7:20 p.m.)
- Councillor Cathy Stoddard (7:20 p.m.)
- Councillor George El-Jakl (7:20 p.m.)

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Warden informed members that she and the Deputy Warden would both be declaring conflict of interest during the discussion regarding tipping fees at the C & D Landfill Site.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that the minutes of the last meeting held March 22, 2010 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

DANGEROUS AND UNSIGHTLY PREMISE - PHILLIP CHETWYND PROPERTY

Mr. Phillip Chetwynd appeared before Council.

Members were advised that numerous attempts have been made since October 2009 to have Mr. Chetwynd address the dangerous and unsightly condition of his property.

By way of letter dated March 15, 2010, Mr. Phillip Chetwynd was advised that Council would be asked to consider issuing an Order to address the dangerous and unsightly condition of his property located at 856 East Baccaro. Council is being requested to consider issuing an Order to address the following:

- demolition of the remains of Mr. Chetwynd's house which was destroyed by fire in October 2009
- removal of all debris
- filling in of foundation

Mr. Chetwynd informed members that approximately three quarters of the house has been taken down and requested additional time to have the work carried out.

Resolution C100401

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that Mr. Phillip Chetwynd be given until May 31, 2010 to address the dangerous and unsightly condition of his property.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department

The Clerk informed members that a letter has been received from the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department thanking Council for passing a motion deeming them as a municipal entity in order to allow them to be eligible to receive 100% rebate of the federal portion of the H.S.T. and 57.14% of the provincial portion.

Kidney Dialysis Satellite Clinic

The Clerk informed members that a copy of a letter from the Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation, addressed to the Minister of Health, was received, which supported the establishment of a kidney dialysis satellite clinic.

CORRESPONDENCE

RCMP/Municipal Police Service Gun Amnesty - April 2010

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from Sgt. Forbes of the Barrington RCMP Detachment advising of a provincial initiative which was launched on April 1st to support their goal of creating safe communities. From April 1st to April 30th Nova Scotia RCMP, in partnership with municipal police partners, is initiating a province wide gun amnesty to allow citizens in the province to surrender unwanted firearms and ammunition without penalty.

Adopt-A-Book Campaign

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of correspondence from the Western Counties Regional Library advising that their 2010 Adopt-A-Book Campaign will be held April 1st to June 30th, 2010. Their goal this year is to put 1,000 new books, audio books, CDs and DVDs on the shelves of the Library's 10 branches in Shelburne, Yarmouth and Digby counties.

Resolution C100402

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Adopt-A-Book Campaign be considered during the budget process.

Motion carried unanimously.

Destination Southwest Nova Association

It was reported that correspondence has been received from Destination Southwest Nova Association requesting financial support for 2010/2011. The Association is requesting \$4,960.00 from the Municipality of Barrington.

Resolution C100403

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Hatfield that the request for financial assistance from Destination Southwest Nova Association be referred to the budget process.

Motion carried unanimously.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

At approximately 7:20 p.m., Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger, councillors Cathy Stoddard and George El-Jakl, entered the meeting.

PRESENTATION - JOHN SHAAR RE: LOBSTER INDUSTRY

Mr. John Shaar of the Year of the Lobster Committee appeared before Council. He is requesting Council to make application to ACOA for funding for a radio advertising campaign to promote lobster as a product in Atlantic Canada. Mr. Shaar indicated that the 2008/2009 and the 2009/2010 lobster season prices have dropped to a 25 year low. They believe that a targeted radio campaign to Atlantic Canadians will increase the demand for lobster and eventually bring the price up. The cost of the campaign is expected to be between \$250,000.00 and \$300,000.00. If the ad campaign is approved by ACOA under their CAF Program it will fund 70% of the cost. Mr. Shaar informed members that he has been attempting to obtain the remaining 30% funding from the province, but no financial commitment has been given to date. If additional funding is needed, Mr. Shaar advised that it will be raised by local businesses as co-advertisers. This campaign will be carried out at no cost to the Municipality.

Resolution C100404

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that an application be submitted to ACOA under their Community Adjustment Fund for funding for a radio advertising campaign to promote lobster.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C100405

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that all municipal units in South West Nova Scotia be requested to forward letters to ACOA in support of our application for funding for a radio advertising campaign.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed that the application to ACOA and the letter to the municipal units in South Western Nova be forwarded to MLA Sterling Belliveau for his information.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

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

Councillor Cathy Stoddard

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Councillor Cecil O'Donnell

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Councillor Shaun Hatfield

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Councillor Murray Atkinson

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Councillor George El-Jakl

Councillor El-Jakl briefly reported on the Volunteer Awards Banquet held in Halifax today. He indicated that 75 awards were given out in total, with 3 being received in the Municipality of Barrington which were as follows:

1. Representative Volunteer for 2010 - Crandel Nickerson
2. Corporate Volunteer of the Year Award - Wilson's Shopping Centre Limited
3. Model Volunteer Community Award - Municipality of Barrington

Committee of the Whole Council

Blanche Road

Resolution C100406

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation be requested to place crushed stone on the Blanche Road as far as the fish plant.

Motion carried unanimously.

C & D Landfill Tipping Fees

Conflict of Interest

Warden Louise Halliday declared conflict of interest, vacated her seat and proceeded to the spectator area as her spouse's business is a frequent user of the facility.

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Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that Councillor Hatfield be nominated chairperson of the meeting for the purposes of discussing this matter.

Nomination was declined.

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by M. Atkinson that Councillor O'Donnell be nominated chairperson of the meeting for the purposes of discussing this matter.

The nomination was accepted by Councillor O'Donnell.

Having asked for nominations three times and having heard no further nominations, the Clerk declared Councillor O'Donnell elected by acclamation.

In advance to the meeting members were provided with a schedule of tipping fees proposed for the C & D Landfill Site which are as follows:

Description	Sorted	Mixed
Metal (white goods)	\$0	\$100
Household Hazardous Waste	\$0	\$100
Lobster Pots	\$0	\$100
Rope/Netting	\$0	\$100
Wood/Brush	\$60	\$100
Roofing	\$60	\$100
Other Building Materials (vinyl siding, tiles, carpeting, electrical fixtures, lighting, insulation, vapour barrier)	\$60	\$100

Note: Furniture is now collected in the regular weekly collection and the Spring and Fall cleanups and taken to Queens Landfill.

EXEMPTION

Residential deposits only less than 100 kgs.	\$0	\$100
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Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality institute tipping fees at the Construction & Demolition Debris Landfill Site at the rate of \$100.00 for mixed waste and \$60.00 for sorted waste with the provision that deposits of 100 kilograms or less will not be charged any tipping fees.

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the above motion be amended to include an effective date of January 1, 2011.

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl
Cecil O'Donnell
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried.

The amended motion now reads:

Resolution C100407

“...that the Municipality institute tipping fees at the Construction & Demolition Debris Landfill Site, effective January 1, 2011, at the rate of \$100.00 for mixed waste and \$60.00 for sorted waste with the provision that deposits of 100 kilograms or less will not be charged any tipping fees.

Resolution C100408

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the above motion be tabled and referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl
Cecil O'Donnell
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried.

Warden Halliday and Deputy Warden Messenger returned to their seats.

Notice of Motion Re: Council Remuneration

Resolution C100409

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that a letter be sent to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities regarding the determination of wages for municipal councils, asking the Union if they had previously discussed or investigated any avenue of changing the way in which councillor's wages are set, and providing some background information regarding Barrington Municipal Councils' discussion of this matter.

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the above motion be amended to indicate that Council believes it is a conflict of interest for councillors to set their own wages and ask what the UNSM's thoughts are on a citizen's panel, and ask whether they would be willing to set wages.

AFFIRMATIVE

Shaun Hatfield

NEGATIVE

Murray Atkinson
George El-Jakl
Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell
Cathy Stoddard

Motion defeated.

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

Reserve Seating at Arena

Resolution C100410

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by M. Atkinson that a section of seating at the Barrington Municipal Arena be reserved for bonafide volunteers, and that the size and location of this section be determined by the Arena Manager, and that it be painted a different color and include the words “Event Volunteers” being painted in this section for the information of patrons.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O’Donnell that James Nickerson be recognized as an honorary volunteer and a seating space be reserved for him in the volunteer section.

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O’Donnell that the above motion be amended to insert the words “for 2010/2011 hockey year” after the words “honorary volunteer”.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O’Donnell
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl
Louise Halliday

Motion carried.

The amended motion now reads:

Resolution C100411

“...that James Nickerson be recognized as an honorary volunteer for the 2010/2011 hockey year and a seating space be reserved for him in the volunteer section.”

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O’Donnell
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl
Louise Halliday

Motion carried.

Travel - Tourism Coordinator Funding

Resolution C100412

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality contribute \$525.41 for the Shelburne County Tourism Coordinator to attend the Saltscapes Trade Show from April 30th to May 2nd, in Halifax, and that the Municipality pay these funds to the Shelburne County Tourism Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C100413

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipal Clerk draft questions and comments for the Tourism Committee regarding the funding of tourism services for the County.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Health Centre Apartment

Resolution C100414

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality pay the cost of housing a student and a locum during the summer of 2010 by paying their rent to stay at a local bed and breakfast during that time and that this be included in the 2010/2011 budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C100415

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter of thanks be sent to Dr. Blair for his continued service to our community and providing additional medical services to those who currently do not have a permanent physician.

Motion carried unanimously.

Department of Transportation - Cape Sable Island Causeway

Resolution C100416

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that in the interest of public safety the Department of Transportation install metal guardrails along the Cape Sable Island Causeway and that a copy of this request be sent to our MLA.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

District Planning Commission 2010/2011 Budget

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of the 2010/2011 budget for the District Planning Commission which was approved by the Commission on March 24, 2010. The Municipality of Barrington's contribution totals \$80,374.00 per year.

Resolution C100417

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the 2010/2011 budget for the District Planning Commission be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Notice - Tangible Capital Assets Policy

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of the proposed Tangible Capital Assets Policy.

The Clerk informed members that notice is given tonight and Council will consider the adoption of the policy at their next meeting of Council.

Sorting Station Tenders - Cement Work

Members were advised that tenders were invited for cement work for the Sorting Station to be located at the C & D Landfill Site. The deadline for tenders to be submitted was Friday, April 9, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. Three (3) tenders were received. Tenders were opened by the Warden and were as follows:

- ARB Scott Masonry, \$28,589.00, including H.S.T.
- Gardiner Allen Excavation Ltd., \$33,888.70, including H.S.T.
- Mike Hennigar's General Construction Limited, \$36,443.63, including H.S.T.

Resolution C100418

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipal Clerk review the tenders received and that a recommendation be brought forward to Council at their next meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Building Inspector/Development Officer/Fire Inspector

Resolution C100419

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that Andrew Goreham be appointed Building Inspector/Development Officer/Fire Inspector for the Municipality of Barrington effective immediately.

Motion carried unanimously.

Date for Hiring Committee Meeting Re: Building Inspector

It was reported that seventeen (17) applications have been received for the position of Building Inspector/Development Officer/Fire Inspector and By-Law Enforcement Officer. Copies of the applications will be made and provided to members of the Hiring Committee for shortlisting. It was agreed that the Hiring Committee meet on April 20, 2010, at 1:00 p.m., to interview the top six (6) applicants.

Meeting with Paul Wills

Members were reminded that a meeting with Paul Wills, Senior Advisor, will be held tomorrow at 1:30 p.m., in the Conference Room.

CLOSED SESSION RE: PERSONNEL MATTER AND FORMER BMHS LEGAL MATTER

At this time a Closed Session was held to deal with a personnel matter and former BMHS legal matter.

The Regular Session of Council was called back to order.

DONNA DESCHAMP

Resolution C100420

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that Donna Deschamp's employment at the Arena Canteen be terminated immediately as recommended by the Municipal Clerk and Arena Manager.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
George El-Jakl
Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION

At this time the Municipal Clerk read a letter of resignation prepared by Louise Halliday resigning from her position as Warden, effective today's date.

Louise Halliday will remain on Council as a Councillor for District 2.

Warden Halliday then turned the chair over to Deputy Warden Messenger.

The Clerk advised members of the requirements of Policy No. 53, "Warden and Deputy Warden Policy". Section 4(1) of the policy states that the Clerk shall preside as Chair at any meeting or portion of any meeting during which a warden is elected.

At this time the clerk called for nominations.

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that Councillor George El-Jakl be nominated as Warden.

The nomination was accepted by Councillor El-Jakl.

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that Councillor Shaun Hatfield be nominated as Warden.

Councillor Hatfield accepted the nomination.

The Chair called three times for further nominations.

No further nominations were forthcoming.

Resolution C100421

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by C. Stoddard that Deputy Clerk Lesa Rossetti be appointed as scrutineer.

Motion carried unanimously.

The election of warden was then determined by secret ballot.

Councillor George El-Jakl was declared Warden as he received the majority of votes.

The Oath of Warden was then administered by the Municipal Clerk.

The Chair was then assumed by the Warden.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be dealt with, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Warden

Secretary for the Meeting

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On website April 15, 2010.