

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

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:

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the minutes of the last meeting held January 11, 2010 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION - BREAKFAST FOR LEARNING PROGRAM

Ms. Phoebe Cameron, Guidance Counselor at BMHS, appeared before Council. Ms. Cameron informed members that steps are being taken to put in place a Breakfast for Learning Program starting February 1, 2010. She informed members that in light of the recent economic downturn as currently seen in the lobster fishery, the need for a breakfast program at BMHS has increased significantly and dramatically over the past school year. She informed members that the Breakfast Program Committee has secured funding for the Breakfast Program during the 2010/2011 school year. Ms. Cameron is requesting assistance from Council to provide the program from February 1st until the end of the school year. Ms. Cameron thanked Council for the opportunity to address Council regarding this matter.

Resolution C100115

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that \$3,000.00 be provided from the Community Grant Funds for the Breakfast for Learning Program at BMHS, and that the cost be shared proportionately among the district funds remaining.

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION - SC TRANSPORTATION SOCIETY

Doug Langley, Chairperson, and Mr. David Orr-Laycock, Treasurer, of the SC Transportation Society, appeared before the meeting. Mr. Langley informed members that the Society is dedicated to providing a safe, affordable, and accessible public transportation service to all residents of Shelburne County. Five routes have been identified by the Society. Each route will be served once a week. Trips will be scheduled for doctors appointments in Yarmouth and Halifax, etc. The Society plans to start off with three (3) vehicles and funding has been accessed through the following:

1. Accessibility Transportation Assistance Program
2. Nova Scotia Transit Research Incentive Program
3. Municipality of Shelburne (Age Friendly Grant)

The Society is now approaching each municipal unit in Shelburne County to request funding.

Resolution C100116

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by M. Atkinson that the SC Transportation Society be provided with the Nova Scotia Transit Rural Incentive Program Grant provided to the Municipality last year in the amount of \$6,806.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Langley also encouraged Council to make application for government funding such as the Age Friendly Grant obtained by the Municipality of Shelburne.

At the end of the presentation, Mr. Langley provided the Clerk with a copy of their business plan for 2010.

PROCLAMATION RE: NATIONAL FLAG OF CANADA DAY

The Warden informed members that correspondence has been received from the Department of Canadian Heritage requesting Council to proclaim February 15, 2010 as National Flag of Canada Day in the Municipality of Barrington. The Warden read the following proclamation:

WHEREAS the distinctive, red and white maple leaf flag of Canada was first raised over Canadian soil as our National Flag on February 15, 1965; and

WHEREAS the Canadian flag is perhaps the most visible and cherished symbol of our country and the many blessings associated with Canadian citizenship; and

WHEREAS the folds of our flag embrace all Canadians as well as our shared values and confidence in the future of our country;

Having heard no objections, the Warden declared February 15, 2010 as National Flag of Canada Day in the Municipality of Barrington.

CORRESPONDENCE

Yarmouth Ferry Service

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Mayor of the Town of Yarmouth advising that the Town had met with Minister Jennex as part of her tour to municipalities in Nova Scotia. At this meeting the Town discussed the government's recent announcement to end the ferry service between Yarmouth and New England. The letter requests Council to raise this issue with their MLA and Minister Jennex during her visit to the area.

Deputy Warden Messenger and Councillor Stoddard attended the meeting held in Yarmouth, on Friday, January 22, 2010, regarding the cancellation of the ferry service. MLA Sterling Belliveau was present and he indicated that he would take their concerns to the Premier.

Meeting with Paul Wills

Following the meeting held on November 25th with Mayor John Leefe, Region of Queens, it was agreed that a follow-up meeting with Mr. Paul Wills, Municipal Advisor, should be held for further discussions on the possibility of amalgamation. This meeting is scheduled to be held on February 16, 2010. Members were asked to advise the Office, if they plan to attend.

Resolution C100117

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the travel expenses be paid for any councillor wishing to attend this meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Paving - J Class Roads

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal advising that the deadline for submission of proposed paving projects of J Class Roads is January 31, 2010.

Haitian Relief

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Town of Shelburne advising of their planned Haitian relief fundraiser to be held on January 30th and 31st. Monies raised will be donated from the community of Shelburne County.

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has also been received from the Municipality of Guysborough advising that their council has agreed to donate \$3,000.00 towards the Haitian Relief Fund and encouraged all municipal units in Nova Scotia to consider donating.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that a fundraiser is also planned at the Bear Point Advent Christian Church on January 29, 2010. Various other fundraisers have been held in the area.

Resolution C100118

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

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 George El-Jakl

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

Councillor Murray Atkinson

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Councillor Shaun Hatfield

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

Councillor Cecil O'Donnell

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

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Yarmouth Ferry Service

Deputy Warden Messenger informed members that she and Councillor Stoddard attended the ferry meeting in Yarmouth on Friday, January 22, 2010, and requested reimbursement of travel expenses.

Resolution C100119

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that mileage be paid to Deputy Warden Messenger for attending the ferry meeting held in Yarmouth on January 22, 2010.

Motion carried unanimously.

Kidney Dialysis Satellite Clinic

Resolution C100120

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter be sent to Bay Side Home questioning the feasibility of a kidney dialysis satellite clinic being established at Bay Side Home.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C100121

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a letter be written to Bay Side Home requesting that they send letters of support for the establishment of a kidney dialysis satellite clinic in the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Due to time constraints, the Clerk informed members that his report will be circulated in writing.

BUILDING PERMITS REPORT

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a report showing a breakdown of building permits issued for the period April 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009.

ICE RINK ENERGY PROJECT

The Clerk informed members that the Recreation Facilities Association has initiated an Ice Rink Energy Project in Nova Scotia. This program provides funding for energy saving projects in arenas around the province. Upgrades identified for our arena will cost \$114,493.00 with the Municipality only paying \$22,899.00. This will save the municipality energy costs in the long term. Health Promotion and Protection must be informed that we are partners in this project by January 22, 2010.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that the Municipality's funding can be drawn from the Special Reserve Fund Capital.

Resolution C100122

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Ice Rink Energy Project be approved for the Barrington Municipal Arena at a cost of \$22,899.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that this will help to fulfil some of the obligations under the energy audit which is currently being carried out.

Region 6 Waste Management - Draft Budget

Resolution C100123

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Region 6 Solid Waste Management draft budget, in the amount of \$180,520.00 for the fiscal year 2010/2011, be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy No. 56 - "Interim Tax Billing Policy"

Notice is given tonight of proposed amendments to the Interim Tax Billing Policy. Proposed amendments will require the interim tax bill to be based on 50% of a calculation based on current year's taxable assessment and the last tax rate set by Council. The interim bill will also include 50% of the previous year's sewer service charge. Local improvement charges such as paving charges will not be included in the interim bill. Total local improvement charges due will be included in the official bill to be sent out in October.

Resolution C100124

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that all property owners currently paying a frontage charge be advised, in writing, that their frontage charge will appear in full on the official tax bill to be sent out in October.

Motion carried unanimously.

Woodland Multi-Use Trail Association

The Clerk informed members that the Woodland Multi-Use Trail Association is requesting a letter of support for the development of a trail along the former railway bed starting at the northern end of the Wood's Harbour Multi-Purpose Trail and ending at the Shelburne/Yarmouth County line.

Resolution C100125

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by M. Atkinson that a letter of support be forwarded to the Woodland Multi-Use Trail Association supporting the development of the section of trail identified above.

Motion carried unanimously.

Population Forum

The Clerk informed members that on February 9, 2010 a one day Population Forum will be held at the Old Orchard Inn. The purpose of the forum is to discuss strategies to address labour shortages and declining population of rural communities in Nova Scotia.

Resolution C100126

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that expenses be paid for councillors wishing to attend.

Motion carried unanimously.

South West Shore Development Authority

2010/11 Business Plan for the South West Shore Development Authority

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the South West Shore Development Authority requesting Council to identify priorities to be incorporated into the 2010/2011 Business Plan for the Authority. They are requesting a list of the top 3 or 4 priorities for our municipality.

Town of Clark's Harbour

The Town of Clark's Harbour has advised that they will not become a member of the organization that will be replacing the current South West Shore Development Authority.

Confirmation - Funding Partner

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the South West Shore Development Authority advising that the Board of Directors has extended the date to January 28, 2010 by which each municipal unit in the region should confirm their intention to be funding partners in the operations of the Regional Development Authority for the 2010/2011 year.

Resolution C100127

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that a letter be forwarded to the South West Shore Development Authority in response to their correspondence dated January 21, 2010 advising that the Municipality of Barrington is not prepared at this time to confirm funding for the upcoming fiscal year, and that the Municipality would like to take part in discussions of the development of the new board, and economic development in Shelburne County.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
George El-Jakl
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

Louise Halliday

Motion carried.

The list of priorities were briefly discussed.

Resolution C100128

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the letter to the South West Shore Development Authority also advise that we will respond in a couple of weeks regarding the list of priorities.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C100129

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that the meeting be extended beyond 10:00 p.m. to deal with all items on the agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

At this time a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with the former BMHS lawsuit and a personnel matter.

The Regular Council meeting was then called back to order.

Yearly Increment

Resolution C100130

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that Cameron Whiteway receive his yearly increment effective January 13, 2010.

Motion carried unanimously.

Former BMHS Property

Moved by G. El-Jakl that pending legal advice K. B. Anthony be given sixty (60) days to move to the new well.

There being no seconder the motion was declared lost.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website January 26, 2010.