

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, December 12, 2011.

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported that all councillors representing all districts of the Municipality were present with the exception of Councillor Cecil O'Donnell who was absent due to illness:

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

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

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL RE: PERSONNEL MATTERS

At 6:30 p.m. a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with personnel matters.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

As a result of the Closed Session of Council the following motions were made:

Resolution C111201

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. Stoddard that the performance evaluation prepared for Darren Brown, Property Services Technician, be accepted, and his yearly increment be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C111202

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that the performance evaluation prepared for Shenton Allen, Property Services Technician, be accepted.

Motion carried unanimously.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. Stoddard that the minutes of the last meeting of Council held November 28, 2011 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

POSTER CONTEST PRESENTATION

Anna Kenney, Recreation Director, appeared before the meeting and informed members and the audience that the Litter Clean-up Poster Contest was recently held in all the elementary schools in the area. As a result 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners from FRA, ERMES, Clark's Harbour/Cape Sable Island and the Guiding Light Christian School were selected. All winners were invited to the meeting tonight to receive their prize.

The following is a list of winners and prizes awarded:

Forest Ridge Academy

1 st Place	Dilanya Premachandra	\$20.00
2 nd Place	Hayley Hallett	\$15.00
3 rd Place	Chloe Perry	\$10.00

Clark's Harbour/Cape Sable Island

1 st Place	Amy Goodwin	\$20.00
2 nd Place	Mariah Brannen	\$15.00
3 rd Place	Allissa Stewart	\$10.00

ERMES

1 st Place	Victoria Messenger	\$20.00
2 nd Place	Jenna Cossaboom	\$15.00
3 rd Place	Ethan Shand	\$10.00

Guiding Light Christian Academy

1 st Place	Ryan Jack	\$20.00
2 nd Place	Keigan Shand	\$15.00
3 rd Place	Michelle Jack	\$10.00

The overall winner of the contest was Amy Goodwin from the Clark's Harbour Elementary School. Her prize was \$50.00, plus a T-shirt.

All posters will be made into signs and will be posted along the highway reminding people not to litter.

All students were thanked for taking part in the poster contest.

Resolution C111203

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that letters be sent to all schools with pictures so they realize all schools were involved in the project.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Dangerous Highway Access

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from David Arenburg, Adcor Marketing Ltd., in response to Council's letter expressing concern regarding the dangerous highway access at Tim Horton's in Barrington Passage. Mr. Arenburg advised that he has ordered five large curb barriers to be placed at the end of the five parking spots near the highway right of way.

It was noted that these barriers have already been put in place.

Resolution C111204

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that a letter be forwarded to David Arenburg, Adcor Marketing Ltd., thanking him for his quick response to address this dangerous situation.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion then took place regarding the sign located in the parking lot of Shoppers Drug Mart. Concern has been expressed by residents that the bottom panel of the Shoppers Drug Mart sign obstructs driver's vision when leaving Tim Horton's parking lot.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that the situation is better now that the bottom panel of the sign has been broken.

Resolution C111205

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that a letter be forwarded to Shoppers Drug Mart advising them of the dangerous situation created as a result of the sign in their parking lot which relates to the obstruction of the vision of drivers when exiting Tim Horton's parking lot.

Motion carried unanimously.

Snow's Road, Barrington Passage

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of correspondence received from the Department of Transportation as a result of Council's request to have the speed limit reduced on Snow's Road and the posting of a "Children Playing" sign. The correspondence advised that it is the Department's policy not to post speed limit signs on rural gravel roads, and even if a speed zone were to be considered the lowest speed limit enforceable under the Motor Vehicle Act is 50 kilometers per hour. The letter further advised that it is the Department's policy not to erect generalized "Children Playing" signs. The use of "Children Playing" signs may imply an intention to protect rather than discourage on-roadway play activities.

Resolution C111206

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that a copy of the correspondence received from the Department of Transportation regarding Snow's Road be forwarded to the RCMP.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nova Scotia Office of the Ombudsman Annual Report

Members were advised that a copy of the Nova Scotia Office of the Ombudsman Bilingual Annual Report for the period April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011 has been received. A copy of the report will be kept in the Municipal Office for easy access by councillors.

Region 6 Solid Waste Management

The Clerk informed members that the Municipality of Barrington is one of thirteen (13) members of the Region 6 Solid Waste Management Group. The Group's proposed budget for 2012/2013 is \$183,485.00. Municipal units cost share on a population basis.

Resolution C111207

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality's portion, of the Region 6 Solid Waste Management budget in the amount of \$183,485.00, be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dangerous and Unsightly Premise - Graham Nickerson

Members were made aware of the dangerous and unsightly condition of property located at 510 South Side Road, owned by Graham Nickerson.

The Clerk informed members that numerous attempts have been made since May of 2011 to have Mr. Nickerson address the dangerous and unsightly condition of his property without success.

Staff is now asking that an Order be issued requiring Mr. Nickerson to remedy the condition of his property by removing all debris found on the property such as household waste, construction demolition debris, broken furniture, etc., and disposing of all waste at an approved disposal site. If Mr. Nickerson fails to address the condition of his property within thirty (30) days after service of the Order, the Municipality may enter upon the property without warrant or other legal process and carry out the work specified.

Resolution C111208

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that an Order be issued requiring Mr. Graham Nickerson to address the dangerous and unsightly condition of his property located at 510 South Side Road and that failure to do so may result in the Municipality carrying out the required work. The cost of so doing will be added to Mr. Nickerson's tax account.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

During his report he made reference to the company, Nova Scotia Webcams.com. This company has contacted the Tourism Coordinator, Suzy Atwood, in an attempt to have Shelburne County featured on their website. At present they have placed webcams in all counties in Nova Scotia with the exception of Shelburne County.

Resolution C111209

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that since the Tourism Coordinator, Suzy Atwood, is in the audience, that she be asked to address Council regarding this matter.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Atwood approached Council and advised that she has been in contact with Nova Scotia Webcams.com. The company is interested in having Shelburne County featured on their website and is therefore willing to set up the webcam at a cost of \$2,000.00 and waive the \$99.00 monthly fee should the Municipality be willing to take part in this promotion.

Mrs. Atwood suggested that funds could be taken from other parts of her tourism budget. Mrs. Atwood also suggested that the webcam be located at North East Point Beach which could be positioned in a way to take in activities held there such as the Festival of Lights, lobster pot Christmas tree, boat races, dory races, etc.

Resolution C111210

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipal Clerk be authorized to enter into a legal agreement with Nova Scotia Webcams. com for the installation of a webcam at North East Point Beach, and that funds to carry out this project be taken from the existing tourism budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Tourism Coordinator was then thanked for appearing before Council and providing information on Nova Scotia Webcams.com.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Committee Recommendations

Deputy Warden Messenger reported on committee recommendations.

Wheelchair Access Request at Arena

Correspondence has been received from Debbie Atkinson requesting that a section of the bleachers at the Arena be heated and made wheelchair accessible.

Resolution C111211

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that municipal employees investigate the ability of providing a heated area for handicapped patrons at the Arena.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C111212

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. Stoddard that a letter be sent to Ms. Debbie Atkinson informing her of the action being taken by the Municipality in response to her request.

Motion carried unanimously.

Funding Request Re: Basketball Tournament

Correspondence has been received from Charmaine Perry requesting financial assistance for the BMHS Boys Junior Basketball Tournament planned to take place at BMHS on January 6, 2012. Mrs. Perry is requesting a donation of \$500.00.

Resolution C111213

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that the individual making this request be informed that it does not fit municipal policy, however, the Municipality will donate items for the Christmas basket which is being sold to raise funds for this event.

Motion carried unanimously.

Gas Tax Funds

Resolution C11214

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipality open a separate account that is a segregated interest bearing capital reserve account for the Municipality in order to deposit our Gas Tax Funds in an account unique to those funds only, and the Municipality's Gas Tax Funds be transferred into the new account.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dog By-Law

Resolution C111215

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be included in the next Warden's Report information regarding the proper care for animals during winter months and the proper tethering of animals, including the suggested length of a tether and the location of tethers in regards to obstruction of animals, and that information also be included in the Warden's Report concerning the proper care for pets, especially during winter months.

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by L. Halliday that the above motion be amended by deleting all words following "obstruction of animals".

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion now reads:

Resolution C111216

"...that it be included in the next Warden's Report information regarding the proper care for animals during winter months and the proper tethering of animals, including the suggested length of a tether and the location of tethers in regards to obstruction of animals."

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

It was also agreed that the Warden's Report include the phone number for the local SPCA.

Fire Department Registrations

Resolution C111217

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Clerk be authorized by Council to sign the registration forms for the fire departments.

Motion carried unanimously.

Upper Clyde Road

Resolution C111218

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that correspondence be sent to the Department of Transportation asking them to patch and repair the holes in the chip seal on the Upper Clyde Road.

Motion carried unanimously.

Baccaro Lighthouse Road

Resolution C111219

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Minister of Transportation or the Deputy Minister of Transportation, and our local MLA, be asked to inspect the Baccaro Lighthouse Road and other roads in the Municipality to determine the need for repair of these roads.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed that the Warden or Deputy Warden travel with provincial officials to inspect local roads.

Deputy Warden Messenger

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

Televised Council Meetings

Resolution C111220

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that televised council meetings once again be discussed by the Committee of the Whole Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Louise Halliday

Councillor Halliday gave a brief report on her 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.

Brendan Nickerson

Resolution C111221

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by L. Halliday that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to Brendan Nickerson of South Side for being selected to represent Canada at the 2012 Winter Youth Olympic Games in Innsbruck, Austria, on January 13-22, 2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that Brendan Nickerson is the only player from Nova Scotia who made the roster.

Councillor Murray Atkinson

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

Councillor Shaun Hatfield

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

NEW BUSINESS

Shelburne County E-Smart Project Report

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with an update on the E-Smart Project.

Resolution C111222

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by L. Halliday that a letter of thanks be forwarded to Dixie Redmond for providing the update on the E-Smart Project and make inquiry regarding the number of businesses directly benefitting from the program, whether training is actually taking place at the businesses, and whether extra cost is being incurred by the business.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that Dixie Redmond of the Shelburne County Business Development Centre is scheduled to appear before Council in the new year to provide an update on the E-Smart Project.

CONTINUATION OF CLOSED SESSION RE: PERSONNEL MATTER

At this time a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with a personnel matter.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by M. Atkinson that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website December 14, 2011.