

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 11, 2011.

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

### CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

At 6:45 p.m. a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with personnel matters.

### OPEN SESSION

At 7:00 p.m. the Open Session of Council was begun.

### REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

It was reported that during the Closed Session the performance evaluations of two employees were discussed.

David Andrews - Building Inspector

Resolution C110701

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by C. Stoddard that Mr. David Andrews, Building Inspector/Development Officer/Fire Inspector for the Municipality, receive his annual increment.

Motion carried unanimously.

### DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that the minutes of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Barrington Municipal Council be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Land Crow Neck Beach - East Baccaro

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Department of Natural Resources regarding the Department's preliminary review of lands at Crow Neck Beach, East Baccaro, and public access to it. Their staff have recommended that the property be added to the list of properties the Department should consider buying, if it has funds available. Crow Neck Beach is considered to be ecologically significant coastal land, and if the Department were to purchase the property, it would be for the purpose of conservation and protection, therefore public access might have to be limited due to the need to protect the critical habitat for species at risk. The letter further advised that the Department understands that since the land is now privately owned the public does not currently have access. Any change to this status would need to be discussed further and would not likely be resolved before an acquisition of property would occur.

Seafood Canning Project

Council previously asked that correspondence be forwarded to MP Gerald Keddy and MLA Sterling Belliveau requesting that they verify and clarify specific funding amounts they are committing to the seafood canning project as presented by Mr. James Mood.

Correspondence received from MP Gerald Keddy indicates that the Government of Canada has not committed any federal funds to this project, nor is he aware of any applications that have been made by Mr. Mood for this project. In his letter, he stated that Mr. Mood needs to draft a Stand Alone Business Plan and put that plan forward to various funding organizations along with an application for funding. Once Mr. Mood's business plan is completed, he indicated that he would be happy to meet with him to discuss it in further detail to see if there was any role that the federal government can play in this venture.

Correspondence has also been received from MLA Sterling Belliveau which confirms that he has met with Mr. Mood and his colleagues several times to discuss the seafood canning project. Mr. Belliveau advised that it is his understanding that a business plan is being prepared which will be submitted to the appropriate government departments for funding consideration upon its completion. No funding has been committed to this project at this time.

SWSDA Guarantee and Creditor's Meeting

The Clerk informed members that as a result of Council request correspondence has been received from Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations which advised that the Department was not involved in any of the discussions or negotiations at the time between the Municipality, SWSDA and the bank, and therefore the Department does not have any information on the \$10,000 discrepancy between the Loan Guarantee and the amount approved by Barrington Municipal Council.

Correspondence has also been received from the Office of the Ombudsman which advised that the only explanation for the discrepancy they became aware of was the one provided by the Municipal Clerk which indicated that the Municipal Council approved a Loan Guarantee in the amount of \$82,250.00, however the document signed guaranteed \$92,250.00. It was explained as being an oversight.

The Clerk also informed members that correspondence has been received from Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations thanking Council for honoring the Loan Guarantee in the amount of \$91,230.44.

The Clerk informed members that he had received a call from the Municipal Advisor, Paul Wills, advising that the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations will be in the area to meet with councils on August 9, 2011. The Minister is tentatively scheduled to meet with Barrington Municipal Council at 2:00 p.m. This will be confirmed prior to August 9<sup>th</sup> by email.

At this time further discussion took place regarding the \$10,000 discrepancy and the SWSDA Loan Guarantee. It was noted that the South West Shore Development Authority funding was based on a percentage, based on population, and therefore the discrepancy may have been due to a calculation error.

Resolution C110701A

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter be sent to the South West Shore Development Authority and highlight the discrepancy between the formal requested amount they asked be guaranteed by the Municipality of Barrington, and also asking if they have information pertaining to the discrepancy between the amount approved by Council and the amount contained in the guarantee documents.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk informed members that the first meeting of creditors was held on July 5, 2011 in Yarmouth. At that meeting it was agreed that the meeting would be adjourned and continued on July 20, 2011 at which time the proposal as prepared by Grant Thornton Limited will be considered. The proposal was discussed in detail.

Resolution C110702

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipal Clerk, Brian Holland, be authorized to attend the July 20, 2011 creditor's meeting as a creditor on behalf of the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C110703

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipal Clerk be given direction to accept the proposal to be presented at the creditor's meeting scheduled for July 20, 2011.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Western Counties Regional Library - Summer Reading Club

A letter was received from the Western Counties Regional Library thanking Council for sponsoring their childrens' summer reading club by providing 10 pairs of passes for public swimming at the Barrington Municipal Pool.

Amendments to the Nova Scotia Building Code Requirements

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with correspondence received from the Minister of Labour and Advanced Education regarding amendments to the Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations. Amendments will allow building officials to continue to accept windows, doors and skylights manufactured to the previous CSA Standards for a period of time. This adjustment was made necessary to provide an orderly transition from the former CSA Standard to the new harmonized North American Manufacturing Standard.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Murray Atkinson

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

Councillor Atkinson reported on recommendations to Council.

Bay Side Home Grant

Resolution C110704

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Hatfield that a letter be sent to the Directors of Bay Side Home Corporation regarding the Municipality's previous offer of funds to Bay Side Home and request if there are any projects requiring such funding.

Motion carried unanimously.

Minister's Order Re: SWSDA Guarantee

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that a resolution be drafted and provided to the Policy Advisor for the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities for his review and comment.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

George El-Jakl  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Cathy Stoddard

**NEGATIVE**

Murray Atkinson  
Louise Halliday  
Shaun Hatfield  
Cecil O'Donnell

Motion defeated.

Snow's Road Request Re: D.O.T.

Resolution C110705

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Department of Transportation be requested to reduce the speed limit on Snow's Road in Barrington Passage as this is primarily a residential area where traffic has been increased in recent times due to the establishment of a new business on the road, and that a "children playing" sign be requested to be placed on the road as there are children present on the road.

Motion carried unanimously.

Regional Development Authority

Resolution C110706

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipality support, in principle, the establishment of a new Regional Development Authority and request that the affairs of the South West Shore Development Authority be concluded prior to starting any new body.

Motion carried unanimously.

Sou' West Nova Metis Association Request

Resolution C110707

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality loan 4 picnic tables and 4 garbage cans to the Sou' West Nova Metis Association for their powwow and that these be returned in good condition to the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Grant Requests

Resolution C110708

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by C. Stoddard that a grant of \$400.00 be provided to the Greenhill Senior Citizens Club, and that a grant of \$400.00 be provided to the Society for the Preservation of the Greenhill Community Church from the District 4 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C110709

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that a grant of \$500.00 be provided to the Barrington Hillside Cemetery Society from the District 3 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C110710

**Moved** by M. Atkinson and seconded by L. Halliday that a grant of \$500.00 be provided to the Chapel Hill Historical Society for repairs to the Temperance Hall and that the funds be provided from the District 2 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C110711

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that a grant of \$500.00 be provided from the District 2 Community Grants Funds to the Old Farm Cemetery.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C110712

**Moved** by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. Stoddard that a grant of \$670.00 be provided to the Newellton Community Hall from the District 6 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C110713

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by S. Hatfield that a grant of \$1,000.00 be provided to the White Lily Cemetery from the District 7 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Resolution C110714

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that a grant of \$750.00 be provided to the Atlantic Cemetery Club from the District 5 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C110715

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that a grant of \$750.00 be provided to the Old Kirk Cemetery from the District 5 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C110716

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that a grant of \$1,000.00 be provided to the Stoney Island Community Club pending provision of their financial statements from the District 5 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that contact had been made with the Stoney Island Community Club regarding their financial statements. The Stoney Island Community Club has advised that the financial statements for the Atlantic Cemetery Club are the same as those for the Stoney Island Community Club. Financial records are kept jointly for both clubs. One club is responsible for the cemetery and the other club is responsible for the community hall.

Resolution C110717

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that a grant of \$500.00 be provided to the Do for Others Club in Wood's Harbour from the District 1 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C110718

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that a grant of \$1,000.00 be provided to the Samuel Wood Historical Society from the District 1 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Department of Transportation Issue

Resolution C110719

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Hatfield that a letter be sent to the local Department of Transportation Area Supervisor, Mr. Benny Acker, and to the MLA for Shelburne County, requesting that they view the Lighthouse Road in Baccaro and determine what can be done to

improve the road.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Shaun Hatfield

Councillor Hatfield gave a brief report on his 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.

Councillor Cecil O'Donnell

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

Councillor Louise Halliday

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

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

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

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

NEW BUSINESS

C & D Landfill Position & Job Description

The Clerk informed members that as contained in the Municipal Budget the new position to be created at the C & D Landfill will be advertised. The Clerk requested permission to advertise the position both internally and externally at the same time. The job description was also circulated to members in advance for consideration.

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Resolution C110720

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that the job description for Property Services Technician - C & D Landfill be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C110721



**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipal Clerk be authorized to advertise the Property Services Technician - C & D Landfill position both internally and externally at the same time.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### V.I.C. Stats

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of the V.I.C. Stats Report for the period May 16<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011. To date, there has been a decrease in visitors of 13% over last year. The majority of visitors are from Nova Scotia looking for information about the local area, including museums, lighthouses, beaches, UFO Site and Cape Sable Island.

#### Trail Benches

Correspondence has been received from Sherman Embree, Secretary of the Woodland Multi-Use Trail Association. Mr. Embree advised that the Shelburne County ATV Association and the Woodland Multi-Use Trail Association co-operate on a fundraiser by selling concrete trail benches. They have many requests to have these benches installed on the Municipality of Barrington's trails in Wood's Harbour and Barrington. Mr. Embree is asking whether the Municipality would like to have benches located on their trails. It was noted that these benches would be placed on the trails at no charge to the Municipality.

#### Resolution C110722

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipality accept the offer from the Woodland Multi-Use Trail Association to place benches along the trails located in the Municipality of Barrington and that the locations for placement of benches be identified by Municipal Staff.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Request for Funding - Birding Festival

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with correspondence received from Mr. Jerry Locke, Director, Community & Economic Development, Town of Shelburne. Mr. Locke is requesting that Council consider funding the Shorebird Festival scheduled to be held August 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>.

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#### Resolution C110723

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by M. Atkinson that the request for funding of the Shorebird Festival be referred to the Committee of the Whole for consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Moved** by D. Messenger that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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Warden

Clerk

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website July 15, 2011.**