

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Tuesday, April 26, 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 a personnel matter.

### DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that the minutes of the last meeting of Council held April 11, 2011 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### PROPERTY VALUATION SERVICES CORPORATION INFORMATION SESSION

Alex MacDonald, Chris Kent and Alfred d'Entremont, of Property Valuation Services Corporation, appeared before the meeting.

Chris Kent addressed Council and provided information on property assessment in Nova Scotia. He provided information on appraisals, market value, residential and commercial data collection, etc.

Property Valuation Services Corporation representatives were thanked for appearing before Council and making their presentation.

PROCLAMATION - BUILDING SAFETY WEEK, MAY 8-14, 2011

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a draft proclamation for Building Safety Week, May 8-14, 2011.

The Warden read the following proclamation and declared May 8-14, 2011 as Building Safety Week in the Municipality of Barrington:

**WHEREAS**, our Municipality's continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency and sustainability in the built environment that affect our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, give us confidence that our structures are safe and sound, and;

**WHEREAS**, our confidence is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians - building officials, architects, engineers, builders, laborers and others in the construction industry - who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings, and;

**WHEREAS**, the National Building Code, the most widely adopted building safety, energy and fire prevention codes in the nation are used, these modern building codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms and earthquakes, and;

**WHEREAS**, *Building Safety Week* is sponsored by the Nova Scotia Building Officials Association, to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of public safety - our local building officials - who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings, and;

**WHEREAS**, *Building Safety Week 2011*, encourages all Canadians to raise awareness of the importance of building safety; green and sustainable building; and new technologies in the construction industry. *Building Safety Week 2011*, encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe and sustainable, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local municipalities, and;

**WHEREAS**, each year, in observance of *Building Safety Week*, Canadians are asked to consider projects to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by our local Building Officials, provincial and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

**THEREFORE**, I Warden George El-Jakl of the Municipality of the District of Barrington do hereby proclaim the week of May 8 to 14, 2011, as *Building Safety Week*. Accordingly, I encourage our citizens to join with their communities in participation in *Building Safety Week* activities.

## MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

### Taskforce South West

The Clerk informed members that an email has been received from Toby Koffman thanking Council for their letter, and advising that he was glad to hear that the Municipality of Barrington will be sending a Council representative to future Taskforce meetings, and stated that he would ensure that the Municipality is copied on future correspondence.

The Clerk also informed members that correspondence has been received from Wayne Hamilton inviting mayors and wardens to meet with members of Taskforce South West on April 27, 2011.

### FCM Conference Booth

The Clerk informed members that as a result of our letter to all municipal units in Shelburne County, asking them to partner with us in funding and staffing a booth at the FCM Conference, only one response has been received, and that response was from the Town of Clark's Harbour and they have advised that the Town is unable to provide funding for the proposal.

### Left-Hand Curling Team

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of the letter received from Robert Cushing of the Left-Handers Curling Team thanking Council for their financial support provided under the Activities Funds Policy. The team participated in the 38<sup>th</sup> Left Handers World Curling Championship in Oakville, Ontario, May 31<sup>st</sup> to April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Regional Development Authority

The Clerk informed members that as a result of Council's letter to the other municipal units in Shelburne County asking whether they would be interested in discussing and establishing a Regional Development Authority for the County, the following responses have been received:

- Town of Clark's Harbour - has no interest in being part of a Regional Development Authority until all issues with the former South West Shore Development Authority have been settled.
- Town of Lockeport - Council and the Town Clerk have been participating in the development of a new structure for a Regional Development Authority. The Regional Development Authority will be functioning very soon and it is hoped that all nine municipal units that were represented by the former South West Shore Development Authority will be the members of the newly established agency.
- Municipality of Shelburne - is pleased to discuss the option of an RDA for Shelburne County.
- Town of Shelburne - no response received.

The Clerk informed members that Clerks and CAOs of the nine municipal units that participated in the former South West Shore Development Authority have been meeting to discuss a new Regional Development Authority. The Clerk informed members that it is anticipated that the proposal will be prepared during the month of May and will be presented to individual councils at that time.

Council agreed to wait until after a proposal is presented by the Clerks and CAOs before further discussing the creation of a Regional Development Authority.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

##### Disposal of Organics - Fees

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Region of Queens Municipality advising that effective April 1, 2011 the total fee, including transportation, for the disposal of organics, will be increased to \$132.64.

#### REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

##### Councillor Cecil O'Donnell

##### Police Advisory Board

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

On April 21, 2011 he attended the Police Advisory Board Meeting. At this meeting Sgt. Forbes indicated that it would be beneficial for his Detachment to have a 4-wheel drive vehicle to be used in case of emergencies such as flooding and search & rescue operations.

##### Resolution C110418

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that a letter of support be forwarded to Sgt. Forbes for the purchase of a 4-wheel drive vehicle for the Barrington RCMP Detachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

##### 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.

##### 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.

Councillor Cathy Stoddard

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

ICSP Planner

During her report she informed members that Karen Dempsey, ICSP Planner, has finished her term with the District Planning Commission.

Resolution C110419

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter of thanks be forwarded to Karen Dempsey for the advice and guidance she provided to members during the development of the ICSP Plan and review of the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law for the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tourism Committee

Councillor Stoddard also reported to members that Discover Shelburne County and the Tourism Committee have now amalgamated into one.

Recommendations from Committees

Councillor Stoddard reported on recommendations from committees.

Yarmouth Hospital Foundation Spring Gala

Resolution C110420

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality sponsor a table of eight (8) at the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation Spring Gala by making a donation of \$1,200.00 and that the seats at the table sponsored by the Municipality of Barrington also be sold to the public at the price of \$150.00 each in order to raise additional funds for the Foundation.

Motion carried unanimously.

Cost of Living Adjustment

Resolution C110421

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Personnel Policy be amended to indicate that any cost of living increase up to 2.5% be automatically granted each year and that any cost of living adjustment over 2.5% be referred to Council for confirmation in any given year.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Murray Atkinson  
Louise Halliday  
Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Cecil O'Donnell  
Cathy Stoddard

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

During discussion of this motion it was noted that this relates to the cost of living adjustment for municipal staff only.

Barrington Fire Department Request

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality pay the excavator bill for the use of an excavator at a fire located at Civic #830 in Oak Park and that a letter be sent to the Fire Chiefs Committee giving them direction as to how to proceed in future.

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the above motion be amended by deleting all wording after the word "Park".

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Murray Atkinson  
Louise Halliday  
Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Cecil O'Donnell  
Cathy Stoddard

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

The amended motion now reads as follows:

Resolution C110422

“...that the Municipality pay the excavator bill for the use of an excavator at a fire located at Civic #830 in Oak Park.”

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Murray Atkinson  
Louise Halliday  
Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Cecil O'Donnell  
Cathy Stoddard

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Fire Chiefs Meeting Motions

Resolution C110423

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipal Clerk provide the information necessary to the Barrington Volunteer Fire Department to put in place an appropriate Area Fire Rate.

Motion carried unanimously.

Nova Scotia Boat Racers Association Request

Resolution C110424

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Nova Scotia Boat Racers Association be given permission to hold their Fun Day on municipal property at the Cape Sable Island Causeway pending their provision of proof of insurance to the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dory Club Request

Resolution C110425

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Queen of Hearts Dory Club be given permission to place an 8 X 12 building on municipal property near the Causeway at McGray Avenue providing it has been confirmed that the proper insurance is in place and they provide a statement of indemnification to the Municipality from any resulting liabilities, and that the building be removed at the end of the 2011 rowing year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Property Services Department Summer Staff

Resolution C110426

**Moved** by C. Stoddard and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality hire two students for the summer months in the Property Services Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council. During his report the topic of “bullying in our schools” was brought up.

Bullying

Resolution C110427

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Tri-County Regional School Board be asked what action is being taken by the Board to address bullying in schools and representatives be invited to attend an upcoming Council meeting to talk to Council regarding their bullying policy.

Motion carried unanimously.

Council agreed that once this meeting is scheduled with School Board representatives that all local schools be advised of the date and time when Board representatives will be discussing this topic with Council.

Memorandum of Understanding

The Warden also reported that he had received a letter from Keith Colwell who is the critic for Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations citing the recent announcement that the Provincial Government will not be honoring the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding regarding mandatory payments on province-wide services. Council is being asked to provide analysis and research that the Municipality has completed detailing how we will deal with the increased financial burden by the cancellation of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Resolution C110428

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that The Honourable Keith Colwell be thanked for his interest and concern, and be advised that he can obtain the information he is requesting from the UNSM since the UNSM represent all 55 municipal units.

Motion carried unanimously.



EVALUATION PERFORMANCE

The Warden informed members that an evaluation package has been circulated to all members regarding the evaluation of the Municipal Clerk. Members were asked to carry out the evaluation and a meeting will be set to discuss the results with the Clerk.

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

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

NEW BUSINESS

Organizational Study Motion

Resolution C110429

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by L. Halliday that notice be given to rescind Resolution C110241 contained in the February 28, 2011 Council minutes.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Louise Halliday  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Cecil O'Donnell  
Cathy Stoddard

**NEGATIVE**

Murray Atkinson  
George El-Jakl  
Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried.

Resolution No. C110241 will be reconsidered at the May 9, 2011 Council Meeting.

Budget Meetings

The Clerk questioned whether the budget meetings to be held on May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> are to be advertised.

It was agreed that the budget meetings be advertised on our municipal website only.

Activities Fund Request

An application has been received from Shelburne & Area Youth Bowling for funding under the Activities Fund Policy. The group is requesting funding in the amount of \$200.00 to assist with the cost of sending 6 youth bowlers and 2 coaches to the Nationals which will be held in Regina on May 6-9, 2011.

Resolution C110430

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that the Shelburne and Area Youth Bowling organization be advised that the Municipality is unable to provide funding at this time, since the 2011/12 budget has not yet been approved, and wish them all the best at Nationals.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

---

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

---

Warden

Clerk

---

Secretary for the Meeting

**On website April 28, 2011.**