

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, February 14, 2011.

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

ROLL CALL

The Deputy 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

- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk, absent due to illness.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held January 17th and February 7th, 2011, and the Regular Council Meeting held January 24, 2011 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Tabled Motion Re: Arena Ice Cancellation Policy

It was reported that at the January 10, 2011 Council meeting the following motion was tabled:

“Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Arena Ice Cancellation Policy be amended to provide for a 72 hour notification.”

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that the above motion be amended to make the change effective for the 2011/12 season.

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion now reads:

Resolution C110201

“...that the Arena Ice Cancellation Policy be amended to provide for a 72 hour notification for the 2011/12 season.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

The above motion serves as notice. Actual amendments to the policy will be considered at the next meeting of Council.

Tabled Motion Re: Logs at Brown’s Pit Road

During discussion of this matter it was realized that the tabled motion should be brought forward at a Committee of the Whole meeting, not Council.

Resolution C110202

Moved by C. O’Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that the matter be referred back to the Committee of the Whole.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Shelburne County Mutual Aid Supper

Correspondence has been received inviting a Council representative to attend the Shelburne County Mutual Aid Supper on March 19, 2011. The Council representative is also being asked to provide a brief speech.

Resolution C110203

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that any councillor wishing to attend the supper be permitted to do so at municipal expense and that Councillor Stoddard provide the speech on behalf of the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Day of the Honey Bee

Correspondence has been received from Clinton Shane Ekdahl requesting Council to proclaim May 29, 2011 as the Day of the Honey Bee.

Resolution C110204

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Council Videos

The Municipal Clerk had previously informed councillors that Mr. Rick Davis is unable to continue broadcasting council meetings.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that the Town of Yarmouth Council meetings are now televised by Eastlink Cable.

Resolution C110205

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that Eastlink Cable once again be contacted to obtain information on having the Barrington Municipal Council meetings televised.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C110106

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by M. Atkinson that the matter concerning the web broadcasting of Council meetings be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Minister of Transportation - Clyde Bridge

Correspondence has been received from the Minister of Transportation in response to our letter dated January 13, 2011 regarding the Clyde River Bridge. The letter advised that the Department closed the bridge to one lane of traffic on November 26, 2010 as a result of damage to the steel expansion joint at the east end of the bridge. Due to storm damage to a large number of bridges earlier in the month, the bridge maintenance crew was unable to start repairs until January 4, 2011. Much of the repair work involved steel fabrication that was completed off site and would explain why the crew was not seen working at the bridge each day. Repairs to the bridge were completed on January 19, 2011 and the bridge is once again open to two lanes of traffic.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Murray Atkinson

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

Councillor Shaun Hatfield

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

Councillor Cathy Stoddard

Councilor Stoddard provided a brief report on her activities since the last meeting of Council.

Councillor Stoddard also informed members that at a recent meeting of the C.S.I. Sewer Committee it was agreed that a public meeting would be held on Cape Sable Island to bring residents up to date on plans for the C.S.I. Sewer. CBCL will also be present at this public meeting.

Councillor Cecil O'Donnell

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

Councillor O'Donnell also provided a copy of the Terms of Reference provided by the Fire Chief's Committee. Terms of Reference will be copied and circulated to members.

Councillor Louise Halliday

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

Councillor Halliday also informed members that she attended the presentation of the Gulf of Maine Environment Visionary Award presented by the Minister of Environment, the Honourable Sterling Belliveau, to the BMHS Environment Club.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

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

She also informed members that she, as well, attended the presentation of the Gulf of Maine Environment Visionary Award and informed members that the BMHS Environment Club are collecting used ink cartridges and cell phones as a fundraiser for their group.

Resolution C110207

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to the BMHS Environment Club and that they be thanked for the invitation extended to councillors to attend the Award presentation.

Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations to Council

Councillor Shaun Hatfield reported on the Committee Recommendations.

Committee of the Whole Council, Semi-Annual Meeting with Fire Departments, January 31, 2011

Resolution C110208

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the loan request from the Shag Harbour/Bear Point Volunteer Fire Department for the purpose of purchasing breathing apparatuses under the Emergency Services Provider Fund be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C110209

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by C. Stoddard that the report provided by the Fire Chief's Committee containing the operating guidelines for the Municipality of Barrington Fire Chief's Committee be approved as provided, and that the Fire Chief's Committee be authorized to amend the guidelines as necessary.

Motion carried unanimously.

Committee of the Whole Council Meeting, February 3, 2011

Arena Equipment Use

Resolution C110210

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by D. Messenger that the Rosalin Nickerson Care Fund be permitted to use a portion of the staging owned by the Municipality for their *Walk for the Cause* fundraising event to be held on September 9, 2011 at the Barrington Regional Curling Club, providing they accept the responsibilities for the cost of any repairs or replacement should the staging be damaged.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tax Write-Off - Eddie and Sons Fisheries Ltd.

Resolution C110211

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the balance of approximately \$2,130.00 on the deleted Account #06378684, in the name of Eddie & Sons Fisheries Ltd., be written off as it is deemed to be uncollectible.

Motion carried unanimously.

Municipal Physical Activity Leadership Program

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that a letter be sent to the Town of Clark's Harbour requesting their support for the program so that the program can be conducted in the Town, and also any possible funding contribution they may be able to make in the next fiscal year.

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the above motion be amended by deleting the word "conducted in" and inserting the words "shared with".

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion now reads:

Resolution C110212

"...that a letter be sent to the Town of Clark's Harbour requesting their support for the program so that the program can be shared with the Town, and also any possible funding contribution they may be able to make in the next fiscal year."

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

Noise By-Law

Resolution C110213

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipality proceed with the adoption of a Noise By-Law based on the model by-law provided by Service Nova Scotia.

Motion carried unanimously.

Vernon d'Eon Sign Request

Resolution C110214

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by L. Halliday that a letter be sent to Vernon d'Eon Lobster Plugs stating the reasons why it is not desirable to place a sign at the suggested location, and providing the alternatives for placing a sign near the business operation.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Dimestore Fishermen

Resolution C110215

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by L. Halliday that The Dimestore Fishermen be thanked for their correspondence and be informed that the Municipality is not interested in their proposal at this time.

Motion carried unanimously.

Frelick Property

Since the Frelick property is no longer being considered as a site for the sewage treatment plant for the sewer on Cape Sable Island the Agreement of Sale has been allowed to lapse. The solicitor for Mr. Frelick is requesting the Municipality to reimburse costs of \$1,300.00 to Mr. Frelick. These costs were incurred in order to obtain legal advice regarding the Agreement of Sale and communication with both his daughter and his son who live some distance from the Municipality. Mr. Frelick is requesting that \$300.00 be paid to him in addition to the \$1,000.00 deposit to help defray costs incurred.

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipality reimburse Mr. Frelick's cost in relation to the purchase of his property in the amount of \$1,300.00.

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that the above motion be amended requesting a legal invoice be provided supporting this amount.

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion now reads:

Resolution C110216

“...that the Municipality reimburse Mr. Frelick's cost in relation to the purchase of his property in the amount of \$1,300.00 and request that a legal invoice be provided supporting this amount.”

Resolution C110217

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that the above amended motion be tabled and this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Women in Local Government

Resolution C110218

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality provide funding of \$300.00 per year for the next three years to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities for the Women in Local Government Bursary.

Motion carried unanimously.

Wood's Harbour Days Grant Request

Resolution C110219

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that a grant of \$1,000.00 from the District 1 Community Grants Fund be provided to the Wood's Harbour Days Committee for the related event to be held in June of 2011.

Motion carried unanimously.

Bay Side Home

Resolution C110220

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipal Solicitor be requested to investigate the ownership of Bay Side Home and its relationship to the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Committee of the Whole Council Meeting, February 7, 2011

Senior Services Funding Request

Resolution C110221

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by C. Stoddard that funding be approved for Shelburne County Senior Services in the amount of \$7,590.88 providing other municipal units in the County also provide their proportional funding.

Motion carried unanimously.

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Murray Atkinson declared conflict of interest, vacated his seat and proceeded to the spectator area. Councillor Atkinson is a member of the team that will be attending the 38th Left Handers' World Curling Championship.

Resolution C110222

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that a grant of \$200.00 be provided to the curling team competing in the 38th Left Handers' World Curling Championship providing they take municipal promotional material with them for distribution at the championships.

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell

NEGATIVE

Louise Halliday
Cathy Stoddard

Motion carried.

Resolution C110223

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Activities Funds Policy be reviewed at a future meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Atkinson returned to his seat

Shelburne County Lobster Festival Grant Request

Resolution C110224

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that a grant of \$300.00 be provided to the Shelburne County Lobster Festival for 2011.

Motion carried unanimously.

Roseway Medical Clinic Renovation

Resolution C110225

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality provide a letter of support for the funding of the renovation of the Roseway Medical Clinic to be sent to the Minister of Health.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson

George El-Jakl

Louise Halliday

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

Shaun Hatfield

Cecil O'Donnell

Motion carried.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Proposed Economic Development Policy

Notice of Consideration of the adoption of the new Economic Development Policy was given at the last meeting of Council. During discussion of this matter it was suggested that a new item #10 be added which would read as follows:

- 10. Under this policy the Municipality of Barrington reserves exclusive rights to withhold any grant in part or in whole where there is insufficient verification of project completion to warrant payment of such.**

Resolution C110226

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the proposed Economic Development Policy be amended by adding Section 10 as indicated above.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C110227

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Economic Development Policy be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

Notice of Consideration to amend Arena Policy Re: Defibrillator

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with proposed amendments to the Arena Policy dealing with the defibrillator.

Notice is given tonight that consideration of the amendment will take place at the next meeting of Council.

Notice of Consideration to amend Personnel Policy Re: Christmas Break

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of proposed amendments to the Personnel Policy dealing with the Christmas Break.

It is proposed that a new section 27A.01 be added to the Personnel Policy which will read as follows:

- 27A.01 At the discretion of the majority of employees of these offices, the Municipal Office and the Building Inspection Office may be closed between Christmas and New Year's each year. If offices are closed during this period of time, employees are required to take time from accumulated vacation, overtime, or without pay.**

Notice is given tonight that consideration of the above amendments to the Personnel Policy will

take place at the next meeting of Council.

Volunteer Week

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Murray Atkinson declared conflict of interest, vacated his seat and proceeded to the spectator area. Councillor Atkinson's daughter was one of the individuals nominated for the volunteer award.

It was reported that Volunteer Week 2011 will be held April 10th - 16th. The Provincial Volunteer Banquet will be held on Monday, April 4th, in Halifax, and the local volunteer banquet will be held on Tuesday, April 12th, in Barrington.

An evaluation of the nominations was carried out by councillors.

Resolution C110228

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that Wayne Mullins be recognized as the Volunteer of the Year for the Municipality of Barrington for 2011.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C110229

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that letters be forwarded to all volunteers nominated thanking them for all their hard work and dedication and advising them that it is very difficult to select just one volunteer since all nominees are very deserving of the award.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by M. Atkinson that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Warden

Secretary for the Meeting

On website February 17, 2011.

