

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, August 27, 2012.

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

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held August 13, 2012 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Beach Access - North East Point Beach Observation Deck

Members were advised that beach access has been provided from the observation deck located at North East Point Beach. Pictures were circulated for review by members.

CORRESPONDENCE

Sou'West Nova Transit - Launch Ceremony

It was reported that an invitation has been received from the Sou'West Nova Transit Association inviting councillors and staff to attend their launch celebration and ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, September 20, 2012, at 2:00 p.m.

Resolution C120817

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that expenses be paid for any councillor wishing to attend the South West Nova Transit Association Launch Celebration on September 20, 2012, in Shelburne.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Halliday indicated that she would be attending the launch celebration and ribbon cutting ceremony.

Roseway Hospital After Hours Closure

An invitation has been received from the Town of Shelburne for a Council representative to attend a meeting with South West Health officials to discuss their announcement that Roseway Hospital will be discontinuing overnight services. The meeting will be held on September 4, 2012, at 10:30 a.m., in the Town of Shelburne Council Chambers.

It was agreed that the Warden would attend the meeting, and in his absence the Deputy Warden would attend.

Resolution C120818

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that expenses be paid for a Council representative to attend the meeting to be held on September 4, 2012 with South West Health officials regarding Roseway Hospital after hours closure.

Motion carried unanimously.

WARDEN'S REPORT

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

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Cathy Stoddard

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

Councillor Stoddard also reported on recommendations of the Committee of the Whole Council.

Generator for Library

Resolution C120819

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Hatfield that a letter be sent to Ms. Sally Nickerson indicating that:

1. The Municipality funds the provision of generators to provide essential services such as heat, food, and shelter during power outages.
2. This funding from other levels of government for this purpose has been reduced this year and therefore funds from other sources are no longer available.
3. Ms. Nickerson is to be thanked for her letter.

Motion carried unanimously.

Roseway Hospital Switchboard Closing

Resolution C120820

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded M. Atkinson that the Municipality support the fire departments in Eastern Shelburne County by providing a letter to the District Health Authority objecting to the closing of the Roseway Hospital switchboard as proposed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Woodland Multi-Use Trail Request

Resolution C120821

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality host a public meeting in which the Woodland Multi-Use Trail Association would be asked to make a presentation, and to invite public comment concerning the use of the Barrington Bay Trail. This public meeting would deal with the use of the entirety of the Barrington Bay Trail.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Louise Halliday

Motion carried.

It was noted that advertisements will be placed in the newspaper and on the radio to inform the public of this meeting.

Resolution C120822

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that a representative of the local RCMP also be invited to attend this meeting.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Louise Halliday

Motion carried.

Provincial Liberal Caucus Invitation

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Nova Scotia Provincial Liberal Caucus be invited to Barrington to meet with Municipal Council to explain how they intend to discontinue the monopoly of Nova Scotia Power Inc.

Conflict of Interest

Deputy Warden Messenger declared conflict of interest, vacated her seat and proceeded to the spectator area. Deputy Warden Messenger is currently receiving survivor benefits from Nova Scotia Power.

After much discussion the above motion was withdrawn.

Resolution C120823

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Nova Scotia Provincial Liberal Caucus be invited to Barrington to meet with Municipal Council or Committee of the Whole Council to discuss various issues.

Motion carried unanimously.

Pirate County

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that the "Pirate County" Initiative be referred to the Shelburne County Tourism Coordinator.

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the above motion be amended indicating that we endorse this initiative.

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion now reads as follows:

Resolution C120824

"...that the "Pirate County" Initiative be endorsed by the Municipality of Barrington and be referred to the Shelburne County Tourism Coordinator."

Motion carried unanimously.

Locum Request from Dr. Yee

Dr. Yee has requested payment for room and board for a locum to serve one week during the month of December 2012. This coverage would not be paid through the Department of Health as it exceeds the 30 day allowance provided by them each year.

Resolution C120825

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that the Municipality fund the locum request for one week during the month of December as requested by Dr. Yee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dog By-Law

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality contact the Department of Natural Resources to obtain permission to place signs at North East Point Beach and Sand Hills Beach requiring dogs to be on tethers or leashes at these locations.

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that the above motion be amended to indicate signs be posted at a later date should Council decide to do so.

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion now reads as follows:

Resolution C120826

"...that the Municipality contact the Department of Natural Resources to obtain permission to place signs at North East Point Beach and the Sand Hills Beach requiring dogs to be on tethers or leashes at these locations and signs be posted at a later date should Council decide to do so.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C120827

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the letter to the Department of Natural Resources also request permission to post signs at beaches informing dog owners of our current municipal by-law which states that all dogs must be under the control of the owner at all times.

Motion carried unanimously.

Acadian Seaplants

It was reported that correspondence has been received from the Minister of Environment indicating that both the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Environment staff have been in contact with Acadian Seaplants about the noise issue. As a result Acadian Seaplants are taking steps to address the concerns of local residents.

Resolution C120828

Moved by M. Atkinson and seconded by L. Halliday that a letter be sent to Ms. Astrid Neumann indicating the response that has been received from the Minister of Environment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C120829

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by S. Hatfield that a letter be sent to the Minister thanking him for his reply and indicating to him that Council would like to meet with the Minister and representatives of Acadian Seaplants Ltd. and concerned residents to discuss the noise emitted at the facility in Charlesville.

Motion carried unanimously.

Barrington Ice Dogs Logo Agreement

Resolution C120830

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the logo agreement with the Barrington Sea Star Junior C Ice Dogs hockey team be renewed for another two years.

AFFIRMATIVE

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Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

Louise Halliday

Motion carried.

Fire Department Vehicle Rescue Challenge

Correspondence has been received requesting the Municipality to provide \$500.00 for meals and lodging and 120 municipal pins so that a team of firefighters from the Wood's Harbour/Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department and the Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department may attend the Fire Department Vehicle Rescue Challenge in Enfield, Nova Scotia.

Councillor Stoddard informed members that it is being recommended by the Committee of the Whole Council that correspondence be sent to the fire departments indicating that there are no funds remaining in the Municipal Grants Fund, and therefore the Municipality is unable to provide the funds, and that pins will be provided as requested.

This recommendation was not acted upon by Council.

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that \$500.00 be taken from the advertising budget to be provided to the fire departments as requested for their participation in the Fire Department Vehicle Rescue Challenge.

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Hatfield that the above motion be amended to include the supply of 120 lapel pins.

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion now reads:

Resolution C120831

"...that \$500.00 be taken from the advertising budget to be provided to the fire departments as requested for their participation in the Fire Department Vehicle Rescue Challenge and to include a supply of 120 lapel pins."

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Louise Halliday
Cathy Stoddard

Motion carried.

Resolution C120832

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that "Additions to the Agenda" be added to the agenda for the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting for discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Exit Sign at the Intersection

The Exit sign at the intersection of Highway 3 and the Oak Park Road has been struck by trucks at various times and has now been bent significantly as a result of recently being struck by a truck.

Resolution C120833

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by M. Atkinson that a letter be sent to the local Department of Transportation Office requesting that the sign be moved to a better location to avoid being struck by vehicles.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

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

Resolution C120834

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that a letter be written to the Barrington District Federation of Agriculture congratulating them on the success of the 2012 Municipal Exhibition.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C120835

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that a letter of thanks be forwarded to Mr. Howard Lamrock for his many years of service to the Barrington Municipal Exhibition.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Louise Halliday

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

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Councillor Shaun Hatfield

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NEW BUSINESS

Tax Sale Report

It was reported that on Monday, August 13, 2012, the Municipality of Barrington held a Tax Sale in the Courtroom, in the Administrative Centre, at 10:00 a.m. There were 23 properties sold in total, 11 of which were purchased by private citizens, and the remaining 12 were purchased by the Municipality.

Consideration of Amendments - Policy 58 - Playground Funding Policy

Notice of consideration of amendments to Policy No. 58 "Playground Funding Policy", was given at the August 13, 2012 Council meeting. It is proposed that the policy be amended to provide for a maximum grant of \$2,500.00 to be cost shared on a 50/50 basis. These amendments will result in the yearly total funding being reduced from \$5,000 to \$2,500 per request.

Resolution C120836

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by M. Atkinson that proposed amendments to Policy No. 58 "Playground Funding Policy" be approved as presented reducing the total yearly playground grant to \$2,500.00 per applicant which is provided on a 50/50 basis.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by M. Atkinson that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Warden

Secretary for the Meeting

On website August 30, 2012.