

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 26, 2013.

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, with the exception of Councillor George El-Jakl.

- Warden Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor Jody Crook
- Councillor Shaun Hatfield
- Councillor George El-Jakl (7:35 p.m.)

- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

At 5:30 p.m. a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with a personnel matter and physician incentive packages.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger informed members that she would be declaring conflict of interest when Council deals with the draft by-law concerning Goose Lake Private Roads Maintenance and Improvements.

Warden Eddie Nickerson informed members that he would be declaring conflict of interest when Council deals with the recommendation from Committee dealing with boat races noise complaint.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held July 22, 2013, the continuation of the 134th Annual Council Meeting held July 23, 2013, and Special Council Meetings held August 6th and 7th, 2013 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

It was reported that discussion took place in Closed Session regarding a personnel matter and physician incentive packages. Additional information will be obtained by the Deputy Clerk, and matters will be further discussed at a future Closed Session of Council.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Meeting – Municipality of Yarmouth

By way of letter dated February 12, 2013, the Municipality of Yarmouth inquired as to whether the Municipal Council would be interested in exploring with other municipal units the possibility of amalgamation or additional sharing of services. At that time the Municipality of Yarmouth was advised that we would be willing to consider and discuss shared service opportunities with other municipal units without making any prior commitments.

The Municipality of Yarmouth is now suggesting an initial meeting date of mayors, wardens and CAOs of September 17th or September 18th, 2013, at 11:30 a.m., at the Yarmouth Council Chambers.

It was agreed that the Warden and Clerk attend the meeting to be held in September 2013.

PROCLAMATION – RIGHT TO KNOW WEEK

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a proclamation for “Right to Know Week”.

The proclamation was read by the Warden, and having received no objections to the proclamation, the Warden proclaimed September 23rd to September 28th, 2013 to be “Right to Know Week” in the Municipality of the District of Barrington.

CORRESPONDENCE

Gas Tax Program

Correspondence has been received from Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Secretariat advising that any unspent funding from the current Gas Tax Fund can be carried forward into future years. The risk of losing unspent funds from the Gas Tax Fund Program, and the requirement to request an extension no longer applies.

PVSC Annual Report and Financial Statements

Members were advised that Property Valuation Services Corporation has provided a copy of their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013. Copies will be kept on file in the Office should anyone wish to review them.

Crow’s Neck Beach Cleanup

Members were advised that on Sunday, August 11, 2013, a group of volunteers carried out a cleanup on Crow’s Neck Beach. Over 40 lobster traps and 20 bags of litter were collected from the area.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

During his report he informed members that correspondence was received from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, today, which advised that the tender amount for paving Smith's Lane and Spruce Drive was substantially higher than the estimated cost. The total estimated cost was \$191,100.00 and the tender amount was \$264,000.00, resulting in a new cost shared amount of \$132,000.00, as compared to \$95,550.00 previously approved by Council.

The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal is prepared to proceed with the work but requires the Municipality's approval of the new costs in order to award the contract.

Resolution C130801

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that the Municipality pay the 50% cost sharing of the paving of Smith's Lane and Spruce Drive from the Gas Tax Funds available to the Municipality, at a total amount of \$132,000.00, plus HST.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Shaun Hatfield

Councillor Shaun Hatfield reported on recommendations from committees.

First Reading – Proposed By-law Re Goose Lake Private Roads

Conflict of Interest

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger declared conflict of interest, vacated her seat and proceeded to the spectator area. Deputy Warden Messenger is a part owner of properties in the Goose Lake area.

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a new proposed By-law Respecting the Maintenance and Improvement of Private Roads in the Goose Lake Area.

Resolution C130802

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that the proposed by-law Respecting the Maintenance and Improvement of Private Roads in the Goose Lake Area, be approved in first reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Warden Messenger returned to the table.

Causeway Sidewalk

Due to the additional Gas Tax Funds required for the paving of Smith's Lane and Spruce Drive it was felt that the Causeway Sidewalk Project should be further considered by the Committee of the Whole Council.

Resolution C130803

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole Council to obtain engineering drawings for the Causeway sidewalk extension be referred back to the Committee for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Unightly Premises – Greenwood Property

The dangerous and unsightly condition of property located at 1286, Hwy 330, Centreville, known as Stanley Greenwood's Boat Shop, was discussed by Council.

Resolution C130804

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that the property owners be notified that an Order will be requested from Council for the cleanup of the property under the Dangerous and Unightly Premises Provisions of the Municipal Government Act, and that the Municipality will proceed with the Order should the property not be cleaned up by October 31, 2013.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor George El-Jakl joined the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Paving of Villagedale Road to Sand Hills

Resolution C130805

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality contact the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to request that the Villagedale Road be paved from the intersection of Highway #3 in Barrington to the Sand Hills Beach Park, and that copies of the letter be sent to our MLA and to the local office of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

Motion carried unanimously.

Old Post Road Speed Limit

Resolution C130806

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality contact the Department of Transportation and ask that the speed limit on Old Post Road be reduced to 30 kilometers per hour, that "Children Playing" signs be installed, and that the RCMP also be contacted regarding vehicles speeding on this road.

Motion carried unanimously.

Armour Stone at Baccaro Lighthouse Road

Resolution C130807

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that correspondence be sent to the Supervisor of the local Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal office requesting information on the placement of armour stone along the sides of Lighthouse Road in Baccaro.

Motion carried unanimously.

Boat Races Noise Complaint

Conflict of Interest

Warden Eddie Nickerson declared conflict of interest, vacated his seat and left the meeting room. Warden Nickerson is the President of the Boat Racers Association.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger assumed the Chair.

Resolution C130808

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a letter be sent to the Nova Scotia Boat Racers Association requesting them to consider limiting further their hours of practice, and indicating to them that Council is in favour of continuing to help boat racers in the community, but wishes to work with the Association to deal satisfactorily with the noise complaints being received.

Motion carried unanimously.

Warden Eddie Nickerson returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.

Barrington Bay Trail

Resolution C130809

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that the Woodlands Multi Use Trail Association be requested to do the signing necessary to temporarily use the Barrington Bay Trail as a multi-use trail, and that a copy of the Letter of Authorization from the Department of Natural Resources be sent to them for their information.

Motion carried unanimously.

Development Agreement – Watts Wind Energy et al

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a revised copy of the Development Agreement, and letters concerning the camp on the property in question.

Resolution C130810

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality proceed with the required process in order to enter into a Development Agreement with Watts Wind Energy et al for the purpose of developing two (2) wind turbine generators in the Atwood's Brook area, on forested land east of Bear Point Pond.

Motion carried unanimously.

Capital Investment Plan

Resolution C130811

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the Capital Investment Plan be approved by Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ball Team Request

Resolution C130812

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that a grant of \$200.00 be provided to the Shelburne County Reds Baseball Team, payable through the Clark's Harbour and Area Minor Baseball Association, for the purpose of attending the Bantam AA Baseball Provincials.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed that Policy 61 "Activities Fund Policy" be referred to the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting for review.

Surplus Municipal Properties

Resolution C130813

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality sell the eighteen (18) properties suggested by Municipal Staff by listing six (6) of the properties with the local Real Estate Office of Coldwell Banker, and the remaining properties will be advertised in the local newspaper for sale. Prices for the six (6) properties listed through the local realtor will be determined through discussion with the realtor.

Motion carried unanimously.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that previously the sale of municipal surplus properties was listed through East Bay Realty, therefore in this instance properties will be listed with Coldwell Banker, and in future the third realtor in the Municipality will be used.

D.O.T./NSP Matter

Councillor Hatfield informed members that there are several trees in the vicinity of the road and power lines near the north end of residence located at Civic #369, Highway 330, North East Point. The trees are a threat to the power lines in that area and are of concern to the property owner, Rose Goodwin.

Resolution C130814

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that letters be forwarded to Nova Scotia Power and the Department of Transportation informing them of the safety concern of several trees located near the road and power lines at the north end of residence located at Civic 369, Hwy 330, North East Point, owned by Rose Goodwin.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor George El-Jakl

Councillor El-Jakl gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

Councillor Jody Crook

Councillor Crook gave a brief report on his 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Second Reading By-Law No. 21 – Municipal Sewers

It was reported to members that the Second Reading of proposed amendments to By-Law No. 21 “Municipal Sewers” has been duly advertised in the Coast Guard Newspaper. It is proposed that Part 7 – Finances, Section 38, of By-Law No. 21, be amended to increase the Sewer Service Charge from \$285.00 per unit to \$300.00 per unit, for the Barrington/Barrington Passage Sewer System.

Comments were invited from the public. No comments were received.

Resolution C130815

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that proposed amendments to Part 7 – Finances, Section 38 of By-Law No. 21, “Municipal Sewers”, to increase the Sewer Service Charge from \$285.00 to \$300.00 per unit for the Barrington/Barrington Passage Sewer System, be approved in second and final reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

Notice of Consideration – Policy No. 16

Notice is given tonight that consideration of amendments to Policy 16, “Guidelines for Funding and Awarding a Bursary”, will take place at the next meeting of Council. It is proposed that Section 5 be amended by adding, “The bursary will be paid through the school from which the recipient graduated.”.

Notice of Consideration Re: Policy 59

Some questions were raised regarding Policy 59, “Policy on Committees of Council”, and it was suggested that it be further reviewed by Committee of the Whole Council.

Resolution C130816

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that proposed amendments to Policy 59, “Policy on Committees of Council”, be referred to the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting for further consideration.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Request from Woods Harbour Community Centre

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from Troy Stoddard, which advised that the Woods Harbour Community Centre has applied to the Agriculture Spirit Fund for a grant of up to \$25,000.00 for the purpose of renovations to their hall. They are asking the Municipality to partner with them in this project to manage the funds for the project.

Resolution C130817

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality partner with the Woods Harbour Community Centre to obtain funding for renovations at their hall, and the Municipality agree to manage the funds for the project, pending approval from the Municipal Solicitor.

Motion carried unanimously.

VIC Stats

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a Stats Report for the Barrington Information Centre, for the period May 17th to July 31, 2013. Total visitors to date was 1,286, as compared to 1,089 for 2012.

Barrington Pee Wee Braves Baseball Team

A request has been received from the Barrington Pee Wee Braves Baseball Team for a financial contribution to assist with the cost of attending the final provincial tournament to be held in Halifax.

Resolution C130818

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that the Barrington Pee Wee Braves Baseball Team be provided with a grant of \$200.00 from the Activities Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 8:25 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website August 28, 2013.