

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Thursday, July 24, 2014.

### ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by the Deputy Warden at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present:

- Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor Jody Crook
- Councillor Shaun Hatfield
- Warden Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson arrived at 7:20 p.m.
  
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

Councillor George El-Jakl was absent due to being away on vacation.

### DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that minutes of the 135<sup>th</sup> Annual Council Meeting held June 23, 2014, and the Special Council Meeting held July 14, 2014, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

#### Baccaro Point Fog Signal

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Canadian Coast Guard advising that Coast Guard Management has decided to permanently discontinue the fog signal at Baccaro Point. The process for discontinuance is to publish their intent through Notice To Mariners. After ninety (90) days the Canadian Coast Guard will review the file for complaints related to its planned removal. If no complaints are received then they will proceed with the removal of the equipment. If legitimate complaints are received from mariners then their Office will review their decision to discontinue the fog signal.

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### Western Counties Regional Library Annual Report

In advance to the meeting the Clerk circulated pertinent sections of the Annual Report to members of Council. Members were advised that the full report will be kept on file in the Municipal Office should anyone like to review the report in detail.

PVSC Annual Report

The Clerk informed members that the Property Valuation Services Corporation has issued their annual report. The report can be viewed on their website. One copy of the report has been printed and will be kept on file in the Municipal Office for easy access.

Thank You Letters

The Clerk informed members that thank you letters have been received from Juniper House and Sea Side Cemetery Club for grants provided to them for 2014-2015.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Jody Crook reported on recommendations from committees.

Innovative Community Fund

The Innovation Community Fund is a program of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency which funds local initiatives. It has been suggested that application be made to ACOA for funding to assist with the cost of the development of a tourist rest stop on the mainland side of the Cape Sable Island Causeway behind the lower mall.

Resolution C140703

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality apply to ACOA for funding from the Innovative Community Fund for a tourist rest stop at the CSI Causeway.

Motion carried unanimously.

Woodside Cemetery Company

Resolution C140704

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that a grant of \$500.00 be provided to the Woodside Cemetery Company.

Motion carried unanimously.

Shelburne County Archives & Genealogical Society

Resolution C140705

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that an operating grant of \$500.00 be provided to the Shelburne County Archives and Genealogical Society.

Motion carried unanimously.

Parkdale Cemetery

Resolution C140706

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that a grant of \$500.00 be provided to the Parkdale Cemetery in Upper Port LaTour.

Motion carried unanimously.

Warden Nickerson joined the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

The Deputy Warden turned the Chair over to the Warden.

YMCA Mechanical Lift

A request for a Municipal Grant has been received from the YMCA/Barrington Group Home. The request was submitted by Kimberly Lombard on behalf of South West Health and the Roseway Hospital. The request is for a grant from the Municipality to pay for a mechanical lift device to be installed at the Yarmouth YMCA for use of clients from the Barrington Group Home. The total cost of the project is \$2,808.00, and they are requesting that a grant be provided by Council in the amount of \$2,308.00.

Resolution C130707

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that South West Health be informed that the Municipality cannot provide funding for this facility at this time.

Motion carried unanimously.

North East Point/Centreville Community Hall

Resolution C140708

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that a grant of \$1,000.00 be approved for the North East Point/Centreville Community Hall.

Motion carried unanimously.

Animals in Need

Correspondence has been received on behalf of the Animals in Need group requesting additional funding for the purposes of spay and neutering cats in the area, and generally controlling the cat population in the area.

Resolution C140709

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the Animals in Need group be thanked for their efforts in providing this service to municipal residents, and they be informed that the Municipality has already provided the available funding to them for this purpose for the current year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Shag Harbour Station Road

A petition has been received from residents of Shag Harbour Station Road requesting that their road be paved at no cost to residents.

Resolution C140710

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality request the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to share 50/50 in the cost of paving Shag Harbour Station Road, and that the 50% funding from the Municipality be withdrawn from its Gas Tax Funds Reserves.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Eddie Nickerson

**NEGATIVE**

Jody Crook

Motion carried.

Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve Association

The Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve Association is inviting municipal units in Southwestern Nova Scotia to use their logo in conjunction with municipality's logos on their letterhead and other signage. The Southwest Nova Biosphere is also asking the Municipality to appoint a member to its Board of Directors.

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality deny the request of Southwest Nova Biosphere to appoint a member to its Board of Directors.

Resolution C140711

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that the above motion be tabled and arrangements be made for representatives of the Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve Association to make a presentation to Council to discuss further their logo invitation and appointment to their Board.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Eddie Nickerson

**NEGATIVE**

Jody Crook

Motion carried.

Cleaning Contract

Resolution C140712

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality enter into a five (5) year agreement with Enslow's Cleaning for cleaning of municipal buildings.

Motion carried unanimously.

NHL Legends Hockey Game

Resolution C140713

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that authority be delegated to the organizing committee for the NHL Legends Hockey Game so that they can do the planning and implementation of this event for the Municipality in accordance with the proposed budget for this project.

Motion carried unanimously.

Order of Barrington

When discussing the proposed *Order of Barrington* at the July 21, 2014 Committee of the Whole Council meeting, it was suggested that Mr. Sandy Wickens be honoured by the Municipality since he has contributed much to the community over the past years.

Resolution C140714

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that a plaque be prepared and presented to Mr. Sandy Wickens, by Council, on behalf of the community for his many contributions to the Municipality over the years.

Motion carried unanimously.

Court Lease

Resolution C140715

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to negotiate a lease, with Consumer Price Index increases, with the Province of Nova Scotia for the court room space.

Motion carried unanimously.

Me to We Request

Resolution C140716

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that the Recreation Director and Ms. Shelby Nickerson meet to select an hour, other than a public swim, so that Ms. Nickerson can conduct a fundraiser effort for the Me to We Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

Temporary Borrowing Resolution

Resolution C140717

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality obtain a Temporary Borrowing Resolution, not to exceed \$300,000.00, for the purpose of constructing a wind turbine generator at the C & D Landfill Site under the Provincial COMFIT Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

Municipal Boundary Review

All municipalities in Nova Scotia are required to carry out Municipal Boundary Reviews every six (6) years. The Municipality of Barrington did a review in late 2011, which was approved by the URB in January 2012. At that time the number of districts and councillors was reduced from seven (7) to five (5). It is suggested that the number of districts, district boundaries, and number of councillors be confirmed by the Utility and Review Board.

Resolution C140718

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality proceed with advertising a public meeting, and requesting public comment for the Municipal District Boundary Review to be done in 2014 as required by the Municipal Government Act.

Motion carried unanimously.

CIMCO Emergency Hours

Resolution C140719

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality accept the emergency service option proposed by CIMCO Refrigeration for the Curling Club and Arena at an additional cost of \$985.32.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

DOCTORS

The Clerk reported that Dr. Dulong, intern, is currently working with Dr. Yee at his practice in Barrington Passage.

Dr. Germanus will be moving to the Community Health Centre on July 28, 2014.

Dr. Baker will be taking over space formerly occupied by Dr. Germanus in Parsons Mall.

NEW BUSINESS

Notice of Consideration – Policy No. 8 – Annual Remuneration, Benefits, etc.

It is proposed that Section 6 of Policy No. 8 “Annual Remuneration, Benefits and Expenses for Councillors, Staff and Others”, be amended to increase the committee fee for non-council members from \$25.00 to \$75.00 per meeting attended, plus expenses. Notice of this proposed amendment is given tonight, and consideration of amendments will take place at the next meeting of Council.

Notice of Consideration - Policy 59 Re: Committees of Council

It is proposed that Policy 59, “Policies on Committees of Council”, be amended reducing the number of members required for the Planning Advisory Committee. It is proposed that the committee consist of not less than four (4) members, no more than two of whom shall be members of the Municipal Council, and a minimum of two shall be non-council members residing in the Municipality.

Proposed amendments will be considered by Council at their next meeting.

Illegal Dumping - Sanctuary Development Limited

It was reported that illegal dumping has been taking place on property of Sanctuary Development Limited in Stoney Island, Assessment Account No. 03544834. Numerous attempts have been made to have the property owner address the illegal dump sites on his property, without success. Council is now being asked to consider issuing an Order to have the illegal dump sites cleaned up.

Resolution C140720

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that Council issue an Order requiring the property owner, Sanctuary Development Limited, to address the illegal dump sites on its property located in Stoney Island, Assessment Account No. 03544834, by removing the waste and disposing of it at an approved disposal site within thirty (30) days from the date of the Order, and failure to do so will result in the Municipality taking steps to have the waste cleaned up, and the cost of so doing being placed on the tax account.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed that “illegal dump sites” be placed on a future Committee of the Whole Council meeting agenda for further discussion.

PHOTOGRAPHER

An advertisement was placed on the Municipal website and facebook advertising the need for a photographer. The photographer will be paid \$1,000.00 in exchange for approximately 100 photos of the Municipality. These photos will be used for promotional purposes of the things to do and see in the Municipality.

Ten applications were received and reviewed by the Tourism and Community Development Officer. She is recommending that the submission by Ken Chetwynd be accepted.

Resolution C140721

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that the recommendation of the Tourism and Community Development Officer to hire Ken Chetwynd to provide 100 high quality digital photos to be used for promotional purposes be accepted at a cost of \$1,000.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

At approximately 8:00 p.m. members entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters pursuant to Section 22(2)(c) of the Municipal Government Act. Members also discussed the agreement with Dr. Germanus, and a request pursuant to that agreement regarding the Community Health Centre.

Having completed their discussion of these matters, members then returned to Open Session.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Dr. Germanus Request Pursuant to Agreement

Members instructed the Clerk-Treasurer to obtain further information regarding requested alterations to the Community Health Centre.

Performance Evaluations

Resolution C140722

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the performance evaluation received for Michael Swim, Property Services Technician, be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C140723

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that the performance evaluation provided for Dave Andrews, Building Inspector/Fire Inspector/Development Officer, be approved as presented, and that Mr. Andrew's increment be approved according to the Municipal Personnel Policy, effective July 19, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

Request of Former Employee

The Clerk-Treasurer was given direction by consensus of members to obtain further information regarding the request for a meeting by a former employee.



ADJOURNMENT

Having completed the business of the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

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Warden

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Clerk

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website July 28, 2014.**