

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

June 25, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger, Chair
- Warden Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- Councillor Jody Crook
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Councillor Shaun Hatfield

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of this meeting was to provide Ken Anthony an opportunity to discuss the well issue at the former BMHS property in Barrington Passage with members of Council.

In addition to Mr. Anthony a number of tenants of the building attended the meeting as well.

Mr. Anthony addressed councillors reviewing his view of the circumstances surrounding his purchase of the property and the use of the well located on the soccer field. He reviewed the requests that had been made for the use of the well and Councils' responses denying his access to it. He stated several times that he wished to have the Municipality provide him an easement to use the well or sell him the property on which the well was located. He indicated that he would do whatever testing is necessary if an easement was provided. The Councillors informed Mr. Anthony and those present that it was their obligation and duty to protect the interest of the taxpayers of the Municipality as a whole. Councillors have received legal advice against entering into any lease agreement as this would expose taxpayers to an unnecessary risk of liability.

There then followed some discussion regarding the assurances by various lawyers regarding the degree of liability that may accompany any lease agreement.

Upon questioning Mr. Anthony informed the meeting that he would not see the tenants without water, and would ensure that water will be supplied to them even if the well is disconnected.

Councillors again stated that they cannot put the Municipality at risk for further legal action over the supply of water. Councillors again informed Mr. Anthony and those present that the well would be disconnected on June 30, 2015 as previously indicated.

Councillor Hatfield then retired from the meeting at approximately 10:02 p.m. as a result of another commitment.

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed their discussion of this matter, the meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:05 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website July 2, 2015.

