

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council, held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, January 26, 2015. The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported that all councillors representing all districts of the Municipality were present.

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

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

CLOSED SESSION

A Closed Session of Council was held to deal with a personnel matter (MGA Section 22(2)(c)).

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

The Warden reported that legal advice was received regarding a personnel matter which was circulated to councillors. The matter has now been dealt with by staff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the minutes of the last meeting of Council held December 8, 2014 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION – CAL MASKERY – HARVEST HOUSE

Mr. Cal Maskery, Executive Director of Harvest House Ministeries Inc., appeared before Council to make a presentation regarding the former C.S.I. Elementary School. Harvest House Atlantic has been interacting with ministers, charitable agencies, and members of the community about some of the needs of the youth and adults in the Municipality of Barrington.

Harvest House Atlantic is offering to set up a community outreach in the area to offer helpful services. Mr. Maskery is asking that the Municipal Council consider giving Harvest House Atlantic the former Cape Sable Island Elementary School located in Centreville for \$1.00.

The outreach facility could be used in the following ways:

- use of the gymnasium for youth events
- 12-step meetings and counseling for people struggling with addiction
- GED Program
- pregnancy resource
- John Howard jail outreach after care for people from the area
- hope rallies
- clothing drives
- food bank
- space would be offered to others providing helpful services to the community

If the property is conveyed to Harvest House Atlantic at a cost of \$1.00 they would be agreeable to entering into an agreement to offer the property back to the Municipality for the same price, plus the cost of any renovations carried out, should Harvest House no longer require the property for community outreach. If the Municipality was not interested in the property at that time, then the property would be offered to another charitable organization.

Upon questioning, it was made clear that the operation of Harvest House at the former C.S.I. Elementary School location would be for people from our area.

Resolution C150101

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that citizens of the Municipality be invited to attend a public consultation meeting to discuss the possibility of Harvest House Atlantic using the former C.S.I. Elementary for outreach programs.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk informed members that a public hearing will be necessary if the Council decides to sell the former C.S.I. Elementary School property at less than market value.

It was agreed that the date for such a meeting would be coordinated with Mr. Maskery.

Mr. Maskery was then thanked for appearing before Council and making his presentation.

BREAK

At 7:55 p.m. a short break was held.

MEETING RECONVENED

The meeting was reconvened after the break.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Barrington Passage Post Office

The Warden informed members that correspondence has been received from a resident of District 4 identifying a number of issues with the Barrington Passage Post Office. It was noted that numerous attempts have been made in the past to have these matters addressed by Canada Post, without success.

Resolution C150102

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter be sent to MP Gerald Keddy regarding concerns with the Barrington Passage Post Office, and that a copy of this letter be forwarded to MLA Chris d'Entremont, and Canada Post.

Motion carried unanimously.

Shelburne District Office – Child Welfare

Correspondence was received earlier today and circulated to members of Council regarding changes to be made to the Shelburne District Office of Child Welfare. The correspondence advised that: “Throughout the past several years some rural communities in Nova Scotia such as Queens and Shelburne counties have experienced a decline in their number of businesses and industries which has resulted in some decrease in the population of both counties. In an effort to ensure that the Department of Community Services is utilizing its resources as effectively and efficiently as possible, Western Region regularly reviews its operations. It has been noted that along with the decrease in population this has also lead to a reduction in caseloads. In order to address the situation, the decision has been made to consolidate the Queens and Shelburne County child welfare teams to the Liverpool and Yarmouth locations. The Department feels that this will result in overall strengthened services to clients. The child welfare staff as well as the families they serve will be better supported where there are more resources and staff supports. As a result of the above, the following changes have been communicated to staff:

- One (1) Child Welfare Casework Supervisor position will be eliminated.
- One (1) Administrative Assistant position will be eliminated.
- Two (2) Child Welfare Social Worker positions will be transferred to the Liverpool Office.
- One (1) Child Welfare position will be transferred to the Yarmouth Office.”

Concern was expressed by members regarding the loss of services to children and jobs in the community.

Resolution C150103

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that arrangements be made for the Warden and other available councillors to meet with Phil Warren, Regional Administrator of the Department of Community Services, as soon as possible to discuss the elimination and relocation of child welfare workers.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C150104

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that a letter be forwarded to the Minister of Community Services expressing Councils' concern regarding the planned relocation of child welfare staff and requesting the number of caseloads in Yarmouth, Queens and Shelburne counties during the past five (5) years, and the letter further request an early response due to the urgent nature of the matter, and copies of this letter be forwarded to the MLA and mayors and wardens in Shelburne County.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Shaun Hatfield

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

Councillor Hatfield then reported on recommendations from committees.

C & D Landfill Disposal Rate

Resolution C150105

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that the Municipality charge the resident rate to Mike Hennigar's General Contracting for waste deposited by his agent, Harlow Construction, at the Municipal C & D Landfill Site.

Motion carried unanimously.

Butler's Estates Limited – Sewer Connection, Albenia Lane

Correspondence has been received from Butler's Estates Limited requesting an additional six (6) month grace period for the connection of the sewer line at Albenia Lane.

Resolution C150106

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality still pay 50% of the engineering costs, including the production of the video of the 8 inch sewer line on Albenia Lane, to a maximum of \$3,000.00, subject to the sewer connection being made by April 30, 2015.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Resolution C150107

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that:

1. Butler's Estates Limited be allowed an extension in their agreement to connect Albenia Lane to the Municipal sewer by April 30, 2015.
2. If the connection is not completed by April 30, 2015, the entire \$10,000.00 deposit made by Mr. Hennigar will be forfeited to the Municipality.
3. That Butler's Estates agrees to allow the Municipality to enter upon their property in order to connect the municipal sewer line when deemed appropriate by the Municipality.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
Shaun Hatfield
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Motion carried.

Healthy Eating Policy

Resolution C150108

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that a Healthy Eating Pilot Project be instituted at the Barrington Municipal Arena by the Municipal Physical Activity Leader and that the results of such a program be recorded to the end of the season for further evaluation by committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal

Resolution C150109

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that correspondence be sent to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting when the resurfacing of Bateman Road will be addressed by the Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C150110

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal be contacted to address the erosion of gravel at the intersection of Olivia's Lane and Highway #3 in Woods Harbour.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C150111

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal be requested to install a larger culvert under the road at the drainage brook near Drinking Brook Park, prior to paving of the road in that area.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C150112

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that correspondence be sent to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting the Department to address the lack of an adequate shoulder on the side of the Sherose Island Road adjacent to the guardrail.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Crook informed members that a section of the Port LaTour Road between the Greenhill Community Centre and the Seal Point Road recently flooded creating a safety issue in the area. It was noted that there is a culvert in that area that may require the attention of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal Staff.

Resolution C150113

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that correspondence be forwarded to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting the department to address highway flooding in the Upper Port LaTour area between the Greenhill Community Centre and the Seal Point Road.

Motion carried unanimously.

McGray Avenue Project

Resolution C150114

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality submit an application to the Innovative Communities Fund administered by the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency for a waterfront development project at North East Point.

Motion carried unanimously.

Request Re: Heritage Property

Resolution C150115

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the request of Shaun and Patricia Young, owners of the Municipal Heritage Property known as the “Lyle House” located in Port Clyde have their request for the replacement of windows approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Jody Crook

Councillor Crook provided an update on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Deputy Warden Messenger provided an update on her activities since the last meeting of Council.

Councillor George El-Jakl

Councillor George El-Jakl provided an update on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Wind Turbine Generator Agreements

Resolution C150116

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook and carried unanimously:

WHEREAS the Municipality of the District of Barrington wishes to construct a wind turbine generator on municipal property adjacent to its Construction & Demolition Debris Landfill Site, at a total estimated cost of \$587,158.00;

AND WHEREAS it is now necessary for the Municipality to enter into agreements for the purchase and maintenance of the wind turbine generator, and for the connection of said generator to Nova Scotia Power Incorporated power grid;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Warden and Clerk-Treasurer for the Municipality of the District of Barrington be authorized to complete a customer order form to order a 50 kilowatt wind turbine generator from Endurance Wind Power, and also that the Warden and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to enter into an agreement for the purchase and maintenance of the aforesaid wind turbine generator, and also that the Warden and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to enter into an Interconnection Agreement with Nova Scotia Power Incorporated for the purpose of connecting the aforementioned wind turbine generator to the Nova Scotia Power electrical power grid.

Fire Services

The Clerk informed members that a memo has been received from the Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department advising that they will no longer be a member of the Barrington Municipal Fire & Emergency Service or the Fire Services Advisory Committee effective January 21, 2015. The correspondence further advised that they have decided that moving forward with these organizations has become futile. Departments in the Municipality are now further apart than they have ever been, causing poor morale and creating stress at fire scenes. The Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department will continue to honor all Shelburne County Mutual Aid Agreements and committees.

It was the consensus of members that a meeting be arranged for February 2, 2015 to discuss withdrawal of the Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department from the Barrington Municipal Fire and Emergency Service and the Fire Services Advisory Committee. The meeting will commence at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room.

It was agreed that David Kendrick, Fire Services Coordinator, District Chiefs and Station Chiefs, as well as the Municipal Solicitor, be invited to attend this meeting.

The Clerk informed members that two invoices have been received from the Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department; one for the purchase of turnout gear in the amount of \$2,325.45, and the other from Lamrock's Plumbing Services in the amount of \$1,725.00. Both invoices have been approved for payment by the Fire Services Coordinator.

Resolution C150117

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the two invoices indicated above received from the Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department be paid from their budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website January 29, 2015.