

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, May 25, 2015.

### ROLL CALL

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

- Warden Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Councillor Shaun Hatfield
- Councillor Jody Crook (arrived at 8:00 p.m.)
  
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

### DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger informed members that she will be declaring conflict of interest when Council discusses the RFP for the C.S.I. Elementary School.

Deputy Warden Messenger's husband has worked for and continues to work for one of the proponents.

### CLOSED SESSION

At 7:03 p.m. members proceeded to Closed Session to deal with personnel matters under Section 22(2)(c) of the Municipal Government Act.

The Regular Session of Council was called back to order at 7:16 p.m.

### REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Deputy Warden Messenger informed members that she left the Closed Session of Council when discussion took place regarding the C.S.I. Elementary School.

#### Resolution C150501

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the performance evaluation for Thelma Ross, Building Inspection Department Secretary, be accepted and approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Resolution C150502

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the performance evaluation for Tyler Symonds, Property Services Technician, be accepted and he be granted his annual increment effective June 1, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that minutes of the last meeting of Council held April 27, 2015 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

#### Child Welfare Case Workers

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Department of Community Services advising that the response time to our application for access under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act has been extended by thirty (30) days to June 12, 2015. The reason for this extension is that more time is needed to consult with a third party.

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### Shelburne County Health Care Professional Recruitment and Retention Committee

Correspondence has been received from the Shelburne County Health Care Professional Recruitment and Retention Committee expressing its concern regarding the RN resource issue currently existing at Roseway Hospital. The increase in the number of Emergency Department closures is a direct result of the RN resource issue. To make it more attractive for recruitment a relocation allowance of \$5,000.00 is being suggested. The District will provide \$2,000.00. It is hoped that the Roseway Hospital Foundation will provide \$1,500.00, leaving a balance of \$1,500.00 to be raised by individual councils. Councils are being asked to determine how much they would be able to contribute towards this cost.

Question was raised as to whether the relocation allowance would be for one RN only, and whether there would be any requirement for them to stay at Roseway Hospital.

It was the consensus of members that Municipal Staff obtain information regarding the questions raised.

#### Resolution C150503

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the request from the Shelburne County Health Care Professional Recruitment and Retention Committee be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

### REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden informed members that he attended the Lieutenant Governors Medals Ceremony held at BMHS earlier today. There were 16 recipients across the Tri-Counties, including two from Barrington Municipal High School, Dustin Newell and Sarah Smith.

Resolution C150504

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to Dustin Newell and Sarah Smith for being this years' recipients of the Lieutenant Governors Award.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Warden provided a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council. He informed members that he and the Municipal Clerk met with officials of the Department of Justice to discuss the continued operation of the Court Room. He reported that no further word has been received from the Department of Justice.

Resolution C150505

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter be written to the Minister of Justice stating our objection to the closure of the Court Room located in the Administrative Centre, and indicating our willingness to sit down with officials of his department to discuss options to keep the Court Room open.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Second Reading – Proposed Amendments to By-law No. 25, Schedule “C”

It was reported that first reading of proposed amendments to By-law No. 25, “Tax Exemption By-law, Schedule “C” took place at the last meeting of Council. It is proposed that Schedule “C” be amended by deleting the reference to the Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department since that department has now been combined with the Barrington Volunteer Fire Department. The new name to be listed in Schedule “C” will be Barrington/Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department. Proposed amendments will also delete the Assessment Account Number associated with the Barrington Fire Hall which has now been sold.

Notice of second reading was advertised in the Coast Guard Newspaper on May 5, 2015.

Resolution C150506

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that proposed amendments to By-law No. 25, “Tax Exemption By-law, Schedule “C”, addressing the combined Barrington/Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department, and the removal the Barrington Fire Hall as indicated above, be approved in second and final reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

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.

Hiring Committee Meeting

Resolution C150507

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Suzy Atwood be hired for a five (5) year term position as the Municipality's Tourism and Community Development Officer.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk informed members that the waiting period for full-time employees for group insurance is three (3) months and six (6) months for the pension. Since Ms. Atwood has been in this position on a term basis since June 2, 2014 it was questioned whether Council may want to waive the waiting period.

Resolution C150508

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the waiting period for the group insurance program and the pension plan be waived for Suzy Atwood since she has been in continuous employment with the Municipality since June 2, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

Barrington/Port LaTour Area Rate Request

Resolution C150509

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the request of the Barrington/Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department to have a separate Area Fire Rate for their fire district and a separate Area Fire Rate for the Port Clyde Fire district be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Department Funding Request

Resolution C150510

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that \$140,000.00 of the Fire Services Fund be provided to the Barrington/Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department to be paid towards construction of a new fire hall in that district.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Jody Crook  
Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Eddie Nickerson

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Resolution C150511

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the remaining \$40,000.00 of the Fire Services Fund be designated for the Eastern area of the Municipality for the construction of fire halls.

Motion carried unanimously.

Shag Harbour Station Road

It was reported that correspondence has been received from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal advising that the Shag Harbour Station Road is an “I” Class road and is not part of the 1995 Road Transfer Agreement List, therefore it is not an eligible candidate for this program.

Resolution C150512

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that a copy of the letter received from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal be sent to our local MLA and also to the group which is requesting paving of this road.

Motion carried unanimously.

Arena Canteen Services

Resolution C150513

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality advertise an RFP for the provision of Arena Canteen Services.

Motion carried unanimously.

2015 Children’s Summer Reading Club

Resolution C150514

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality provide swimming pool passes to the Western Counties Regional Library for the 2016 season as requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

Civic Numbering Sign

Council had previously passed a motion to place a civic numbering sign at the end of the Villagedale Road for the information of emergency vehicles in that area. Subsequent to that time, information has been received from our Development Officer concerning the use of such a sign and the civic numbering in the Villagedale, Port LaTour and Baccaro areas. As a result of this information it was deemed that the sign will not resolve the concern that was expressed by local residents.

It is therefore the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole Council that in order to avoid any further confusion the Municipality should not place such a sign.

Resolution C150515

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Motion No. C150424 requiring the Municipality to obtain a civic addressing sign and install it at the Port LaTour end of the Villagedale Road for the direction of emergency response vehicles, be rescinded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Jody Crook joined the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Insurance Requirement – Sou’West Nova Metis Association

The Sou’West Nova Metis Association rents an office at the Old Court House building. The rental agreement provides for them to have in place insurance coverage in the amount of \$3 Million. The Association has advised that they are only able to obtain insurance in the amount of \$2 Million.

Resolution C150516

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that the Certificate of Insurance provided by the Sou’West Nova Metis Association having a \$2 Million limit be accepted and satisfactory.

Motion carried unanimously.

Barrington/Clark’s Harbour Satellite Dialysis Clinic Committee

Resolution C150517

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that councillors Crook and Hatfield be appointed to the Satellite Dialysis Clinic Committee with Deputy Warden Messenger as an alternate.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C150518

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that David and Brenda Cleaver be invited to also become members of the Satellite Dialysis Clinic Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

EMO Executive Committee Meeting

Resolution C150519

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the proposed Emergency Management Organization budget be approved by Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that the EMO budget for 2015/2016 is \$16,000.00 which is the same amount budgeted for last year.

Resolution C150520

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that the EMO surplus for the 2014/2015 fiscal year be transferred to reserves for future use of the EMO.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that the surplus was approximately \$1,500.00.

C.S.I. Elementary School

Conflict of Interest

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger declared conflict of interest, vacated her seat and left the meeting room. Her husband has worked for and continues to work for one of the proponents.

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that a Public Hearing, as required by policy, be held at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on June 22, 2015, at which time the Brannen proposal will be presented to the public for their comment.

Resolution C150521

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that the above motion be deferred to the Committee of the Whole Council for further discussion at which time James Brannen/Sarah Atkinson will be invited to meet with members of the Committee to discuss their proposal in more detail.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger returned to meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Councillor George El-Jakl

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

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CONTINUATION OF NEW BUSINESS

Notice of Consideration – Policy No. 6

Notice is given tonight that Council will consider amendments to Policy No. 6, “Governing Use of Municipal Facilities” at the next meeting of Council. Proposed amendments add the Robertson Building, make provision for rates to be set by resolution of Council, expands provisions for free use of municipal facilities, etc.

Notice of Consideration Re: Policy 62

Notice is given tonight that Council will consider amendments to Policy No. 62 “Barrington Municipal Arena Policy” at the next meeting of Council. Proposed amendments will identity the normal operating season for ice related activities at the Arena, the hours the operation, give the Arena Manager the authority to set a promotional rate, and promote the rental of ice time hours on weekdays between the hours of 12:00 Noon and 4:00 p.m. when the Arena is open, etc.

Tender – Sale of 1997 Dodge 1 ton truck

The Clerk informed members that an advertisement was placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper inviting tenders for the sale of a 1997 Dodge 1 ton truck which was no longer needed for municipal purposes. The vehicle is being sold as is/where is. Five (5) tenders were received as indicated below:

1.	Larry Hopkins	\$1,000.00
2.	Phillip Scott	\$620.00
3.	Mike O’Callaghan	\$360.00
4.	Sea Quest Inc.	\$2,275.65
5.	K. Anthony’s Landscaping & Snow Removal	\$780.00

Resolution C150522

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that the tender received from Sea Quest Inc. in the amount of \$2,275.65 for the purchase of the 1997 Dodge 1 ton truck be accepted, and that the truck be sold on an as is/where is basis.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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 May 27, 2015.**



