

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, February 22, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Acting Municipal 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

- Lesa Rossetti, Acting Municipal Clerk

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that minutes of the last meeting held January 25, 2016 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:17 p.m. a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with personnel matters in accordance with Section 22(2)(c) of the Municipal Government Act.

The Regular Council Meeting was called back to order at 7:40 p.m.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Resolution C160201

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipal Council accept the performance evaluation for Samantha Goreham, Physical Activity Coordinator, as submitted by her Supervisor, Anna Kenney, Recreation Director.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal Matters

As a result of the last Council meeting, correspondence was forwarded to the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal regarding a pothole on Route 330 in Centreville, and the rough section of highway on the Atwood's Brook corner. The Operations Supervisor has advised that the pothole has been repaired. She advised that the rough section of asphalt on Highway 3 at Atwood's Brook corner will continue to be monitored by their department. She indicated that she does not feel that this area will hold snow and water, however they will keep an eye on it as they have someone drive that section of road several times a day this time of year depending on weather conditions.

During the discussion of Department of Transportation issues, concern was expressed regarding the condition of the Old Post Road located in Barrington. It was noted that an invitation has been extended to the Operations Supervisor to meet with the Committee of the Whole Council, and it was agreed that the Old Post Road would be discussed at that time.

CORRESPONDENCE

Yarmouth Hospital Foundation – Spring Gala

The Warden informed members that the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation will be holding their 12th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, April 30, 2016, at the Mariners Centre. The Foundation is asking that the Municipality consider sponsoring a table again this year.

Resolution C160202

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality sponsor a table of eight (8) at the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation Spring Gala by making a donation of \$1,200.00, and that the seats at the table be sold to the public at the price of \$150.00 each in order to raise additional funds for the foundation.

Motion carried unanimously.

Epilepsy Association of Nova Scotia – Purple Day

Correspondence has been received from the Epilepsy Association of Nova Scotia which advised that they are reaching out to all Nova Scotian municipalities to support Purple Day, March 26th. Purple Day was founded by Cassidy Megan, an 8 year old girl who wanted one (1) day a year where everyone would learn about epilepsy and support those that live with this neurological condition. The Association is asking every municipality to participate for the entire month of March, *Epilepsy Awareness Month*. They will provide all council members with purple ribbons and are requesting that they be worn throughout the month of March, especially at the monthly Council meeting.

Resolution C160203

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Epilepsy Association of Nova Scotia be advised that the Municipality of Barrington is willing to participate in Epilepsy Awareness Month, and Purple Day, March 26th.

Motion carried unanimously.

Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal 2016 Temporary Count Program

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with correspondence received from the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal advising of their 2016 Temporary Count Program. They advised that they have some capacity to incorporate volume counts or vehicle classification counts within the Municipality.

No interest was expressed at this time.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden gave a brief report of 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 George El-Jakl

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

Councillor El-Jakl indicated that he would be declaring conflict of interest when dealing with the Volunteer of the Year as he is a close friend of one of the volunteers nominated.

Deputy Warden Messenger gave a brief report of her 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.

Councillor Crook also reported on recommendations from committee.

Disposal of Surplus Federal Property

Resolution C160204

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Public Services and Procurement Canada be advised that the Municipality of Barrington has no interest in the excess federal property on the Smithville Wharf Road, in Smithville, Nova Scotia.

Motion carried unanimously.

Expiration of Camp Leases

Resolution C160205

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by S. Hatfield that camp site leases be renewed as they come up for renewal and that lease wording be updated as required.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adopt-A-Book Campaign

Resolution C160206

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the Western Counties Regional Library be provided a grant in the amount of \$400.00 to purchase new books for the Barrington Municipal Library as part of the Adopt-a-Book Campaign and that this amount be taken from the 2016/17 Municipal Grant budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

Clark's Harbour Elementary School Library and Books

The Warden informed members that the Clark's Harbour Elementary School lost all their library books due to water damage.

Resolution C160207

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality donate \$500.00 for the purchase of books for the Clark's Harbour Elementary School Library and that this amount be taken from the current Municipal Grant budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

Region 6 – 2016/17 Budget

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of the Region 6, 2016/17 budget in the amount of \$201,145.00.

Resolution C160208

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the 2016/17 Region 6 budget be accepted as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Senior Safety Coordinator Funding Request

Resolution C160209

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a letter of support be forwarded to the Department of Health indicating recent losses to the Municipality of Barrington as it relates to the loss of the court and jobs in Community Services, and ask that they continue to financially support the valued services of the Shelburne County Senior Safety and Services Society.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C160210

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality support Plan A as presented for a three (3) year contract with Shelburne County Senior Safety and Services Society, contingent upon Department of Health funding.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed that the letter of support to be forwarded to the Department of Health also include Council's support for an additional three (3) year contract with the Shelburne County Senior Safety and Services Society which is contingent upon Department of Health funding.

Shelburne County Tourism Association Beach Brochure

Council at their meeting held January 25, 2016 passed a motion to provide \$400.00 to the beach brochure project, subject to all five (5) municipal units in Shelburne County contributing towards the cost. Information has now been provided that the Town of Clark's Harbour did not approve funding towards this project, therefore the Municipality's contribution of \$400.00 will not be provided.

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality contribute \$800.00 towards the beach brochure project.

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that the above motion be amended to state that funding is contingent upon the Barrington Municipal Council approving the brochure prior to it being printed.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
Shaun Hatfield
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Motion carried.

The original motion as amended reads as follows:

Resolution C160211

“...that the Municipality contribute \$800.00 towards the beach brochure project contingent upon the Barrington Municipal Council approving the brochure prior to it being printed.”

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
Shaun Hatfield
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Motion carried.

Kids Fair Play FUNd Funding Request

Resolution C160212

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that \$500.00 from the 2016/17 Grant Budget be provided to the Kids Fair Play FUNd.

Motion carried unanimously.

Lobster Festival Funding Request

Resolution C160213

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that \$500.00 from the 2016/17 Grant Budget be provided to the Shelburne County Lobster Festival.

Motion carried unanimously.

Request to Purchase Property

It was reported that it is being recommended from Committee of the Whole Council that municipal property located 1017 Baccaro Road be listed for sale with a Real Estate company. Since this is a Tax Sale property, question was raised as to whether it was Council's intent to have a public hearing regarding the sale of this property, and to have an independent appraisal done. Section 8 of Municipal Policy #12 allows for these requirements to be waived by majority vote of Council.

After much discussion it was decided that this matter be referred back to the Committee of the Whole Council for further consideration.

Returning Officer

It was reported that an advertisement was placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper on January 26, 2016 and the Tri-County Vanguard on February 2, 2016 inviting applications from individuals interested in serving as Returning Officer for the upcoming Municipal and School Board Elections. Four (4) applications were received which were reviewed by the Committee of the Whole Council.

It is the recommendation of the Committee that the application received from Cathy Clark be accepted.

Resolution C160214

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that Cathy Clark be appointed Returning Officer for the 2016 Municipal and School Board Elections based on her qualifications and experience.

Motion carried unanimously.

2016 Bantam AA Provincial Championship – Request

Resolution C160215

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality purchase the Tournament Awards Title Sponsor for the 2016 Bantam AA Provincial Hockey Championships in the amount of \$250.00. This sponsor includes game day sponsorship recognition.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Volunteer of the Year

Conflict of Interest

Councillor George El-Jakl declared conflict of interest, vacated his seat and left the meeting room. Councillor El-Jakl is a close friend of one of the volunteers nominated.

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a summary of volunteer nominations and an evaluation sheet. As a result of the evaluations carried out by councillors, John and Sandra Shaar were selected as this year's Volunteer of the Year.

Resolution C160216

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that the decision to select John & Sandra Shaar as the Municipality's Volunteer of the Year be ratified.

Motion carried unanimously.

Waste Collection Contract

It was reported that in advance to the meeting each member of Council was provided with a copy of the current Waste Collection Contract with Ridge Road Management and the RFP used in 2011. The current contract will expire April 30, 2016.

General discussion took place regarding the Waste Collection Contract and it was agreed that this matter be referred to the March 14, 2016 Committee of the Whole Council meeting for further discussion.

PAC – Non-Council Appointments

Current PAC, Non-Council appointments will expire March 31, 2016. An advertisement has been placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper inviting expressions of interest from individuals wishing to serve on the committee. Applications were received from the following:

- Cecil Swimm
- James Symonds
- Brenda Maxwell
- Cindy Nickerson
- Representative of the Barrington Township Museum Association – Miss Sally Nickerson

Resolution C160217

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that Cecil Swimm be appointed to serve on the Planning Advisory Committee for the next two year period to expire March 31, 2018.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C160218

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Cindy Nickerson be appointed to serve on the Planning Advisory Committee for the next two year period to expire March 31, 2018.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
George El-Jakl
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

Shaun Hatfield.

Motion carried.

COMMUNITY LITTER CLEAN-UP PROGRAM

Resolution C160219

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that \$10,000.00 be provided in the 2016/17 Municipal Budget for the Community Litter Clean-up Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Warden

Secretary for the Meeting