

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 23, 2017. 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 Jody Crook
- Councillor Murray Atkinson
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Councillor Shaun Hatfield

- Rob Frost, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Being duly moved and seconded be it resolved that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded be it resolved that minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held December 12, 2016 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Western REN

The CAO informed members that a letter has been received from the Western Regional Enterprise Network acknowledging our request to join the Western REN. The letter advised that adding new municipalities to their network requires unanimous consent of all member municipalities. Contact will be made with their member municipalities and we will be advised of a decision in early February.

Reply from Fisheries and Oceans – Offshore Oil and Gas Exploration.

Correspondence has been received from Fisheries and Oceans in response to our letter of June 7, 2016 regarding offshore oil and gas exploration and development on the Scotia Shelf off Nova Scotia. The letter advised that our specific concerns regarding the removal of parcels 3 and 4 from consideration fall under the purview of the Minister of Natural Resources and the Minister of Energy. A copy of our correspondence has been forwarded to both. The Minister of Fisheries and Oceans acknowledged our concerns regarding fisheries and assured us that the protection of the marine environment, wildlife and fisheries is a priority for Fisheries and Oceans Canada. CNSOPB requires Shell Canada to prepare Emergency Response Plans for its Shelburne Basin Deep Water Exploration Project. DFO was involved in the review of the Net Environmental Benefit Analysis prepared in support of these plans. Through its Canadian Science Advisory Secretariat process, and in collaboration with Environment and Climate Change Canada and Natural Resources Canada the Department examined the documentation supporting Shell Canadas' analysis for its Spill Response Plan. DFO determined that this report which includes analysis supporting the use of sub-sea dispersant application as a response option in the event of a large sub-sea blowout oil spill was acceptable. DFO continues to work with the CNSOPB, ECCC and Shell Canada to provide ongoing advice, information and data required for project planning and management.

It was agreed that this matter be referred to Committee of the Whole Council for further discussion.

CORRESPONDENCE

Lending Program to Residents – Water Conservation/Supply Activities

The CAO informed members that CAOs in the area are currently in discussion regarding the development of a by-law to provide for financing to address water issues experienced by many of the residents this past summer. During this process the Department of Municipal Affairs was contacted to determine what assistance for resources they would be able to provide residents on the best course of action to address water supply issues. The Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs has advised that the Department of Natural Resources and Nova Scotia Environment are the key departments that have responsibilities and expertise relating to water supply resources. Unfortunately, they are not actually set-up, nor do they have the human resource capacity to assist individual property owners in making decisions regarding the most appropriate course of action to address their specific water shortage issues. The Deputy Minister further advised that the Province does not currently have a program to provide financial assistance to engage expertise directly for individual property owners. The letter further advised that there is considerable information available on-line to assist municipalities and individuals in making property specific drinking water related decisions. In closing, she advised that staff from her department are in discussions with DNR and NSE regarding ways to pull the existing information together to make it more accessible.

The CAO advised that this is a work in progress and the municipal units will continue to develop the by-law.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Warden

The Warden gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council. He advised that he attended a meeting of the Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation on January 18, 2017. Once minutes of the Foundation are approved they will be circulated to councillors. He advised that he will report further at the Committee of the Whole Council meeting.

Report of Councillors

Councillor Shaun Hatfield

Councillor Hatfield gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council. During his report Councillor Hatfield indicated that he attended an orientation meeting for members of the Yarmouth Hospital Charitable Foundation on January 6, 2017. He will inquire regarding the distribution of minutes to Council members.

Deputy Warden Jody Crook

Deputy Warden Crook gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council. During Deputy Warden Crook's report he indicated that the Baccaro Lighthouse Committee met on January 11, 2017 to discuss fundraising for repairs to the dome of the lighthouse and painting. He also informed members that a member of the Board of Directors of the Shelburne County Genealogical Society contacted him regarding rental opportunities in the Municipality. It was agreed that the CAO would contact the Society to discuss rental opportunities.

Councillor Murray Atkinson

Councillor Atkinson gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council. He reported that he would be attending a meeting of the Waste Management Committee on Friday, January 27, 2017.

Councillor George El-Jakl

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

Committee Recommendations

Councillor El-Jakl reported on committee recommendations.

Committee Reports

Resolution C170101

Being duly moved and seconded be it resolved that Council proceed with receiving a written report or present minutes from committees to which Council has appointed a council representative.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

Rural Internet (Western REN and NCS Network)

Resolution C170102

Being duly moved and seconded be it resolved that Council support the Western REN Rural Internet Initiative up to the proposed cost of \$15,000 which will be funded by Gas Tax.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

Sale of Lot 4 Hwy 3 – AAN 10590426 or PID 82569112

Resolution C170103

Being duly moved and seconded be it resolved that Council waive Sections 5 and 6 of Policy 12, “Sale of Municipal Property” so that the sale of Lot 4 Hwy 3 AAN 10590426 or PID 82569112 can proceed.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

Washing Machines

Resolution C170104

Being duly moved and seconded be it resolved that Council donate two washing machines to the Barrington Ground Search & Rescue Group in light of all the work they provided during the drought situation.

Motion carried (4-1)

Barrington Waste Audit

Resolution C170105

Being duly moved and seconded be it resolved that Council spend \$5,000 to have a Waste Audit performed by the Municipality of the District of Shelburne.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

RV Dumping Station Signs

Resolution C170106

Being duly moved and seconded be it resolved that Council contact authorities to investigate the ability and cost to install RV dumping station signs on the highway.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

PAC Appointment

Resolution C170107

Being duly moved and seconded be it resolved that Council appoint Warden Eddie Nickerson as the third councillor to the Planning Advisory Committee.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

Appointments to Committees

Resolution C170108

Being duly moved and seconded be it resolved that Council have the CAO develop a draft policy that would address appointments to committees.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

Civic Addressing

Resolution C170109

Being duly moved and seconded be it resolved that Council have the CAO develop a draft policy or by-law regarding civic addressing as a starting point for further discussion at a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

PACE Program

Resolution C170110

Being duly moved and seconded be it resolved that Council have the CAO develop a draft by-law regarding the Property Assessed Clean Energy Program for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

Sale of Municipal Properties

Resolution C170111

Being duly moved and seconded be it resolved that Council accept the list of properties suggested for sale and have staff proceed with the sale of these properties.

Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

MOTIONS – CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF “FLOATING DOCK POLICY”

At the last meeting of Council notice was given that Council would consider the adoption of a new municipal policy concerning the floating dock at McGray Avenue.

Resolution C170112

Being duly moved and seconded be it resolved that Council adopt the Municipal Floating Dock Policy as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Notice of Consideration – Proposed Amendments to Policy 52, Section 8

Notice is given this evening that proposed amendments to Policy 52, Section 8, will be considered at the next meeting of Council. Proposed amendments were circulated in advance to the meeting.

Notice of Consideration – Repeal of Policy 12 “Sale of Municipal Property”

Notice is given this evening that Council will consider repealing Policy 12 “Sale of Municipal Property” at the next meeting of Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Warden

Chief Administrative Officer

Secretary for the Meeting

On website January 26, 2017.