

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 25, 2019. 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

Chris Frotten, CAO
Lesla Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following item was added to the Agenda:

- Volunteer Representative.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Being duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of Conflict of Interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the last meeting held January 28, 2019, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING RE: SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY - FORMER PORT CLYDE FIRE HALL

At 7:03 p.m. a Public Hearing was held.

In accordance with Section 51(3) of the Municipal Government Act, the Public Hearing was held to receive comments and suggestions from the public prior to Council making a final decision on conveying the former Port Clyde Fire Hall property, located at 285 Port LaTour Road, Port Clyde, to the Clyde Area Community Centre Association. The property in question has an assessed value of \$244,500.00.

The Municipal Government Act requires the Municipality to hold a Public Hearing where Council proposes to sell property valued at more than \$10,000.00, at less than market value. It is the intention of Council to sell the property to the Clyde Area Community Centre Association for \$1.00.

As required by Section 51(4) of the Municipal Government Act, the Public Hearing was advertised in the Vanguard Newspaper on February 6th and 20, 2019. Details of the Public Hearing were also posted on social media.

No oral or written comments were received from the public.

The Public Hearing was adjourned.

Resolution C190201

Being duly moved and seconded that Council proceed to convey the former Port Clyde Fire Hall property to the Clyde Area Community Centre Association for the amount of \$1.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Warden

The Warden 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.

Deputy Warden Jody Crook

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

During his report he informed members that discussions are taking place with Nature Trust to organize a clean up of Crow Neck Beach to take place this fall.

Councillor Murray Atkinson

Councillor Atkinson 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.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

Councillor El-Jakl reported on recommendations from Committee of the Whole Council.

Senior Staff Credit Card

Resolution C190202

Being duly moved and seconded that:

WHEREAS the Municipality of the District of Barrington may borrow to cover the annual current expenditures of the Municipality that has been authorized by Council;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it expedient to authorize a \$60,000 corporate VISA facility for the purpose of paying current operating expenditures;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Barrington approved a corporate VISA with the CIBC, limited to a maximum of \$60,000 for the purpose of the purchase of goods and services for municipal purposes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Funding Request from IBPVFD Re: 2019 Vehicle Extrication Competition

Being duly moved and seconded that a full page ad be placed in the 2019 Vehicle Extrication Competitions and Challenges Booklet and advertise on their Poster at a price of \$100.00.

Motion defeated.

It was reported that the form letter received from the Island and Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department to advertise in their booklet for the 2019 Vehicle Extrication Competition was forwarded to us in error. A funding request will be received from the Island and Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department at a later date.

Request for "School Zone Sign"

It was reported that a request has been received from the Oceanview Christian Academy of Centreville for a "School Zone Sign". The school opened in 2017 and enrolment is now at 41 students. Parents drop off children in the morning and pick them up at dismissal resulting in 15 or more cars in the parking lot at one time. The concern is the speed at which cars approach the school because there is no "School Zone Sign" alerting motorists.

Being duly moved and seconded that a letter be forwarded to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting that an assessment be carried out to determine if a "School Zone Sign" is warranted at this location and that a copy of this letter be forwarded to the Oceanview Christian Academy.

Being duly moved and seconded that the above motion be amended by deleting "an assessment be carried out to determine if a "School Zone Sign" is warranted" and inserting "a "School Zone Sign" be posted".

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion was then put to a vote, which now reads as follows:

Resolution C190203

Being duly moved and seconded that a letter be forwarded to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting that a “School Zone Sign” be posted at this location and that a copy of this letter be forwarded to the Oceanview Christian Academy.

Motion carried unanimously.

Speed Zone – Oak Park Area

Concern has been expressed regarding the speed of vehicles on the Oak Park Road.

Resolution C190204

Being duly moved and seconded that the Municipality forward a letter to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting that they reassess the speed zones adjacent to the School Zone on the Oak Park Road.

Motion carried unanimously.

Municipal Modernization

Resolution C190205

Being duly moved and seconded that the Municipality of Barrington actively pursue shared services with neighbouring municipalities and towns in an effort to provide the most efficient and cost effective services to its citizens.

Motion carried unanimously.

Smoke Free Outdoor Spaces Signage

Resolution C190206

Being duly moved and seconded that \$500.00 be provided for signage for Smoke-Free Outdoor spaces.

Motion carried unanimously.

Waste Collection

During discussion of this matter it was noted that concern has been expressed regarding workers on the garbage truck improperly handling waste, bins and containers.

Resolution C190207

Being duly moved and seconded that a letter be forwarded to the Waste Collector advising him of concerns that have been expressed regarding his workers and requesting him to take action to address the concerns.

Motion carried unanimously.

Surplus Municipal Property – Riverhead

Resolution C190208

Being duly moved and seconded that a review of all surplus properties owned by the Municipality take place soon to determine if the properties are to be sold or retained by the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Cape Light

The Warden reported that the lost Cape Light was found in New Brunswick and as a result of discussions with the Friends of the Cape Light Society and the Town of Clarks Harbour an agreement has been reached for the light to be housed in a building to be located on Municipal property at The Hawk. The Society has agreed to oversee this project subject to a grant of \$9,200.00 being provided.

Resolution C190209

Being duly moved and seconded that a grant in the amount of \$9,200.00 be provided to The Friends of the Cape Light for a building to house the original Cape Light in the 2019-2020 budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C190210

Being duly moved and seconded that a lease be drawn up to lease the land to The Friends of the Cape Light Society for the area to house the Cape Light at The Hawk.

Motion carried unanimously.

Capital Investment Evaluation Criteria

Resolution C190211

Being duly moved and seconded that Council approve the Capital Investment Evaluation Criteria as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Report of CAO

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of the Report of the CAO. Topics highlighted were:

Infrastructure Renewal

- New Recreation Centre
- Development of Asset Management Plan
- Renewal or Expansion of Sewer System

Economic Growth

- Development of Additional Business/Commercial Property
- Reduction of Commercial Taxation
- Improved Access to Internet

Promotion and Support of Tourism Industry

- Amenities at Beaches
- Work to Attract Accommodations

Provision or Support of Services for Residents of the Municipality

- Continued Work Towards Additional Medical Services (Medical Clinic, Dialysis)
- Develop Water Access Plan (docks, wharves and marina)
- Improve Active Transportation (sidewalks, trails, boardwalks)

The report also provided a summary of activities for the period January 19th to February 22, 2019.

NEW AND OTHER BUSINESS

Notice of Consideration of adoption of Draft Credit Card Policy

Notice was given that consideration of the adoption of the draft Credit Card Policy will take place at the next meeting of Council.

Notice of Consideration of draft Substance Abuse Policy

Notice was given that consideration of the adoption of the draft Substance Abuse Policy will take place at the next meeting of Council.

Notice of Consideration of proposed amendments to Policy 52 “Council Meetings and Proceedings Policy

Notice was given that consideration of amendments to Policy No. 52 “Council Meetings and Proceedings Policy” will take place at the next meeting of Council.

Consideration of Adoption of a Travel and Expense Policy

The Province is requiring that all municipal units in Nova Scotia adopt an Expense Policy.

Notice of consideration of the adoption of the draft Travel and Expense Policy was given at the last meeting of Council.

It was noted that this policy safeguards the appropriate use of municipal funds through the establishment of uniform standards and procedures respecting reimbursement of expenses incurred by Council members and employees in relation to municipal business.

Resolution C190212

Being duly moved and seconded that the draft Travel and Expense Policy be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Adoption of a Hospitality Policy

The Province is requiring that all municipal units in Nova Scotia adopt a Hospitality Policy.

Notice of consideration of the adoption of the draft Hospitality Policy was given at the last meeting of Council.

It was noted that this policy provides direction and guidance to Council members and employees with respect to the appropriate expensing of necessary hospitality expenses, ensures hospitality is offered in an accountable, economical and consistent manner and ensures taxpayers' dollars are used prudently and responsibly.

Resolution C190213

Being duly moved and seconded that the draft Hospitality Policy be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of amendments to the Floating Dock Policy

It is proposed that the Floating Dock Policy be amended by deleting Section 5 and replacing it with the following:

“Any boat docked, moored or left unattended, or obstructing use of Municipal Property identified as PID Number 80024060 as shown on attached maps, for more than 24 hours, will be removed by the Municipality or a person contracted on its behalf, after due effort has been made by the Municipality to notify the owner or operator. The vessel will be moved to another location and the vessel owner shall be responsible for all associated costs. In special circumstances, the Municipality may waive costs.”

Notice of consideration of proposed amendments to the Floating Dock Policy was given at the last meeting of Council.

Resolution C190214

Being duly moved and seconded that proposed amendments to the Floating Dock Policy be referred back to Committee for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report on.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

No agenda items were forthcoming.

VOLUNTEER REPRESENTATIVE

It was reported that nominations for the “Municipality of Barrington Representative Volunteer” have been reviewed by staff due to time constraints and it is being recommended that John Joyce be selected.

Resolution C190215

Being duly moved and seconded that John Joyce be recognized as the Municipality of Barrington Representative Volunteer.

Motion carried unanimously.

IN-CAMERA SESSION RE: PHYSICIAN CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

At 8:00 p.m., an In-Camera Session was held to deal with Physician Contract Negotiations in accordance with Section 22(2)(e) of the Municipal Government Act.

The Regular Council Meeting was called back to order at 8:39 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Warden

Chief Administrative Officer

Secretary for the Meeting