

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, December 12, 2005.

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 Sterling Belliveau
- Deputy Warden Fred Bower
- Councillor Louise Halliday
- Councillor Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor Eddie Nickerson
- Councillor Larry Stewart
- Councillor Sean Strang

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

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No declarations of Conflict of Interest were declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the minutes of the last meeting held November 28, 2005 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was agreed that the following items be added to the agenda:

- Lighthouse Costs.
- Learning Network.
- Dr. McKnight.
- Western Zone Controller.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

C.S.I. Causeway

The Clerk informed members that a response has been received from the Minister of Transportation and Public Works regarding the sand building up close to the Cape Sable Island Causeway. The letter advised that at this time there are no issues that need to be examined by his department.

The Clerk further advised that he had received an email from Bob Petrie of the Department of Environment advising that Transport Canada Navigable Waters Protection is responsible for issues which affect navigation, which could include the effects of sediment transport impeding the boat berthing areas. He further advised that Fisheries and Oceans Canada Habitat Management Branch is responsible for activities that may affect fish habitat. The contact person for this department is Tom Wheaton.

The Clerk contacted Mr. Wheaton, by telephone, and was advised that there was nothing his department could do about the matter of concern. He suggested that the Clerk contact his Supervisor, Paul Boudreau. Attempts have been made to contact Mr. Boudreau without success. At this point in time it seems that no-one wants to accept responsibility for this problem.

Resolution C051201

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that letters be written to MLA Cecil O'Donnell and MP Gerald Keddy advising them of the situation, and requesting to know who would be responsible for this matter, and that both be provided with copies of letters sent regarding this matter.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed that we request a response from the MLA and MP early in the new year.

During discussion of this matter it was also suggested that a letter should be written to the Minister of Fisheries, Geoff Reagan.

Tabled Motion Re: C.S.I. Sewer

The Clerk informed members that at the Council meeting held May 24, 2005 the following motion was tabled until after Council deals with the recommendation of the C.S.I. Sewer Committee to complete a survey of residents of Cape Sable Island to determine if residents wish to have a public sewer system. This survey has now been completed and it would be appropriate to deal with the tabled motion at this time.

“Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that the consulting firm of ABL Environmental Ltd. be requested to provide an analysis of the cost of connecting approximately 75 sewer units in the North East Point area to the Barrington sewer system.”

The motion was put to a vote.

Motion defeated unanimously.

Lighthouse Costs

By letter, dated August 2, 2005, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans advised that the Baccaro Light Station could be offered to the Municipality for a nominal fee. The letter further advised that the Municipality would have to contractually agree to operating and maintaining the light for a period of ten (10) years.

By way of letter dated August 29, 2005 the Municipality requested the cost of maintenance and operation for the last three years for the following lighthouses:

- Baccaro Light
- Cape Light
- Stoddard's Island Light
- Wood's Harbour Light
- Cape Negro Island Light
- Half Moons Light

A response to that letter has now been received advising that they would no longer require recipients of surplus lighthouse properties to operate the navigational aid equipment when assuming ownership. Instead, ownership and maintenance of these devices will remain with DFO. The letter further advised that the annual cost to be covered by the recipient organization will be limited to costs associated with maintaining the buildings and associated property, such as painting, property taxes, landscaping etc.

Resolution C051202

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole Council meeting for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Bay Side Home Expansion

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Minister of Health acknowledging the commitment of the Municipality to the Bay Side Home expansion. The letter advised that once they have received the recommendations from the working group considering the role of Bay Side facility, staff from Continuing Care Branch will arrange a meeting with Council to discuss the proposed expansion.

South West Nova Biosphere Reserve Association

It was reported that an invitation package has been received from the South West Nova Biosphere Reserve Association inviting councillors to attend an Open House on December 14, 2005, at the Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute in Kempt.

Friends of Clark's Harbour Library

The Clerk informed members that a thank you letter was received from the Clark's Harbour Library Fundraising Committee thanking Council for their contribution of \$100.00.

Shelburne County Learning Network

Correspondence has now been received from Krista Peterson explaining that they would like to relocate the Barrington Community Learning Centre to the former Municipal Library once the new library is constructed. The Network is requesting free rent, including power, heat and

maintenance of the building. The Network is further requesting that a wheelchair accessible washroom be constructed on the main floor of the building.

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Resolution C051203

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality apply for an accessibility grant to obtain funding for a wheelchair accessible washroom to be constructed in the former Municipal Library.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed that the old Municipal Library be referred to the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council.

REPORT OF WARDEN

Halifax Explosion

The Warden informed members that he had been contacted by a citizen of Cape Sable Island who suggested that the article which recently appeared in the Coast Guard Newspaper regarding the Halifax explosion be framed and showcased by the Municipality.

It was suggested that the information could be displayed at either the Visitor Information Centre or the Municipal Library.

Resolution C051204

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that the article regarding the Halifax Explosion be showcased in the new Municipal Library or the Visitor Information Centre.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rifle Range Advisory Committee

Councillor Halliday informed members that Richard Swaine has advised her that the next meeting of the committee will be held on December 14, 2005 at 7:00 p.m., at the Shelburne Fire Hall.

Resolution C051205

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that Mr. Swaine be advised that no-one is available to attend tomorrow night's meeting and that Councillor Sean Strang will serve on the committee in the future and requested advance notice of meetings.

Motion carried unanimously.

Festival of Lights

Councillor Messenger informed members that she attended the Festival of Lights held on

December 1, 2005 at the Cape Sable Island Causeway. She informed members that the festival was very good and indicated that Ray Green and staff deserve recognition for a job well done.

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Committee of the Whole Council

Fire Department Water Hole

Resolution C051206

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipality restore the water hole on the property of Mr. Paul Nickerson of Brass Hill in consultation with the property owner and submit a plan to Council for approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

Heritage Hunting and Fishing Protection Act

Resolution C051207

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that a letter, as requested, be sent in support of the Heritage Hunting and Fishing Protection Act.

AFFIRMATIVE

Fred Bower

Louise Halliday

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Eddie Nickerson

Larry Stewart

Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Sterling Belliveau

Motion carried.

Snow Plow

Resolution C051208

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that a snow plow and associated equipment be purchased and installed on the 3/4 ton flatbed truck with the funds being provided from reserves.

Motion carried unanimously.

On Call Service

At this time the Warden turned his chair over to the Deputy Warden in order that he could speak on this matter. The Warden expressed concerns regarding Property Services personnel providing on call services to the Water and Wastewater Department.

The chair was then resumed by the Warden.

Resolution C051209

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Messenger that the Property Services Supervisor and the Property Services Technician both be trained in sewer pumping station maintenance so that they would be able to share in the on call schedule in the sewer services, as required, but priority for these people would continue to be the operation of the Arena and other property services.

AFFIRMATIVE

Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson
Larry Stewart
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Sterling Belliveau
Fred Bower

Motion carried.

Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department Request

Resolution C051210

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Stewart that the Municipality deny the request of the Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department for the payment of a bill from Clarence Smith Used Cars for the rental of a used vehicle on Halloween night, as members of other fire departments and the R.C.M.P. also received vehicle damage during the evening and the cost of these damages were being born by those organizations and individuals.

Motion carried unanimously.

Terry Hawkins Industries Ltd.

Resolution C051211

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Stewart that a letter of support be sent to Terry Hawkins Industries Limited from Barrington Municipal Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

Municipal Law Symposium

Resolution C051212

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality pay the expenses of councillors wishing to attend the Municipal Law Symposium being conducted February 9th and 10th, 2006, in Halifax.

Motion carried unanimously.

Waste Collection Start Times

Resolution C051213

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Stewart that the waste collection start time of 7:00 a.m. be continued as it has to date caused no serious problems for the waste collector or residents.

AFFIRMATIVE

Fred Bower
Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson
Larry Stewart
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Sterling Belliveau

Motion carried.

Barrington Ground Search and Rescue Building

Resolution C051214

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Stewart that the Municipality complete an agreement to be signed by the other municipal units who have agreed to the funding for the purchase of municipal property by the Barrington Ground Search and Rescue Group, and that the Municipality proceed with the agreement of sale and deed transfer.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C051215

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by F. Bower that the appropriate steps be taken to amend the by-law to exempt this property from taxes once it has been purchased by the Barrington Ground Search and Rescue Group.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING RE: LIGHT AND HEAVY INDUSTRIES

At 7:40 p.m. a public hearing was held to deal with proposed amendments to the Land Use By-Law to amend definitions 45 and 46 to provide greater clarity of heavy industrial and light industrial uses.

Minutes of the public hearing are attached hereto and form part of the minutes.

The regular council meeting was called back to order at the conclusion of the public hearing.

Resolution C051216

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by E. Nickerson that the proposed amendments to the Land Use By-Law to amend definitions 45 and 46 to provide greater clarity of heavy industrial and light industrial uses be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

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CONTINUATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

Team Shelburne County Meeting

Councillor Nickerson informed members that he and the Municipal Clerk attended the Team Shelburne County meeting held on December 8, 2005. The purpose of the meeting was for VIBE Marketing and Communications to gather information to be used in preparing a proposed governance structure for the Team. It is anticipated that the governance structure will be prepared and presented to the Team for consideration early in the new year.

VIBE Marketing and Communications representatives are also preparing a marketing package for the Shelburne Youth Centre.

Flooding Problem

Councillor Strang informed members that one of his constituents has expressed concern regarding a flooding problem in this area.

Resolution C051217

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the Municipality request the Department of Transportation to contact the constituent to arrange a time to view and discuss the matter of concern.

Motion carried unanimously.

Region 6 Waste Management

Councillor Stewart briefly reported on the Region 6 Waste Management Meeting which was held on Friday, December 9, 2005.

South West Shore Development Authority Planning Session

Councillor Messenger provided a brief report on the Planning Session of the South West Shore Development Authority held on Wednesday, December 7, 2005.

Year of the Veteran

It was suggested that a Christmas tree be planted at McGray Avenue in honor of the "Year of the Veteran".

Resolution C051218

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by F. Bower that a tree be planted at McGray Avenue to

be lit every year as a part of our Festival of Lights celebration in honor of the Year of the Veteran.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tour of New High School

Councillor Halliday reminded members that on December 19, 2005 a tour of the new high school will be carried out.

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REQUEST OF SOUTH WEST SHORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Clerk informed members that a letter has been received from the South West Shore Development Authority advising that an application will be submitted to the International Trade Division of the Federal Government under the Community Investment Support Program, to further their work to promote the area for foreign direct investment. The application will facilitate the following activities:

1. Development of a Strategic Plan to attract FDI.
2. Organization of targeted business promotions to foreign investors.
3. Development of promotional materials.
4. Translation of promotional material to French.

In order to strengthen the Authority's application, they are requesting a letter of support from Municipal Council.

Resolution C051219

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that a letter be forwarded to the South West Shore Development Authority in support of their application under the Community Investment Support Program.

<u>AFFIRMATIVE</u>	<u>NEGATIVE</u>
Sterling Belliveau	Fred Bower
Louise Halliday	Larry Stewart
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger	
Eddie Nickerson	
Sean Strang	

Motion carried.

The Development Authority has prepared a budget of \$115,000.00 for this proposal and would like to source \$25,000.00 of this cost from its municipal partners. The Authority is therefore requesting \$3,542.50 from the Municipality of Barrington.

Resolution C051220

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that a grant of \$3,542.50 be provided to the South West Shore Development Authority as our contribution towards the project and that this amount be included in next year's budget.

<u>AFFIRMATIVE</u>	<u>NEGATIVE</u>
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Sterling Belliveau
Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson
Larry Stewart
Sean Strang

Fred Bower

Motion carried.

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Resolution C051221

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Stewart that it be suggested to the South West Shore Development Authority that if they are trying to attract foreign investors they may want to consider translating promotional materials to Chinese and Japanese as well as French.

Motion carried unanimously.

DR. MCKNIGHT

The Clerk informed members that he received word today that Dr. McKnight will be leaving the area on Friday, December 16, 2005. No-one will be in the office until January 3, 2006 when Dr. Blair will return to the office.

WESTERN ZONE CONTROLLER

The Clerk informed members that an email has been received from Vern Fraser advising that he is now the Zone Controller for the Western Zone. The provincial EMO Office is undergoing some organizational changes and it is being suggested that the department name be changed to "Emergency Management Office", and plans are underway to establish a Zone Controller position for the South Shore to Yarmouth area which will split the current Western Region into two zones.

EMO COORDINATOR

The Clerk informed members that the Town of Clark's Harbour has considered the recommendation of the Joint EMO Committee and have agreed to cost-share in an EMO Coordinator for both municipal units. The position will be advertised early in the new year.

CLOSED SESSION

At this time a Closed Session of Council was held.

The Regular Council Meeting was then called back to order.

YEARLY INCREMENT

Resolution C051222

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the yearly increment for Shenton Allen be approved after having received satisfactory performance evaluations.

Motion carried unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by F. Bower that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website December 14, 2005.

**PUBLIC HEARING RE AMENDMENTS TO LAND USE BY-LAW
RE: DEFINING LIGHT AND HEAVY INDUSTRIES**

The Public Hearing was called to order by the Warden at 7:40 p.m., in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Warden Sterling Belliveau
- Deputy Warden Fred Bower
- Councillor Louise Halliday
- Councillor Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor Eddie Nickerson
- Councillor Larry Stewart
- Councillor Sean Strang

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

There were no members of the public present during the Public Hearing.

The Clerk reported that the required advertisements were placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper notifying the public of the Public Hearing. Notification was also given to adjacent municipal units.

The Clerk informed members that it is proposed that definitions 45 and 46 of the Land Use By-Law be amended to provide greater clarity of heavy industrial and light industrial uses.

No written or oral presentations were received regarding the proposed amendments.

The Public Hearing adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website December 14, 2005.

