

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, November 28, 2005.

The meeting was called to order by the Deputy Warden at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported that all councillors representing all districts of the Municipality were present with the exception of Warden Sterling Belliveau who was absent due to work commitments.

- 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

None declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the minutes of the last meeting of Council held November 14, 2005 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

TMRS Coverage

As a result of Council's inquiry, the Department of Transportation and Public Works, Public Safety Communications Services, has advised that radio coverage is also a concern of theirs and they have worked with several government departments and municipalities to address coverage concerns. Improving on the basic system coverage is a costly venture. The Department is currently in the process of deploying almost 100 satellite phones to Emergency Measures Coordinators and Ground Search & Rescue Teams with air-time and maintenance packages covered by the Province. They currently have a support vehicle available to respond to local emergency scenes upon request.

Dean Nickerson Proposal - Camping Cabins

The Clerk informed members that he, along with the Planner, Gary Saunders, and the Development Officer, Andrew Goreham, met with the Municipal Solicitor last week to discuss the feasibility of a possible pilot project to allow Dean Nickerson to construct camping cabins in the Coastal Wetlands Zone. The Municipal Solicitor has advised that he has reviewed the planning and development sections of the Municipal Government Act and cannot find any

section giving Council authority to consider such a pilot project.

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It was the recommendation of the Municipal Clerk that Council deal with the tabled motion made at the November 14, 2005 Council meeting.

Resolution C051131

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that the proposed Coastal Wetlands amendments are the best means of achieving the objective of Council to permit Dean Nickerson's development of camping cabins on his property and therefore these amendments be considered by Council.

AFFIRMATIVE

Fred Bower
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Louise Halliday
Larry Stewart

Motion carried.

The Clerk informed members that the next step in this process would be to hold a public hearing to receive public comments.

Port Clyde Railway Bridge

The Clerk informed members that the Municipality of Shelburne has been successful in obtaining sufficient funds from the Province to cover the full cost of the construction of a walkway across the old train trestle bridge in Port Clyde, therefore the Municipality of Shelburne has returned the Municipal contribution of \$1,500.00.

Banking Services

The Municipal Clerk informed members that he has had an opportunity to review the banking proposal submitted by the Royal Bank of Canada and it is his recommendation that the proposal be accepted.

Resolution C051132

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that the tender received from the Royal Bank of Canada for banking services be approved for a term of five (5) years commencing December 15, 2005.

Motion carried unanimously.

Wood's Harbour Ambulance Service

The Clerk reported that a response has now been received from EHS regarding the concerns raised by Mr. Darrell Stoddard. EHS has advised of the following:

- The Letter of Agreement on file between the Municipality of Barrington and the then Minister of Health at the time, provided for ambulance service twelve (12) hours/7 days a week, with the remainder being "on call".

- A response time analysis of the catchment area indicates that for the time period November 15, 2004 to November 15, 2005, there were a total of 118 emergent and urgent calls. Of these:
 - 70 were responded to in 9 minutes or less.
 - 20 were responded to in 12 minutes or less.
 - 18 were responded to in 15 minutes,
 - 10 were responded to in 20 minutes or less.

These response times are consistently better than requirements.

- Ambulance vehicles are not prioritized. The call itself, however, is with emergency calls being assigned the highest level of priority. This is a province-wide standard.
- There are no plans to relocate the Wood's Harbour ambulance at this time.

Resolution C051133

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that a copy of the letter received from EHS be forwarded to Mr. Stoddard for his information.

Motion carried unanimously.

Bay Side Home Expansion

Resolution C051134

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that arrangements be made for the Warden to meet with the Minister of Health, Angus MacIsaac, to discuss the expansion of Bay Side Home, and to make him aware of the commitment for land and funding by the Municipality, and that the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Bay Side Home be invited to attend this meeting as well.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Region 6 Waste Management Meeting

The Clerk informed members that there would be a Region 6 Steering Committee meeting held on December 9, 2005, and suggested that Council appoint a representative to attend future Waste Management meetings as an observer.

Resolution C051135

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by D. Messenger that Councillor Eddie Nickerson serve on the Region 6 Steering Committee as an observer for the time being and that Councillor Larry Stewart be appointed the alternate.

Motion carried unanimously.

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S.W.S.D.A. Planning Sessions

The Clerk informed members that the S.W.S.D.A. will be holding Planning Consultation Sessions to receive input from partners, and from the citizens of the region. The input will be used to prepare a new five year strategic plan for the region for the period 2006-2010. A meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 7, 2005, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., with councils in Western Shelburne County.

It was further noted that public consultations with community group representatives and citizens will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon in the Barrington area. Location to be announced later.

It was agreed that this information be e-mailed to councillors.

Request - Terry Hawkins

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from Terry Hawkins, President, Terry Hawkins Industries Ltd., which advised that they are approaching the Province and ACOA for additional funds to implement their business plan which will provide for an additional ten (10) new permanent jobs in Shelburne. Mr. Hawkins is requesting a letter of support from the Municipality.

Resolution C051136

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that the request received from Terry Hawkins for a letter of support be forwarded to the Committee of the Whole Council for further discussion, and that the Municipal Clerk gather more information about the company.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF DEPUTY WARDEN

The Deputy Warden informed members that he recently attended a meeting of the Library Board. At that meeting members expressed their pleasure in the progress being made on the new Municipal Library.

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

The Clerk-Treasurer provided a report on activities for the month of October.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Professional Development

Councillors Halliday, Stewart and Messenger gave brief reports on the Professional Development

for Municipal Councillors Workshop held in Halifax on November 24th and 25th , 2005.

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Sustainable Planning

Councillors Messenger and Halliday gave brief reports on the Sustainable Planning for Communities Workshop held earlier today at White Point.

SECOND READING - BY-LAW NO. 25

At a previous Council meeting, proposed amendments to By-Law No. 25 “Tax Exemption By-Law”, had received approval in first reading. An advertisement was placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper on November 8, 2005 making the public aware of the proposed amendments. The proposed amendments will remove properties that no longer qualify for the exemption.

Resolution C051137

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by E. Nickerson that proposed amendments to By-Law No. 25 “Tax Exemption By-Law” receive approval in second and final reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTINUATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

Waterfront Development Committee

Councillor Nickerson informed members that a Waterfront Development Committee meeting was held last Thursday. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled to be held on January 19, 2006. At that time, it is hoped that Arthur Lynds of the Department of Natural Resources, and Jason Hollett of the South West Shore Development Authority, can both be present to discuss the proposed boardwalk along the beach area at McGray Avenue.

Committee of the Whole Council Meeting

CED Centre/Library

Resolution C051138

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the additional cost of \$2,000.00 for brick for the Municipal Library be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Continuing Care Steering Committee

Resolution C051139

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Halliday that Councillor Messenger and Councillor

Nickerson be appointed to serve on the Continuing Care Steering Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Veterans Event - ERMES

Concerns have been brought to the attention of Council by individuals and community organizations regarding the decision of the Tri County District School Board to not allow community organizations to use their schools unless they have proper insurance coverage in place.

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that a letter be written to the Tri-County District School Board asking them to address the issue of insurance coverage for community events being held in local schools.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that the above motion be amended by inserting the words “expanded insurance to cover community events”.

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion now reads as follows:

Resolution C051140

“...that a letter be written to the Tri County District School Board asking them to address the issue of expanded insurance to cover community events being held in local schools.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Sherose Island Property - Former CFS Barrington Site

Resolution C051141

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the Department of National Defence be requested to provide a copy of the environmental assessment report for the CFS Barrington Site located on Sherose Island.

Motion carried unanimously.

Marina Project

Resolution C051142

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that a letter be forwarded to the Marina Committee advising that the Municipality has tried to acquire the Station Road Ferry Site for the Marina Group but due to legal advice obtained regarding liability issues, the Municipality is not willing to take ownership of the property, but the land may still be available to them from the Province.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Resolution C051142

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by E. Nickerson that the Department of Transportation and Public Works be informed that the Municipality is no longer interested in acquiring the Station Road Ferry Site located in Barrington Passage, but that the Municipality supports the transfer of the property from the provincial government to the Marina Group, if and when they are in a position to accept title to the land.

Motion carried unanimously.

V.I.C. Sign

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the V.I.C. sign be altered by adding more color.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that the above motion be amended to state that the Municipal Clerk work with Signsmith, John Smith, to come up with appropriate alterations to the sign.

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion now reads as follows:

Resolution C051143

“...that the V.I.C. sign be altered by adding more colour, and that the Municipal Clerk work with Signsmith, John Smith, to come up with appropriate alterations to the sign.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Planning Advisory Committee

Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour Gravel Pit Regulations

Resolution C051144

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the time to provide a response to the Department of Environment and Labour on the Discussion Paper on gravel pits be extended beyond December 15th in order to allow municipalities time to consider relative information.

Motion carried unanimously.

Joint EMO Executive

Resolution C051145

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by E. Nickerson that the Municipality advertise for an Emergency Measures Coordinator who is to be paid \$500.00 per month, or \$6,000.00 per year, plus expenses, and that the cost will be shared between the municipal units on a per capita basis, 85% to the Municipality of Barrington and 15% to the Town of Clark's Harbour.

Motion carried unanimously.

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It was noted that a similar motion will be considered by the Town of Clark's Harbour at their first meeting in December. Once approval has been received, an advertisement will be placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper.

Community Health Care Advisory Committee

Councillor Messenger provided a brief report on the Community Health Care Advisory Committee meeting held November 22, 2005.

DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

The Municipal Clerk presented an affidavit outlining documents which he would like to have destroyed since they no longer hold any value to the Municipality.

Resolution C051146

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger:

WHEREAS the documents and records of the Municipality of the District of Barrington are set out in the affidavit of Brian Holland, the Municipal Clerk, sworn to the 28th day of November, A.D., 2005 are no longer required;

AND WHEREAS according to the said affidavit, the said documents and records have been personally examined by the said Clerk, and he has determined that there is nothing of value therein, and that the said documents and records do not include any documents or records which are exempt from destruction pursuant to Section 3 of the Destruction of Documents By-Law;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the said documents and records as set out in the said affidavit of the said Clerk be forthwith removed and destroyed.

Motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the above is attached.

TAX REDUCTION APPLICATION

The Clerk informed members that a Tax Reduction Application has been received from Matthew J. Ross of Stoney Island. Mr. Ross lost his house to fire on November 2, 2005. Mr. Ross's assessed value has been reduced from \$127,800.00 to \$17,600.00.

Resolution C051147

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by D. Messenger that the Tax Reduction Application received from Matthew J. Ross be approved, and that taxes be adjusted on his property located at 1384 Stoney Island Road, Assessment Account #04058267.

Motion carried unanimously.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Councillor Nickerson expressed concern regarding the condition of a road cut located in South Side. A culvert was installed at that location some time ago to alleviate the water problem in that area. The road cut is now in need of repaving.

Resolution C051148

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that a letter be written to the Department of Transportation asking when the road cut will be repaved.

Motion carried unanimously.

EMO TRAINING

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with information on EMO training opportunities. A course is scheduled to be held in Dartmouth from January 17 - 19, 2006.

Resolution C051149

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that councillors wishing to attend may do so, and that expenses will be paid by the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed that anyone wishing to attend would contact the Municipal Clerk in order that arrangements can be made for registration and accommodations.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by L. Stewart that the meeting adjourn.

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

Deputy Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website November 30, 2005.

