

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 14, 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

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT

None declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the minutes of the last regular meeting of Council held October 24, 2005 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

- Banking Services.

LONG TERM NURSING CARE FACILITY

The Chairman of the Continuing Care Steering Committee, Shaun Hatfield, as well as members Richard Nickerson and Bonnie Smith, appeared before the meeting to make a presentation from the Committee. The committee is requesting Council's support in providing land and financing for an expansion to Bay Side Home.

Approximately 100 residents were present in support of this request. A petition had been circulated and signed by 106 residents indicating that they support Council in providing Municipal land as well as funding in the amount of \$250,000.00 towards the establishment of a long term nursing care facility.

The land in question is located on the north side of Bay Side Home and consists of approximately 6.2 acres.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that on September 26, 2001 Council passed a motion indicating that the piece of land requested by Bay Side Home Corporation will remain the property of the Municipality although the Municipality will be agreeable to transferring the property, in future, if it is needed for the expansion of Bay Side Home.

It was suggested that it is now time for Council to reconfirm this commitment.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality of Barrington retain ownership of the land located north of Bay Side Home consisting of approximately 6.2 acres, but that it be designated for the expansion of Bay Side Home for long term nursing care.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that the above motion be amended to include the words “continuing care”.

Amendment carried.

The amended motion now reads as follows:

Resolution C051103

“...that the Municipality of Barrington retain ownership of the land located north of Bay Side Home consisting of approximately 6.2 acres, but that it be designated for the expansion of Bay Side Home for long term nursing care/continuing care.”

Motion carried unanimously.

The Continuing Care Steering Committee members then made a second request of Council that \$250,000.00 be committed to the construction of an expansion to Bay Side Home for long term care/continuing care.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Stewart that the Municipality provide a grant of \$250,000.00 for the expansion of Bay Side Home for long term nursing care/continuing care.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that the above motion be deferred to the Committee of the Whole Council for further discussion on November 21, 2005 and that Chairman Shaun Hatfield be invited to attend.

AFFIRMATIVE

Eddie Nickerson
Louise Halliday

NEGATIVE

Sterling Belliveau
Fred Bower
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Larry Stewart
Sean Strang

Motion defeated.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that the above motion be amended by inserting the words “ a minimum of” before \$250,000.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

The main motion now reads as follows:

Resolution C051104

“...that the Municipality provide a grant of a minimum of \$250,000.00 for the expansion of Bay Side Home for long term nursing care/continuing care.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C051105

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that a letter be forwarded to the Minister of Health and Janet Simm of the Department of Health indicating Council’s commitment of land and financing for the expansion of Bay Side Home, and that a copy of this letter be forwarded to MLA Cecil O’Donnell.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed that “long term nursing care facility” be added to the agenda for the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held November 7, 2005 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

BARRINGTON REGIONAL CURLING CLUB

Bob Cushing, Robert Hopkins and Richard Nickerson of the Barrington Regional Curling Club appeared before the meeting. Mr. Cushing acted as spokesperson. In advance to the meeting each member of Council was provided with proposed changes to the financial repayment schedule between the Municipality and the Curling Club, of which a copy is attached and forms part of the minutes.

Resolution C051106

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Messenger that the proposed changes to the financial repayment schedule presented by members of the Barrington Regional Curling Club be accepted and that the payment of \$28,000.00 per year towards the debenture be reduced to \$15,000.00 per year and the Club be permitted establish a capital reserve fund for future capital expenses.

Motion carried unanimously.

V.I.C. REPORT 2005

Diane Smith, V.I.C. Manager, appeared before the meeting and provided statistics for the year 2005. She indicated that there were 9,568 visitors for the 2005 tourist season. This is a decrease of 797 visitors from the previous year. A summary of the breakdown of visitors was also provided as well as a summary of a survey which was carried out this summer indicating visitor destination, common reasons people visited the Barrington area, etc.

Diane Smith was thanked for appearing and making her presentation.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cellular Coverage

The Clerk informed members that a response has now been received from Aliant regarding the expansion of cellular coverage in Centreville, South Side, Clark's Harbour, The Hawk and Shag Harbour. The letter advised that at present Aliant Mobility does not have immediate plans for future expansion in these communities. The letter further advised that as it relates to TMR radio coverage, the Province of Nova Scotia owns the TMR system, while Aliant operates and maintains it under contract to the province. Aliant has indicated that they will forward Council's concerns to the province.

Resolution C051107

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that a letter be forwarded to the Province indicating Council's concern regarding TMR radio coverage for emergency services.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Post Office and Plant Closures

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers regarding Canada Post closing post offices and plants.

Resolution C051108

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Strang that:

WHEREAS Canada Post is reviewing its entire postal network and has announced plans to close a mail sorting plant in Quebec City as the very first step in its review.

WHEREAS the government appears to support Canada Post's plan to close the plant in Quebec City, beginning in December 2005, which would eliminate 302 jobs.

WHEREAS the government is allowing Canada Post to close rural post offices in spite of a moratorium on post office closures in rural and small towns.

WHEREAS our public postal network connects communities throughout this vast land, helping us to overcome differences and distances.

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WHEREAS our public postal network plays a key role in our social and economic life by providing jobs and the infrastructure that healthy communities need to thrive and businesses need to grow.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Barrington write to John McCallum, the Minister Responsible for Canada Post and request that the federal government instruct Canada Post:

1. To stop the closure of the mail sorting plant in Quebec City and proposed closures in other locations.
2. To consult with the public, postal unions and other major stakeholders to develop a uniform and democratic process for making changes to the Canada Post's network.
3. To maintain, expand and improve our public postal network.

Motion carried unanimously.

Veteran's Event Canceled

Correspondence has been received from Marilyn Goreham expressing her dissatisfaction with the need to cancel plans to hold an evening of entertainment and refreshments for veterans on Friday, October 21st at the Evelyn Richardson Memorial Elementary School in Shag Harbour. The letter advised that on October 14, 2005 Mrs. Goreham received a call from ERMES informing her that any event held at the school that was not school related would have to be insured by the group hosting the event. The School Board has advised that they will no longer be covering such events with the insurance used by the school.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that many other programs have been canceled at the school.

Resolution C051109

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Proud Halifax Pride 2005

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from Proud Halifax Pride 2005 requesting a financial contribution to assist with the cost of a week long program for Pride Week 2006.

Resolution C051110

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the request for financial assistance received from Proud Halifax Pride 2005 be denied.

AFFIRMATIVE

Sterling Belliveau

Louise Halliday

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Eddie Nickerson

Larry Stewart

Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Fred Bower

Motion carried.

Heritage Hunting and Fishing Protection Act

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from MP Inky Mark regarding a private members bill to protect recreational hunting and fishing rights for all Canadians.

Resolution C051111

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

Motion carried unanimously.

CFS Barrington - Sherose Island

The Clerk informed members that a letter has now been received from the Department of National Defense regarding the contamination at the former CFS Barrington site. The letter advised that the Municipality sold off and removed mobile homes that were purchased from the Department, soon after they were bought in 1991. The letter advised that they have reviewed their files once again and the Order in Council transferring the property to the Municipality clearly states that the transfer included land, buildings and mobile homes. As stated in previous correspondence, environmental studies were clear in that while the Department occupied the property there was no fuel oil contamination. The contamination on the site may have occurred when the Municipality had the mobile homes removed. In closing, the letter stated that the Department cannot be held responsible for the contamination found at the Sherose Island property.

It was the consensus of members that this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion.

Letter Re: Ambulance Service

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from Darrell Stoddard of Wood's Harbour. Mr. Stoddard expressed concern that the ambulance in

Wood's Harbour is constantly dispatched to fill in for the Barrington Passage service as well as the West Pubnico ambulance. He further advised that it was recently brought to his attention that the ambulance may be moved to Charlesville or even to East Pubnico.

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Resolution C051112

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that contact be made with EHS and that a copy of Mr. Stoddard's letter be forwarded for comments.

Motion carried unanimously.

Cape Sable Island Causeway

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Minister of Environment and Labour in response to Council's letter expressing concern about a potential environmental problem at the C.S.I. Causeway. The letter advised that this matter is beyond the jurisdiction of his department as it originates in marine waters. Council's concerns have been forwarded to both Environment Canada and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, both of which would have jurisdictional authority in such issues. The letter further advised that a copy of Council's letter was also forwarded to the Honourable Ron Russell, Minister of Transportation and Public Works in the event that the issue needs to be examined by that department.

Resolution C051113

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that a letter be forwarded to Environment Canada, Department of Fisheries and Oceans and Transportation and Public Works expressing Council's concern regarding the potential environmental problem at the C.S.I. Causeway.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

Barrington Ground Search and Rescue Group

The Warden informed members that on November 5, 2005, he along with Councillor Nickerson and Councillor Messenger, attended a workshop held by the Barrington Ground Search and Rescue Group to discuss the funding formula for the purchase of the former Barrington Passage Fire Hall. The following funding formula was recommended by the group:

<u>District/Town</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>	<u>5 Year Spread (starting 2006/07)</u>
Mun. of Barrington	47%	\$30,550.00	\$6,110.00
Mun. of Shelburne	30%	\$19,500.00	\$3,900.00
Town of Shelburne	12%	\$7,800.00	\$1,560.00
Town of Clark's Hbr	6%	\$3,900.00	\$780.00
Town of Lockeport	5%	\$3,250.00	\$650.00
Totals:		\$65,000.00	\$13,000.00/year

The Group is currently awaiting official word from the municipal units as to whether or not they are in agreement with this funding arrangement.

Team Shelburne County

The Warden reported that he and the Clerk attended a meeting of Team Shelburne County on November 8, 2005. At that meeting discussion took place regarding the future use of the Youth Centre.

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Remembrance Day Services

The Warden reported that he attended the Remembrance Day Supper hosted by the Royal Canadian Legion of Clark's Harbour. The Warden made reference to two poems which had been written in recognition of the Year of the Veteran.

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

The Clerk-Treasurer provided a report on activities for the month of September 2005.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

S.S.T. Committee

Councillor Louise Halliday provided a brief update on construction of B.M.H.S. Everything appears to be on schedule with the exception of the soccer field. The soccer field may not be ready for use in September 2006 and therefore the School Board may wish to continue to use the old field in Barrington Passage.

During discussion of this matter it was questioned whether the Barrington Regional Curling Club may be able to take possession of some of the old furniture which will not be used in the new B.M.H.S.

Planning Advisory Committee

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that the proposed Coastal Wetlands amendments are the best means of attaining the objective of Council to permit Dean Nickerson's development of camping cabins on his property and therefore these amendments are recommended to Council for adoption, however, it is further recommended to Council that the Planning Advisory Committee does not support any development in the Coastal Wetlands Areas.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Messenger that the second part of the above motion be separated in two motions starting with the word "therefore".

Motion withdrawn.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday that the above motion be amended by deleting the wording "however, it is further recommended to Council that the Planning Advisory Committee does not support any development in the Coastal Wetlands Areas."

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion now reads as follows:

Resolution C051114

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

recommended to Council for adoption.

At this time the Warden turned the Chair over to the Deputy Warden in order that he could address this matter.

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He informed Council that the Planning Advisory Committee is not recommending that these changes be made to allow development in Coastal Wetlands.

The Warden then resumed the chair.

Resolution C051115

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the above motion be tabled until Council receives further information on the feasibility of a possible pilot project in this area.

Motion carried unanimously.

Definition of Light and Heavy Industry

Resolution C051116

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that definitions #45 and #46 in the Land Use By-Law defining what is determined to be heavy industry and what is determined to be light industry be amended as proposed.

Motion carried unanimously.

George and Dorothy O'Neil Request To Rezone Lands from Coastal Wetlands to Rural Development

Resolution C051117

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by E. Nickerson that the application received on behalf of George and Dorothy O'Neil for rezoning of their property at the end of Kenney Road on Cape Sable Island be denied.

AFFIRMATIVE

Sterling Belliveau
Louise Halliday
Donna Messenger
Eddie Nickerson
Larry Stewart
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Fred Bower

Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole Council

Federal Gas Tax Release of Funds

Resolution C051118

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that the provincial government be informed that the Municipality wishes to set aside its current years funds from the federal gas tax to be used for future projects to be designated by the Municipality which will be within the criteria specified in

the Agreement for the Refund of Federal Gas Tax.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Tax Write-Offs

Raine Rhodes Holding Ltd.

Resolution C051119

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that the balance of business occupancy taxes due from Raine Rhodes Holding Ltd., Property #08447268, be written off as they are deemed to be uncollectible.

AFFIRMATIVE

Sterling Belliveau

Fred Bower

Louise Halliday

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Eddie Nickerson

Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Larry Stewart

Motion carried.

Thomas F. Swaine

Resolution C051120

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that the balance of business occupancy taxes outstanding from Thomas F. Swaine, operating as Swaine Computer Solutions, be written off as uncollectible.

AFFIRMATIVE

Sterling Belliveau

Fred Bower

Louise Halliday

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Eddie Nickerson

Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Larry Stewart

Motion carried.

Barbara Hopkins Request

Resolution C051121

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality cannot further reduce the sewer charge on a property owned by Mrs. Hopkins as there are other properties within the Municipality who are in a similar situation and are required to pay the sewer charge.

Motion carried unanimously.

CFS Barrington Environmental Assessment

Resolution C051122

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Stewart that the Municipality obtain the GATR Site in West Baccaro as previously agreed.

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

Motion carried.

Sea Cadet Request

Resolution C051123

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that \$200.00 be provided to the Sea Cadet Corps from each district, excluding District 4, totaling \$1,200.00, as per resolutions COW051106 to COW051111 of the Committee of the Whole Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tourist Destination Signs

Resolution C051124

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality use design “B” as proposed by John Smith for tourist destination signs to be placed on Highway 103.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C051125

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that the tourist destination signs be placed at the Municipal boundaries on the west, and that the Department of Transportation be requested to place the corresponding sign near Brown’s Pit Road on the eastern side of the Municipality so that it is not among the houses near the Clyde River.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Grant Request

Chapel Hill Museum

Resolution C051126

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Messenger that a grant of up to \$2,000.00 be provided from the District 2 Community Grant Funds to the Chapel Hill Historical Society for the purpose of maintenance on their museum.

Motion carried unanimously.

Department of Transportation Issue

Resolution C051127

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Messenger that the Department of Transportation be contacted and requested to review and remedy the flooding situation at the intersection of the western end of the Bear Point Road and Route 3.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE PURCHASING POLICY

At the last meeting of Council Notice of Consideration was given to amendments to the Purchasing Policy. It is proposed that the Purchasing Policy be amended to include a section dealing with miscellaneous materials and works. If approved, contractors within the Municipality will be contacted to determine whether they are interested in quoting on various miscellaneous works. When services are required contractors who have expressed an interest will be notified by way of fax. Each contractor will be asked to quote a price for the specific work. The Municipal Clerk and the Department Supervisor will review quotes received and will award the work to the lowest bidder, subject to all requirements being met. In the case that no quotes are received, Municipal Staff will hire contractors available to complete the work whether from within or outside the Municipality.

Resolution C051128

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Halliday that proposed amendments to the Purchasing Policy be approved as presented.

AFFIRMATIVE

Sterling Belliveau
Fred Bower
Louise Halliday
Donna Messenger
Larry Stewart
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

Banking Services

The Clerk informed members that the two local banks, CIBC and the Royal Bank of Canada, were both requested to provide tenders for banking services for the next five year period. One response was received and was opened by the Warden. The response was from the Royal Bank of Canada.

Resolution C051129

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Messenger that the tender received from the Royal Bank of Canada be reviewed and summarized by the Municipal Clerk.

Motion carried unanimously.

Nominating Committee

At this time Council reviewed the list of committees for 2005/2006 and various changes were made to the committee memberships.

Resolution C051130

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that committee memberships for the year 2005/2006 be approved as outlined on the attached list of committees.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

At this time a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with a personnel matter and legal matter.

The Regular Session of Council was called back to order.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by F. Bower that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

On website November 16, 2005.

LIST OF COMMITTEES 2005/2006

COMMITTEE	CHAIRMAN	MEMBERSHIP
Committee of the Whole Council		All Councillors
Nominating Committee		All Councillors
Hiring Committee		Eddie Nickerson Fred Bower Sterling Belliveau Larry Stewart Municipal Clerk Supervisor of Dept.
Planning Advisory Committee		Fred Bower Eddie Nickerson Sean Strang
Waterfront Development Committee		Donna Messenger Eddie Nickerson
Audit Committee		Warden Deputy Warden Louise Halliday
Joint EMO		Warden Eddie Nickerson Donna Messenger Larry Stewart
C.S.I. Sewer Committee		Sean Strang Eddie Nickerson Larry Stewart
Community Health Care Advisory Committee		Donna Messenger Eddie Nickerson
Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation		Warden
South West Shore Development Authority		Sterling Belliveau Sean Strang (Alternate)
S.S.T. Committee		Louise Halliday Donna Messenger (Alternate)
Western Counties Regional Library		Fred Bower
Team Shelburne		Clerk-Treasurer Warden
Continuing Care Steering Committee		Sterling Belliveau Fred Bower (Alternate)

