

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, October 24, 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 with the exception of Councillor Donna LeBlanc-Messenger due to recent surgery.

- Warden Sterling Belliveau
- Deputy Warden Fred Bower
- Councillor Louise Halliday
- Councillor Eddie Nickerson
- Councillor Larry Stewart
- Councillor Sean Strang
  
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

- Letter from Barbara Hopkins.
- Restorative Justice Week.
- Mark MacIsaac (8:00 p.m.).

### DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No declarations of conflict of interest were declared.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Strang that the minutes of the last meeting held October 11, 2005 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Interview with Paul Smith Re: CNR Bridge

Mr. Paul Smith appeared before the meeting on behalf of concerned citizens of Port Clyde regarding the decision of Council not to provide funding for the purpose of constructing a walkway across the old rail bridge in Port Clyde. This walkway would provide an emergency access route while the Port Clyde bridge is closed. Mr. Smith also read a letter received from the Fire Chief of the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department expressing his concern and the importance of having the walkway constructed. The Fire Chief indicated in his letter that it was his understanding that the Municipality of Shelburne would be funding the project along with the provincial government and therefore no contact was made with the Municipality of Barrington

for financial assistance.

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Both, Paul Smith, on behalf of concerned citizens of Port Clyde, and the Fire Chief for the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department, are requesting Council to reconsider their earlier motion to provide financial assistance for this project.

Resolution C051012

**Moved** by F. Bower and seconded by E. Nickerson that the motion made on October 11, 2005 concerning financial assistance for the construction of a walkway across the old rail bridge be reconsidered.

Motion carried unanimously.

The previous motion was then brought forward.

The motion reads as follows:

Resolution C051013

**Moved** by F. Bower and seconded by L. Stewart that \$1,500.00 be provided to the Shelburne County EMO for the purpose of constructing a walkway across the old rail bridge to provide for an emergency access route while the Port Clyde bridge is closed, and that this money be taken from reserves.

Motion carried unanimously.

Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Revenues

In advance to the meeting each member of Council was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, as well as a copy of the Municipal Funding Agreement for the transfer of Federal Gas Tax Revenues under the new deal for cities and communities.

It was noted that by signing the agreement it obligates the Municipality to prepare a Capital Investment Plan as well as an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan which requires public consultation.

Participation in this agreement will result in \$111,262.00 being provided to the Municipality of Barrington for infrastructure projects.

Resolution C051014

**Moved** by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality enter into the Municipal Funding Agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

Building Code Act

In advance to the meeting each member of Council was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Minister of Environment and Labour regarding the proposed amendments to the Building Code Act. It is proposed that the term "Inspector" be changed to "Building Official". It is also proposed that amendments to the Act include updated penalty provisions and powers

consistent with requests made by Halifax Regional Municipality, and to be consistent with other public safety legislation.

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Amendments to the Act will permit a subsequent amendment to the regulations to establish the appropriate minimal qualifications of Building Officials.

The Clerk informed members that Andrew Goreham, Building Inspector for the Municipality of Barrington, has completed all required training.

#### First Reading - Tax Exemption By-Law

It is proposed that amendments be made to the Tax Exemption By-Law to remove properties that no longer qualify for the exemptions.

#### Resolution C051015

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that proposed amendments to the Tax Exemption By-Law be approved in first reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk informed members that second reading of the proposed amendments will be advertised in the Coast Guard Newspaper and will be dealt with by Council at a future meeting.

#### Notice of Consideration - Purchasing Policy

It is proposed that the Purchasing Policy be amended by adding a new section entitled "Miscellaneous Materials and Works". This amendment makes provision for the Municipality to contact local contractors to request quotes on various miscellaneous work. This will eliminate the need to tender Miscellaneous Materials and Works on an annual basis.

Notice of consideration of amendments to the Purchasing Policy is given tonight and proposed amendments will be considered by Council at their next meeting.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

#### Long Term Nursing Care Facility

In advance to the meeting each member of Council was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Minister of Health in response to Council's letter expressing the need for a long term nursing care facility in Western Shelburne County. The letter advised that the Department has been working with the local Continuing Care Steering Committee to conduct a role study for Bay Side Home. The recommendations from the role study will be presented to the Department of Health. The letter concluded by requesting Council members to take part in the public consultation meetings.

#### Lighthouse Brochure

Each member of Council was provided with a copy of a letter received from Lydia Deinstadt, Manager, Shelburne Visitor Information Centre. Mrs. Deinstadt is requesting financial assistance in the amount of \$300.00 towards the cost of a lighthouse brochure. The main focus of the brochure will be the Cape Light, Baccaro Light, Seal Island Light Museum, Sandy Point

Lighthouse and Carter's Light in Lockeport. The brochure is being prepared to assist visitors in determining which lighthouses in the area are accessible and which are not.

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Resolution C051016

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by F. Bower that the Municipality of Barrington provide a financial contribution of \$300.00 towards the cost of the lighthouse brochure.

Motion carried unanimously.

During discussion of this matter it was felt that all lighthouses in this area should be included.

Sewer Service Charge - Barbara Hopkins

The Clerk informed members that a letter has been received from Barbara Hopkins requesting the sewer service charge be deleted from her property located in Wood's Harbour which was formerly a hotel.

Resolution C051017

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by L. Stewart that the request from Mrs. Barbara Hopkins be referred to the Committee of the Whole Council for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Restorative Justice Week

The Warden informed members that November 13 to 20, 2005 is Restorative Justice Week.

Resolution C051018

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

**WHEREAS**, in the face of crime or conflict, restorative justice offers a philosophy and approach that views these matters principally as harm done to people and relationships; and

**WHEREAS**, restorative justice approaches strive to provide support and opportunities for the voluntary participation and communication between those affected by crime and conflict (victims, offenders, community) to encourage accountability, reparation and a movement towards understanding, feeling of satisfaction, healing and closure; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's theme for Restorative Justice Week is "Wisdom Gained through Experience", it is an opportunity to learn, educate and celebrate along with other communities across the country about restorative justice during the week.

AFFIRMATIVE

Sterling Belliveau  
Louise Halliday  
Eddie Nickerson  
Sean Strang  
Larry Stewart

NEGATIVE

Fred Bower

Motion carried.

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#### REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council. He informed members that a public meeting was held on October 20, 2005 regarding substance abuse in the area.

The Warden informed members that he has now had an opportunity to meet with Benny Acker, Department of Transportation, to discuss the flooding problem in the Wood's Harbour area. It has been agreed that the Department of Transportation will bring in a backhoe and clean the drainage ditch from the road to the shore in hopes of resolving this problem.

The Warden informed members that he attended two of the public consultation meetings and was very pleased to see members of the public participate in the meetings. He indicated that the facilitator, Wayne Marsh, did an excellent job

#### REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

The report of the Clerk-Treasurer will be given at the next meeting of Council.

#### MARK MACISAAC - CED CENTRE/LIBRARY

Mark MacIsaac appeared before the meeting and presented color schemes for the new CED Centre/Library. He presented two options:

- Option 1: Heritage colonial brick, regal blue roofing shingles and light mist siding
- Option 2: Antique colonial brick, weathered wood roofing shingles, khaki brown siding

#### Resolution C051019

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the color scheme outlined in option 1 be approved for the CED Centre/Library project.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mark MacIsaac gave a brief update on the CED Centre/Library project.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Community Health Care Advisory Committee

Councillor Louise Halliday indicated to members that a meeting of the committee was scheduled

to be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2005, but due to there being no quorum, the meeting could not be held.

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Committee of the Whole Council

Banking Services

Resolution C051020

**Moved** by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality tender for banking services for a five year period.

Motion carried unanimously.

CNR Right-of-Way in Barrington

Resolution C051021

**Moved** by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality obtain permission from the Department of Natural Resources to cut back the former CNR right-of-way in Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

Fundraising Committee

Resolution C051022

**Moved** by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that Councillor Eddie Nickerson be appointed to the Arena Fundraising Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

**Moved** by F. Bower that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Warden

Clerk

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website October 26, 2005.**

