

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, September 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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

- Tourism Destination Signs.
- Voting Delegates - UNSM.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST _____ - none declared

INTERVIEW RE: LONG TERM CARE

Mr. Shaun Hatfield, Mrs. Molly Hatfield and Mr. Jerry Blades appeared before the meeting. Mr. Hatfield informed members that Mr. Blades resides in Shag Harbour and his wife has resided at Roseway Manor for the last two years. He also informed members that Molly Hatfield resides in Clam Point and her husband Kenneth resides at Roseway Manor and has done so for the past three years. Both individuals find it very difficult to travel to Shelburne on a regular basis to visit their loved ones.

Mr. Hatfield informed members that in 2001 there were in excess of 50 people in nursing homes from the Municipality of Barrington and the Town of Clark's Harbour.

In the last five years many letters have been written to the provincial government, the MLA and the MP, making them aware of our situation and requesting that a long term nursing care facility be established in Western Shelburne County.

The group appearing before Council this evening is asking that a strong letter be sent to the Department of Health requesting that long term care be addressed in Western Shelburne County by way of expanding Bay Side Home to accommodate long term nursing care.

Mr. Hatfield informed members that the Town of Clark's Harbour have endorsed the need for long term nursing care in Western Shelburne County and a letter has been forwarded to the province.

At this time Councillor Louise Halliday provided background on efforts of the Continuing Care Steering Committee. She informed members that consultations are now being carried out with the public. Two consultation meetings have been completed and more consultations will be held during the month of October. Once meetings are completed, a package will be compiled and forwarded to the Minister of Health requesting that a long term nursing care facility be established in Western Shelburne County. Councillor Halliday indicated that she felt it was important to continue with the process commenced by the Committee and that a letter be forwarded to the Minister upon completion of this process.

Warden Belliveau turned his chair over to the Deputy Warden in order that he could address the matter.

The Warden then resumed his chair.

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by F. Bower that Council send a strong letter to the Minister of Health asking that an additional wing be added on to Bay Side Home so that long term care beds are made more widely available to seniors within the general population of Western Shelburne County, and that a copy of this letter be forwarded to our local MLA.

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded D. Messenger that the above motion be tabled until the consultation process currently being carried out by the Continuing Care Steering Committee is completed and a package is compiled.

Moved by E. Nickerson that the above motion be amended to table the motion until October 24, 2005.

There being no seconder to the motion, the second amendment was declared lost.

The Warden turned his chair over to the Deputy Warden in order that he could address the motion.

The Warden then resumed his chair.

The amendment to the motion was then put to a vote.

AFFIRMATIVE

Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

NEGATIVE

Sterling Belliveau
Fred Bower
Eddie Nickerson
Larry Stewart
Sean Strang

Amendment defeated.

Resolution C050909

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the motion be amended by deleting the word “strong” and replacing it with the word “reminder”.

AFFIRMATIVE

Sterling Belliveau
Fred Bower
Eddie Nickerson
Larry Stewart
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Amendment carried.

The main motion now reads as follows:

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by F. Bower that Council send a reminder letter to the Minister of Health asking that an additional wing be added on to Bay Side Home so that long term care beds are made more widely available to seniors within the general population of Western Shelburne County and that a copy of this letter be forwarded to our local MLA.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that the above motion be deferred to the Continuing Care Steering Committee for their opinion at their next meeting to be held on September 29, 2005.

AFFIRMATIVE

Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

Sterling Belliveau
Fred Bower
Larry Stewart
Sean Strang

Motion defeated.

The division was taken on the amended motion.

AFFIRMATIVE

Sterling Belliveau
Fred Bower
Eddie Nickerson
Larry Stewart
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Motion carried.

It was agreed that a copy of the letter being forwarded to the Minister of Health be copied and circulated to all council members.

APPROVAL OF MINTUES

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the minutes of the last meeting held August 22, 2005 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Carol Dixon Property - Wood's Harbour

It was previously reported to Council that a dangerous situation existed on property of Carol Dixon concerning an oil tank resting on the ground being used to supply oil to an oil fired appliance located in an outbuilding.

The Building Inspector has now reported that the property has been checked and the stove has been removed and the tank disconnected.

Opening - C.S.I. Causeway

The Clerk informed members that correspondence had been sent to the Department of Environment concerning the build up of sand adjacent to the causeway and the potential for water flow through the causeway to be blocked. The letter informed the Department of the potential environmental problem and requested the Department to carry out necessary studies to address the matter.

Correspondence has now been received back from Bob Petrie of the Department of Environment which advised that this matter lies outside the jurisdiction of the Nova Scotia Department of Environment & Labour. He further indicated that their jurisdiction in such matters is limited to water courses within the jurisdiction of the province, and does not extend to coastal or marine areas, which are federal jurisdiction. He suggested that the Department of Fisheries & Oceans Canada would need to be consulted on any work involving this matter.

Resolution C050910

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that a letter be forwarded to the Minister of Environment indicating that in the Municipality's opinion there may be a potential environmental problem concerning the causeway and request that his Department address this matter, and that a copy of this letter be forwarded to the MLA for Shelburne County and the South West Shore Development Authority.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tourism Destination Signs

Correspondence has been received from the Barrington & Area Chamber of Commerce indicating that the Chamber is a non profit organization and therefore regretfully will not be able to offer monetary support for the tourism destination signs.

Resolution C050911

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that the Department of Transportation be notified that the Municipality will be placing two tourism destination signs in the near future.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Canada's Citizenship Week

The Warden informed members that correspondence has been received indicating that October 17 - 23, 2005 will be Canada's Citizenship Week. The proclamation was read by the Warden and there being no objections received the Warden declared October 17 - 23, 2005 as Canada's Citizenship Week in the Municipality of Barrington.

District Policing Officer

Councillors were informed that correspondence has been received indicating that Superintendent Blair McKnight, the previous District Policing Officer, has recently transferred to Ontario and that the South West Nova position has been filled by Vern Fraser.

Open House - Our House

Information has been received that the Shelburne County Youth Help and Support Association and RBC Financial Group will be holding an open house and reception on Thursday, September 22, 2005, to promote the Our House Youth Wellness Centre in Shelburne.

Thank You Letter

The Clerk informed members that a letter has been received from the Shelburne County Early Childhood Development Association thanking Council for their grant of \$500.00 for the 2005/2006 fiscal year.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden provided a brief report on activities since the last meeting of Council.

Team Shelburne County

He informed members that he attended a meeting of Team Shelburne County on September 6, 2005, and provided a brief update.

Resolution C050912

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality of Barrington request Team Shelburne County to provide the formula to be used to disburse proceeds from the sale of the former Youth Centre.

Motion carried unanimously.

Rural Caucus Meeting

He informed members that he will be unable to attend a Rural Caucus meeting to be held in Antigonish, on Friday, September 16, 2005.

It was agreed that Deputy Warden Fred Bower attend the Rural Caucus meeting in the Warden's place.

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CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

It was agreed that this matter would be tabled until the next meeting of Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

S.S.T.

Councillor Louise Halliday provided a brief update on construction of the new B.M.H.S. The project is currently approximately two weeks behind schedule, but it is hoped that the target date of January 10, 2006 can still be met.

Continuing Care Steering Committee

Councillor Donna Messenger provided a brief report on the last meeting of the Continuing Care Steering Committee.

Presentation of Plaque

Councillor Messenger informed members that Darren Hudson was presented with a plaque on September 6, 2005 acknowledging his achievement of "World Champion Log Roller".

Community Health Care Advisory Committee

Councillor Halliday informed members that Dr. Blackman will not be coming to Barrington to practice.

Committee of the Whole Council

South West Shore Development Authority Letter of Support

Resolution C050913

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that a letter of support be sent confirming funding for the 2005/2006 fiscal year for the South West Shore Development Authority.

Motion carried unanimously.

Barrington Passage Community Club

The Barrington Passage Community Club has indicated that it is prepared to pay the sum of \$9,000.00 towards the construction of a washroom at the ball field at Sherose Island and that the Club is willing to make available \$7,500.00 towards a tennis court on Sherose Island.

Resolution C050914

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Stewart that a letter be sent to the Barrington Passage

Community Club accepting their offer, and arrangements be made for the handing over of this contribution to Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Guardrail

Resolution C050915

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that the Department of Transportation be requested to place a guardrail opposite the end of the South Side Road where it meets the main road in Centreville.

Motion carried unanimously.

Speed Limit

Resolution C050916

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that the Department of Transportation be requested to consider reducing the speed limit in Centreville near the South Side Road in the interest of safety for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

Motion carried unanimously.

District Health Authority Meeting

Resolution C050917

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that the members attending the District Health Authority Annual Meeting on September 26, 2005 be reimbursed their expenses.

Motion carried unanimously.

South West Nova Visitor's Guide

Resolution C050918

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality pay for a half page ad up to a maximum of \$2,000.00 in the South West Nova Scotia Official Visitor's Guide.

Motion carried unanimously.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters Flag Raising Ceremony

Resolution C050919

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that the expenses of the Warden be paid in order that he may attend the Flag Raising Ceremony being held by Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Shelburne County on September 1, 2005.

Motion carried unanimously.

Library

Deputy Warden Bower indicated that the next Library meeting will be held on September 22, 2005.

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C.S.I. Sewer

Councillor Stewart informed members that the Committee met with Mr. John Lam of ABL Environmental Consulting Ltd. on September 7, 2005. Mr. Lam will be preparing further information to be considered by Council that would provide an approximate cost for determining a location of specific areas of need, and to complete a study that would be used to determine where a sewer system should be started on Cape Sable Island.

Consideration of Amendments - Arena Discipline Policy

Notice of consideration of amendments to the Arena Discipline Policy was given at the August 22, 2005 meeting of Council.

Resolution C050920

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that the Arena Discipline Policy be amended as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

A copy of this policy is attached and forms part of the minutes.

PRIVATE ROAD NAME

A letter has been received from d'Entremont and Boudreau requesting Council approval of a proposed road name for a private road located in Centreville. The proposed name is "Four Wheel Drive".

Resolution C050921

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the name "Four Wheel Drive" be approved for a private road located in Centreville.

Motion carried unanimously.

DANGEROUS AND UNSIGHTLY PREMISE - LESA PERRY

The Clerk reported on a dangerous and unsightly premise located in Lower Clark's Harbour owned by Lesa Perry. An old house has been demolished on site and debris has remained on the property. Numerous attempts have been made to have Mrs. Perry remove the debris from the property, without success.

The Clerk requested Council to issue an Order requiring Mrs. Perry to have the debris removed from her property.

Resolution C050922

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that an Order be issued to Lesa Perry to remedy the condition of her property located in Lower Clark's Harbour by addressing the concerns included in the Order.

AFFIRMATIVE

Sterling Belliveau

Louise Halliday

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Eddie Nickerson

Larry Stewart

Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Fred Bower

Motion carried.

TENDERS - CARPENTRY

An advertisement was placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper inviting tenders for carpentry services for a one (1) year period commencing October 1, 2005.

One tender was received which was opened by the Warden. The tender was from Charles Smith of Shag Harbour. The tender quoted an hourly rate of \$25.00 per hour for himself and \$18.50 per hour for a helper.

Resolution C050923

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by L. Stewart that the tender received from Charles Smith for carpentry services for a one year period commencing October 1, 2005, be accepted.

Motion carried unanimously.

TENDER - ELECTRICAL

An advertisement was placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper inviting tenders for electrical services for a one (1) year period commencing October 1, 2005.

One tender was received which was opened by the Warden. The tender was from Brannen's Electric Service Limited. The tender quoted an hourly rate of \$31.00 per hour for the electrician and \$26.00 per hour for an apprentice.

Resolution C050924

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that the tender received from Brannen's Electric Service Limited be accepted for electrical services for a one year period commencing October 1, 2005.

Motion carried unanimously.

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AUDITING SERVICES

An advertisement was placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper inviting tenders for auditing services for a period of five (5) years.

Two (2) tenders were received and tenders were opened by the Warden. The first tender was from Redding & Drane and the second tender was from Grant Thornton.

Resolution C050925

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Strang that the Clerk review the tenders received and make a recommendation to Council at their next meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

VOTING DELEGATES - UNSM

Councillor Sean Strang indicated that he would be unable to attend the UNSM Conference scheduled to be held in Halifax next month.

Councillor Donna Messenger also indicated that she is unsure as to whether or not she will be able to attend this conference. She indicated that she would let us know as soon as possible.

Resolution C050926

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by F. Bower that the voting delegates at the UNSM Conference be Warden Belliveau, Deputy Warden Bower, Councillor Halliday, Councillor Nickerson and Councillor Stewart.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by F. Bower that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On Website September 14, 2005.

