

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Tuesday, May 24, 2005.

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

POEM

At the beginning of the meeting the Warden read the following poem which was written by Bob Mundell of Barrington.

A QUARTER'S WORTH

*There's a poppy in my pocket, on a quarter piece
Along side our Queen, and our Maple Leaf,
To honor those who's fallen, those who served, those who gave
And who's presence we now thank, so gratefully today.*

*A quarter of a dollar, one half of fifty cents
Not much value by itself, taken at a glance,
But with many others, it's worth its weight in gold
Like the many thousands, who answered to the roll.*

*Some say the poppy, will in time, slowly fade away
Like the veteran, aged with years, has reached his final day,
But we will not lose sight of it, its honor we shall keep
Until each weary warrior, sleeps his final sleep.*

*So treasure that small quarter, with its poppy image
And give thanks to the many, who has given us our freedom,
And save one for your children, and teach them all from birth
To honor freedoms symbol, and what this quarter's worth.*

A moment of silence was then held in memory of veterans.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported that all councillors representing all districts of the Municipality with the exception of Councillor Louise Halliday were present. Councillor Halliday's father-in-law passed away today.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that the minutes of the last meeting held May 9, 2005 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

- Order to clean up Shag Harbour Ball Field.
- Closed Session of Council Re: Personnel Matter.

PUBLIC HEARING RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY AND LAND USE BY-LAW RE: COASTAL WETLANDS ZONE

At 7:05 p.m. a Public Hearing was held to deal with proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law to permit single detached dwellings, tourist cabins and other tourist accommodations in the Coastal Wetlands Zone.

Minutes of the Public Hearing are attached hereto and form part of the minutes.

The Regular Council Meeting was called back to order at 9:20 p.m. At this time discussion took place regarding the motion of Council made April 14, 2005. The motion in question is as follows:

“...that the Planning Advisory Committee be requested to draft amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law to accommodate the request of Dean Nickerson to develop his property located at South Side, Cape Sable Island. Amendments can be by way of re-zoning, development agreement or ‘as a right’.”

It was the feeling of members that the proposed amendments being considered tonight deal with far more than the request of Dean Nickerson.

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

After expressing his concerns, the Warden resumed his chair.

Resolution C050529

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law be denied and that the matter be referred back to the Planning Advisory Committee and once again the committee be asked to draft amendments to the MPS and LUB to specifically accommodate the request of Dean Nickerson to develop his property located at South Side, and that the committee take into account concerns expressed by the public at the Public Hearing held earlier this evening.

AFFIRMATIVE

Sterling Belliveau

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Eddie Nickerson

Larry Stewart

Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Fred Bower

Motion carried.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

C.S.I. Sewer Proposal - Town Response

It was reported that a response has been received from the Clark's Harbour Town Council regarding the request made by the Municipality to hook some of the communities on Cape Sable Island into the Clark's Harbour Sewer Treatment System. The letter advised that the indefinite period of time involved and the uncertainty of long term costs made it impossible for the Council to commit the future taxpayers of Clark's Harbour to such an agreement.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that the Municipality of Barrington provides many services to the Town of Clark's Harbour.

Tabled Motion Re: C.S.I. Sewer

The following tabled motion was brought forward:

“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.”

Resolution C050530

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the above motion be 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.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

General Fishing Licence

The Clerk reported that a copy of a letter has been received from Municipality of Pictou County expressing concern to the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries over the increase in fees for a general fishing licence to \$24.13, including H.S.T.

It was agreed that this letter be filed.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden informed members that he attended no meetings since the last meeting of Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sea Cadets Review

Councillor Donna Messenger informed members that she attended the Sea Cadets Review held on May 21, 2005.

UNSM Workshop

Councillor Messenger gave a brief report on the UNSM Workshop recently held.

C.S.I. Sewer Committee

Alternative Phases

Resolution C050531

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality complete a survey of residents on Cape Sable Island to determine if residents in each of the districts wish to have a public sewer system, and that this survey be paid for from the funds provided for sewer services previously designated in the Special Reserve Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Committee of the Whole

Contract Agreement Re: Curling Club

Resolution C050532

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Messenger that a Working Capital Loan in the amount of \$10,000 be provided to the Barrington Regional Curling Club allowing them to operate during the summer months until a financial plan can be prepared by the Club for presentation to Council during the fall.

Motion carried unanimously.

Barrington Municipal High School Properties

Resolution C050533

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that the Warden and the Clerk be authorized to sign the Agreement of Sale to the Department of Transportation and Public Works for the sale of the school property in Oak Park for the purpose of constructing a new Barrington Municipal High School.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Spring Clean-up

It was reported that huge amounts of waste were put out for roadside collection during the Spring Clean-up held in April. The Collector went above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that all waste was collected and disposed of.

The Warden turned his chair over to the Deputy Warden in order that he could speak on this matter.

The Warden informed members that in the Municipal Waste Contract, \$2,500 had been allocated for the Spring Clean-up. This year due to public participation in this program the Collector incurred an additional \$5,630.00 cost.

It was suggested that the Collector be paid for the waste collected during the fall clean-up on a per ton basis in future.

The Warden resumed his chair.

Resolution C050534

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality pay an additional \$5,630.00 to cover the cost of the Spring Clean-up incurred by the Municipal Waste Collector.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Stewart that:

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of property owners within the Municipality to clean up litter and waste deposited on their properties;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality paid local organizations and individuals to clean up Department of Transportation properties along the roadways through the Municipality in 2004 resulting in the collection of 34,960 kg. of solid waste at a cost of \$26,690.00;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality has also conducted a Community Clean-up Program again in the spring of 2005 resulting in the collection of 8,400 kg. of waste at a cost of \$7,550.00 thus far for this year;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Barrington invoice the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Public Works for the cost of cleaning up their property within the Municipality again this spring once the clean-up has been completed.

AFFIRMATIVE

Sterling Belliveau
Fred Bower
Larry Stewart

NEGATIVE

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson
Sean Strang

Motion defeated

It was suggested that the next time officials of the Department of Transportation are invited to attend a Committee of the Whole meeting, that the Community Litter Clean-up Program be a

topic for discussion.

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Library

Deputy Warden Bower reported that he recently attended a meeting of the Western Counties Regional Library Board and minutes of that meeting will follow. He provided budget information which will be copied and circulated to members.

Head for the Cure

Councillor Messenger informed members that a fundraiser for "Head for the Cure" was held at Wilson's resulting in donations of \$800.00 and another fundraiser was held at Sobey's resulting in donations of \$500.00.

TENDERS - SALE OF LAND

The Clerk informed members that an advertisement was placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper inviting tenders for the sale of Municipal property. The property advertised for sale is the former Island Electric property located at North East Point, Civic #294, Highway #330. The deadline for tenders was 7:00 this evening.

The Clerk reported that two (2) tenders have been received. Tenders were opened by the Warden and were as follows:

- Garth Atkinson	\$10,501.00
- Leslie Atwood	\$10,000.00

Resolution C050535

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that the tender received from Garth Atkinson in the amount of \$10,501.00 be accepted, being the highest tender received.

Motion carried unanimously.

TAX REDUCTION - EDWARD ATWOOD

It was reported that a tax reduction application has been received from Edward L. Atwood requesting a reduction in taxes for the year 2004/2005 due to his house being totally destroyed by fire. This adjustment will result in \$47.21 being written off Mr. Atwood's tax account for the 2004/2005 fiscal year.

Resolution C050536

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by D. Messenger that \$47.21 be written off the tax account of Edward L. Atwood, Assessment Account #00147931.

Motion carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO POLICY #8
"STIPENDS"

Concern has been expressed that non council members serving on committees do not qualify for payment unless at least one meeting is held during the payment period.

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It is proposed that Section 6, Policy 8 "Annual Remuneration and Expenses for Councillors, Staff and Others" be amended by deleting the last sentence in paragraph 1. This sentence reads as follows:

"In order to qualify for payment at least one (1) meeting must be held during the payment period."

The proposed amendment will be further considered by Council at their meeting to be held on June 13, 2005.

ORDER OF COUNCIL RE: SHAG HARBOUR BALL FIELD

It was reported that an Order of Council was previously issued to the Shag Harbour Baseball and Recreational Association/Shag Harbour Amateur Athletic Association requiring them to address the dangerous and unsightly condition of the Shag Harbour ball field. The Association was given thirty (30) days in which to carry out the required work.

A letter has now been received from the Women's Lob Ball team, the Replacements, indicating that they would like to use the Shag Harbour ball field for their home field for this upcoming season. Clean up of the property has commenced but due to all the rain they are asking for an extension on the deadline. Another team also plans to use the field and they are also helping with the clean up.

Resolution C050537

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by F. Bower that the Women's Lob Ball Team, the Replacements, be provided an extension to the end of June to carry out the required work at the Shag Harbour ball field.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

It was agreed that the Clerk-Treasurer's report will be given at the next meeting of Council.

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

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

The regular Council meeting was called back to order.

RETIREMENT DINNER

Resolution C050538

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that the Warden be authorized to attend the retirement dinner for Jerry Atwood, secretary of the S.W.S.D.A. in the Barrington Office.

Motion carried unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by F. Bower that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

Copied for Sean Strang and Fred Bower by Sharon Brannen and on website May 26, 2005.

