

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, September 25, 2006.

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

#### OFFICIAL DECLARATION

The Municipal Clerk read the Official Declaration detailing the results of the by-election held on September 16, 2006 in District 1. A copy of the declaration is attached and forms part of the official proceedings of this meeting. The successful candidate was George El-Jakl.

#### SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Mr. George El-Jakl was sworn in by the Municipal Clerk as a member of the Barrington Municipal Council

#### ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported that all councillors representing all districts of the Municipality were present with the exception of the one vacancy which exists in District 4.

- Warden Louise Halliday
- Deputy Warden Eddie Nickerson
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Councillor Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor Larry Stewart
- Councillor Sean Strang
  
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

#### CLOSED SESSION

At this time a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with contract negotiations.

The Regular Council Meeting was then called back to order.

#### DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the minutes of the last meeting held September 11, 2006 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Tender Re: Insulation BRCC

As reported at the last meeting of Council, only one (1) tender was received for the installation of insulation at the Barrington Regional Curling Club. The tender received was from Barrington Bay Carpentry & Construction and was in the amount of \$4,495.00, plus 14% H.S.T. It has now been determined that there is no need to insulate the wall between the ice surface and the lounge area. Barrington Bay Carpentry & Construction have been contacted and they have submitted a revised tender in the amount of \$3,895.00, plus 14% H.S.T.

Resolution C060912

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the tender received from Barrington Bay Carpentry & Construction, in the amount of \$3,895.00, plus H.S.T., for the installation of insulation at the Barrington Regional Curling Club be accepted.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tender - Sidewalk Extension Barrington Passage

At the last meeting of Council tenders were also opened for the extension of the sidewalk in Barrington Passage. Only one (1) tender was received and that was from Harlow Construction Limited, in the amount of \$196,875.00. It was reported that this matter had been discussed at the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on September 18, 2006 and the following two recommendations were brought forward:

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the tender received from Harlow Construction Limited in the amount of \$196,875.00 for the extension of the Barrington Passage Sidewalk not be accepted since it far exceeds funds budgeted for the project.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality re-tender the Barrington Passage Sidewalk Project requesting three separate prices for three different sections of the project and that the project be advertised on the Construction Association website and the Nova Scotia Government website, and the Vanguard and Coast Guard newspapers.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

B.M.H.S. Soccer Field and Track

It was reported that a letter has been received from the Town of Clark's Harbour requesting the Municipality to make every effort to keep and maintain the soccer field and track at the former Barrington Municipal High School property for the benefit of current and future citizens of the area.

Resolution C060913

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that the Town of Clark's Harbour be informed that every effort will be made to keep the track and field, if at all possible, however, the Council could not guarantee that circumstances would not arise that may make it favourable to the community and the Municipality to dispose of the field at some time. Nevertheless, it is the intention of the Council to continue to own and maintain the track and field.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Based Option Homes

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Minister of Health in response to our letter questioning why no further licences have been issued for community based option homes in Nova Scotia. The letter advised that before any new facilities are approved, it needs to be determined which types of care facilities are needed, in which areas of Nova Scotia. Once the distribution of care beds has been determined, all interested persons will have an opportunity to apply to provide these services through an open public process.

Resolution C060914

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by E. Nickerson that a copy of the letter received from the Minister of Health regarding community based option homes be copied for Christine Nickerson and Heather Williams of Island Breeze Inn and Allan Stoddard of Stage Coach Inn.

Motion carried unanimously.

Rehab Project

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation thanking Council for their contribution towards the Rehab Project.

Request for Crosswalk - Barrington Passage

It was reported that a letter has been received from Felton J. Muise, Property Manager, Tri-County Housing Authority, requesting the installation of a crosswalk in the vicinity of the Bay Vista building complex in Barrington Passage.

Resolution C060915

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that Mr. Felton Muise be requested to attend the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole to discuss his request for a crosswalk near the Bay Vista building complex in Barrington Passage.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was suggested that representatives of the Department of Transportation also be invited to attend the next Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Property Assessment Meeting

It was reported that Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations will be holding a meeting in Yarmouth on September 27, 2006 to discuss the future delivery of property assessments. An invitation to attend this meeting was extended to the Warden and Clerk-Treasurer.

Resolution C060916

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the Warden's expenses be paid to attend this meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

The Clerk-Treasurer gave a brief report on activities during the month of August.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MRI - Yarmouth Regional Hospital

The Deputy Warden informed members that he attended the official opening of the MRI at the Yarmouth Regional Hospital. This is one of three MRI units located across the province.

Committee of the Whole Council

Physician Incentive Program

**Moved** by S. Strang that the Municipality pay the cost of providing lunch to Dr. Lee.

The Warden informed members that the cost of lunch was paid for by the Town of Clark's Harbour.

Motion withdrawn

Write-Offs

Resolution C060917

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by E. Nickerson that the balance of business occupancy tax assessed to Tracey Vallis be written off as uncollectible.

Motion carried.

<u>AFFIRMATIVE</u>	<u>NEGATIVE</u>
Louise Halliday	Sean Strang
George El-Jakl	
Donna Messenger	
Eddie Nickerson	
Larry Stewart	

Motion carried.

Resolution C060918

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by E. Nickerson that the invoice in the name of Loran Smith (Clyde Riverside Carpentry) outstanding in amount of \$517.48 for the deposit of waste at the C & D Landfill Site, be written off as uncollectible.

<u>AFFIRMATIVE</u>	<u>NEGATIVE</u>
Louise Halliday	Sean Strang
George El-Jakl	
Donna Messenger	
Eddie Nickerson	
Larry Stewart	

Motion carried.

Kevin Holland Request

Resolution C060919

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that three (3) whiteboards be provided to Lockeport Regional High School, teacher Kevin Holland, for use in the school, and that another whiteboard be provided to the Shelburne County Learning Network.

Motion carried unanimously.

Medical Students

Resolution C060920

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the Municipality pay the lodging for medical students practicing at Dr. Yee's Office during the 2007 fiscal year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Request for Tables

Resolution C060921

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that four (4) tables from the former Barrington Municipal High School be donated to the Wood's Harbour Wesleyan Church Sunday School.

Motion carried unanimously.

Fall Clean-up

Resolution C060922

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipal Waste Collector be thanked for his cooperation in the spring and fall clean-ups, and advised that Council agrees to the fall clean-up being carried out during the week of October 16 - 20, 2006, providing the clean-up is actually completed during the specified time, and that if necessary a different approach will be done during the next clean-up.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Tenders Re: Electrical

It was reported that an advertisement had been placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper inviting tenders for electrical work for the period October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007. One (1) tender was received and it was opened by the Warden. The tender received was from Brannen's Electric Service Limited.

Resolution C060923

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that the tender received from Brannen's Electric Service Limited be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tender Re: Carpentry

The Clerk informed members that an advertisement had been placed in the Coast Guard newspaper inviting tenders for carpentry work. The tender will be awarded for a one year period from October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007. Three (3) tenders were received and were opened by the Warden. Tenders were as follows:

- Charles Smith, \$25.00 per hour - Helper \$18.50 per hour
- Ervin Banks, \$22.00 per hour - Helper \$18.00 per hour
- Marshall D. Blades, \$23.50 per hour - Helper \$12.00 per hour

Conflict of Interest

At this time Donna LeBlanc-Messenger declared conflict of interest, vacated her seat and proceeded to the spectator area. Ervin Banks had previously been employed by J & D Properties Limited of which Mrs. Messenger is a co-owner.

Resolution C060924

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that the tender received from Ervin Banks being the lowest tender received, be accepted for a one year period commencing October 1, 2006.

AFFIRMATIVE

Louise Halliday  
George El-Jakl  
Eddie Nickerson  
Larry Stewart

NEGATIVE

Sean Strang

Motion carried.

Councillor Messenger returned to her seat.

Canteen Position

The Clerk informed members that Brian O'Connor, Property Services Supervisor; and Shelly Atwood, Arena Secretary, conducted interviews for the casual position of Canteen Attendant. Seven (7) applicants were interviewed and it is their recommendation that Shelly Stoddard be hired as the new canteen staff person and that Fiona Adlaf be designated the alternate.

Resolution C060925

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that the recommendation of the Property Services Supervisor and Arena Secretary be accepted, and that Shelly Stoddard be hired as Casual Canteen Attendant and that Fiona Adlaf be designated the alternate.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

At this time a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with contract negotiations, legal matters and personnel matters.

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Yearly Increments

Resolution C060926

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Richard Crowell, Deputy Keeper of Lock-up, receive his yearly increment of \$0.53 per hour, effective October 7, 2006.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C060927

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Dayle Eshelby, Matron of Lock-up, receive her yearly increment in the amount of \$0.53 per hour, effective October 6, 2006.

Motion carried unanimously.

Infrastructure Works Project

Resolution C060928

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by E. Nickerson that the Wood's Harbour Walking Trail Project be designated as the Municipality's number one priority for funding under the Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Works Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

Doctor Locums

Resolution C060929

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that Shirley Watson-Poole of the District Health Authority be advised that the Municipality of Barrington would like to have another doctor perform a locum at the Community Health Centre as soon as possible.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

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Warden

Clerk

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website September 26, 2006.**