

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, July 24, 2006. 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 Deputy Warden Fred Bower due to a leave of absence. There is no councillor presently elected for District 1.

- Warden Louise Halliday
- Councillor Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor Eddie Nickerson
- Councillor Larry Stewart
- Councillor Sean Strang
  
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

### DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the minutes of the last previous meeting held July 10, 2006 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from previous minutes.

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### R.C.M.P. Change of Command

Correspondence has been received from Sergeant Kevin Surette indicating that the local detachment of the R.C.M.P. will experience a change of command in the very near future. Sergeant Surette will be going to the Yarmouth Municipal R.C.M.P. Detachment as the officer in charge there. This will take place effective today, July 24, 2006. On August 28, 2006 his replacement will take over the Barrington Detachment. His replacement will be Sergeant Bill Mooney who is coming from northern Canada.

#### Resolution C060737

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that a letter of gratitude be sent to Sergeant Surette for his time of service to the community as the officer in charge of the Barrington R.C.M.P. Detachment.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Responsible Gambling Awareness Week

Responsible Gambling Awareness Week will be the first week of October this year. Correspondence has been received from the Nova Scotia Gambling Corporation informing members that there will be a Responsible Gambling Conference held in Halifax on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in conjunction with Responsible Gambling Week.

Resolution C060738

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Digby Ferry

An email has been received today from Warden Jim Thurber of the Municipality of Digby. In this email he is requesting the Municipality of Barrington to send either the Warden or a councillor to be a member of a committee whose purpose is to emphasize to the senior levels of government that it is necessary to keep the Digby ferry in operation.

Resolution C060739

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the Warden attend meetings of the committee to preserve and maintain the Digby to Saint John ferry, and that expenses for attendance at these meetings be paid by the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden reported that she had attended the Nova Scotia Marathon which was held Sunday, July 23, 2006. There were 137 runners participating, of which 27 participated in the full marathon and 110 in the half marathon. Mr. Bruce Barteaux was again the winner of the full marathon.

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

The Clerk-Treasurer provided a report of municipal operations for the month of June 2006.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Nickerson - no reports

Councillor Stewart - no reports

Councillor Messenger

Continuing Care Steering Committee

Letters have been sent by the committee to Bay Side Home Corporation, the Town of Clark's Harbour, the Municipality of Barrington and to the Nova Scotia Minister of Health regarding the continuing mandate of the committee.

Resolution C060740

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Stewart that a letter of endorsement be sent to the Nova Scotia Minister of Health stating that the committed 40 bed expansion to Bay Side Home be used strictly for long term care as requested by the Continuing Care Steering Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

A copy of this letter will be forwarded to the committee for their records.

Councillor Strang

Committee of the Whole Council

Tourism Information

Resolution C060741

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the Visitor Information Centre Manager attend all tourism meetings on behalf of the Municipality, together with a councillor, whenever councillors are available, and report on tourism activities to the Committee of the Whole.

Motion carried unanimously.

Owaissa Park Fence

Resolution C060742

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the Municipality tender the construction of a fence around the pond at Owaissa Park.

Motion carried unanimously.

Sea Cadet Request

Resolution C060743

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the Unicorn Sea Cadet Corps be provided a Community Grant in the amount of \$200.00 from the funds of districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, for a total of \$1,200.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

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West Baccaro Cemetery Association and Green Hill Senior Citizens Club

Resolution C060744

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that a grant of \$1,000.00 be provided to the West Baccaro Cemetery Association, and a grant of \$750.00 be provided to the Green Hill Senior Citizens Club, from the District 4 Community Grant Funds.

Motion carried unanimously.

Seaside Cemetery Club

Resolution C060745

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that a grant of \$250.00 be approved to the Seaside Cemetery Club from the District 6 Community Grant Funds.

Motion carried unanimously.

Barrington Municipal Exhibition

Resolution C060746

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that a grant of \$200.00 be provided from each of the Community Grant Funds from Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7, for a total of \$1,000.00 to the Barrington Municipal Exhibition.

Motion carried unanimously.

Spruce Drive

Resolution C060747

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the Municipality pay 50% of the cost of upgrading Spruce Drive to a maximum of \$50,000.00, or whichever is less.

Motion carried unanimously.

EMO Coordinator

Resolution C060748

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the Municipality again advertise for a Joint EMO Coordinator.

Motion carried unanimously.

Fort Creek Sign

Resolution C060749

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality place the sign at the Fort Creek tourist rest stop, and forward a letter to Mr. James Bower indicating that if he still finds the sign to be intrusive to his view of Fort Creek the sign will be removed to the opposite side of the picnic pad as suggested by Mr. Bower, providing that Mr. Bower forwards a cheque in the amount of the estimated cost of moving the sign which is \$450.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Youth Services Windows

Resolution C060750

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the Municipality respond to the South West Shore Development Authority indicating that there was no agreement for operating windows in the offices at the Community Economic Development Centre except for the office of Joan Bower, an employee of the South West Shore Development Authority, and that no more operating windows will be installed in the CED Centre as the air conditioner and the air handling units will provide fresh air and control the temperature in the building provided they are not continually adjusted by the tenants.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

District 1 By-Election

Election Schedule

An election schedule indicating the critical events to take place in the by-election process has been circulated to Council for their information. Nomination Day will be on Tuesday, August 22, 2006, as required by the Municipal Government Act, and the election will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2006.

Appointment of Returning Officer

The Municipality has advertised for a Returning Officer for the by-election to be held on September 16<sup>th</sup>. As a result three (3) applications have been received: Sherry Sears, Tobi Cameron and Catherine Goreham.

It is the recommendation of the Municipal Clerk that Sherry Sears be appointed as Returning Officer as she is a resident of Wood's Harbour and has performed similar duties in the past, and being familiar with the residents of Wood's Harbour would be able to more easily provide an accurate list of electors.

Resolution C060751

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality appoint Sherry Sears as Returning Officer for the by-election in District 1.

Motion carried unanimously.

Truck Tender

The Municipality has advertised in two issues of the local newspaper for the purposes of purchasing a truck for the Property Services Department. One tender was received. The Warden opened the tender in the presence of Council.

The tender received was from Smith & Watt Ltd. for a 2007 Dodge Ram, at a total cost, including H.S.T., of \$31,421.82.

Resolution C060752

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that Municipal Staff determine if the vehicle tendered meets municipal specifications, and if so, Municipal Staff proceed with the awarding of the tender and the purchase of the vehicle.

Motion carried unanimously.

Owaissa Park Sign

Members were provided with information from John Smith regarding the cost of erecting a sign at Owaissa Park. The total cost of this sign is \$5,700.00, not including H.S.T.

Resolution C060753

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that the sign for Owaissa Park be purchased from Mr. John Smith at a cost of \$5,700.00, plus H.S.T.

Motion carried unanimously.

Senior's Garden Party

Information was provided to all members together with flyers to be circulated in their communities. The Senior's Garden Party will be held August 8, 2006 in Clark's Harbour.

CLOSED SESSION

Members entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing a legal agreement and a possible legal action.

Having completed their discussion members then returned to Open Session.

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Medical Professional Incentive

Resolution C060754

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Stewart that an incentive of \$500.00 per month, for a period of one (1) year, be provided to Mr. Terry Redmond, Physiotherapist, as an incentive for him to locate a physiotherapy office within the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed the business of the meeting Councillor Messenger moved adjournment of the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

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Warden

Secretary for the Meeting

**On website July 25, 2006.**

