

Minutes of the 127<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, June 26, 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 leave of absence.

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

### RESIGNATION OF WARDEN

The Warden officially informed members that he was recently elected Member of the Legislative Assembly for Shelburne County and as a result is resigning from his position as Warden for the Municipality of Barrington.

Good-byes and best wishes were exchanged.

The Warden then vacated his seat and proceeded to the spectator area. The meeting was then chaired by the Municipal Clerk.

The Clerk asked for nominations for the position of Warden.

### ELECTION OF WARDEN

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that Councillor Louise Halliday be nominated for the position of Warden.

The nomination was accepted by Councillor Halliday.

The Clerk asked for further nominations three times.

No further nominations were made.

Councillor Halliday was declared Warden by acclamation.

The Oath of Warden was then administered.

Councillor Halliday then assumed the chair as Warden.

### DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

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#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the minutes of the last meeting held June 12, 2006 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The Warden informed members that it is necessary to add a Closed Session of Council to the agenda to deal with the sale of municipal property.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Audited Financial Report

Mr. Doug Drane of Redding & Drane appeared before the meeting and presented Audited Financial Statements for the Municipality of Barrington for the year ending March 31, 2006. Each member was also provided with a copy of a Statement of Operations showing comparative figures for the last five years. Year-end figures showed a deficit of \$6,335.00 in the unconsolidated General Operating Fund.

Mr. Drane was thanked for appearing before Council and making his presentation.

##### Estimate of Revenues and Expenditures for 2006/2007

In advance to the meeting each member of Council was provided with a complete copy of the proposed budget as well as a brief summary of the 2006/2007 operating budget for the Municipality of Barrington.

A power point presentation was then made by the Municipal Clerk providing an overview of the budget.

The Municipal Clerk was thanked for making his presentation to Council.

##### Tax Rates, Due Dates, etc.

##### Resolution C060626

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that whereas Council wishes to establish area rates, sewer service charges, temporary borrowing resolutions, interest rates, due dates, farm acreage tax and capital budget, for the current fiscal year therefore;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Municipality of the District of Barrington estimates that the sum required for lawful purposes of the Municipality of the District of Barrington for the year 2006/2007 after crediting the probable revenue from all sources other than the rates for the year, including properties whose tax or grant varies with the tax rate, making due allowance for the current year which may not be collected or collectible, as the sum of \$4,486,210.00.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the levying and collecting of a rate for the current year of Two Dollars and Twenty-One (\$2.21) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) on the assessed value of the commercial property including business occupancy, and One Dollar and Eight Cents (\$1.08) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) on the assessed value of the residential and resource property in the assessment rolls for the current year, and being the rate the Council deems sufficient to raise the sum required to defray current expenditures of the Municipality for the current year, and deficit from preceding years, but not include area rates, service charges or special assessments.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the rates and taxes for the year 2006/2007 shall become due and payable on July 4, 2006, and after that date rates and taxes may be collected by warrant and:

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that an additional charge of interest at the rate of Eighteen Percent (18%) per annum be charged on all current rates and special assessments not paid before September 5, 2006.

Farm Acreage Tax

**THAT** the Farm Acreage Tax for the year 2006/2007 fiscal year be \$2.52 per acre for all land that is assessed as exempt farm land.

Capital Budget

**THAT** the Capital Budget for the 2006/2007 fiscal year be approved as presented.

Area Rate

**THAT** the following area rates be set for 2006/2007 fiscal year:

<u>Fire Department</u>	<u>Rate</u>
F1 Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department	\$0.120/\$100.00 of assessment
F2 Shag Harbour/Bear Point Volunteer Fire Department	\$0.099/\$100.00 of assessment
F3 Barrington Volunteer Fire Department	\$0.049/\$100.00 of assessment
F4 District 8 Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department	\$0.089/\$100.00 of assessment
F5 Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Dept.	\$0.086/\$100.00 of assessment

Sewer Service Charges

...that the sewer service charges be set at the rate of \$200.00 per unit for Barrington/Barrington Passage, and \$275.00 per unit for Wood's Harbour for the Fiscal Year 2006/2007.

Temporary Borrowing Resolution

**WHEREAS** the combined total of taxes levied by the Municipality and the amounts received or to be received by the Municipality from Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada or in right of the Province of Nova Scotia or from an agency, is estimated to be \$4,486,210.00.

**AND** the aggregate amount of the taxes estimated to be levied for the current year will exceed

\$4,380,800.00.

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**AND** it is necessary to borrow the sum of \$750,000.00 from the Royal Bank of Canada to defray the current expenditure of the Municipality which was authorized by the Council on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 2006 until such time as the taxes levied can be collected.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the District of Barrington (hereinafter called the "Corporation").

**1<sup>ST</sup> THAT** the Warden, with the Treasurer of the said Corporation, be and they are hereby authorized under the seal of the Corporation, to borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada the sum of \$750,000.00 Dollars as the same may be required from time to time for the purpose of defraying the annual current expenditure of the Corporation.

**2<sup>ND</sup> THAT** the said Warden, with the Treasurer aforesaid be, and they are hereby authorized to pay or allow to the said Bank, interest on the said sum of \$750,000.00 Dollars at the Bank interest rate prevailing by way of discount or otherwise howsoever as they may deem best.

**3<sup>RD</sup> THAT** the promissory note or notes of the said Corporation, sealed with the Corporate Seal and signed by the Warden and Treasurer of the said Corporation, be given from time to time as required in security for the amounts borrowed from time to time under the provision of the Resolution.

**4<sup>TH</sup> THAT** the said sum of \$750,000.00 Dollars so to be borrowed shall be payable on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D., 2007, and the promissory note or notes of the said Corporation given therefore, which shall be under the seal of the Corporation, and if made payable before the said 30<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 2007, may be renewed by the said Warden and Treasurer from time to time, but no renewal shall fall due later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September next.

**5<sup>TH</sup> THAT** the giving of such notes or renewal notes, as aforesaid, shall not be deemed satisfaction to the said Bank of the said advance or interest, but as evidence only of indebtedness.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Community Grant Request

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a summary of Community Grant requests received to date. It was noted that the Barrington Area Soccer Association and the Barrington Municipal Exhibition were contained under District 3. It was suggested that all districts should contribute towards these associations since all residents benefit from the soccer program and the exhibition.

#### Resolution C060627

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by E. Nickerson that the requests received from the Barrington Area Soccer Association and the Barrington Municipal Exhibition be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C060628

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that the summary of Community Grant requests be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Owaissa Park Sign & Fence

Discussion took place regarding the fence to be installed at Owaissa Park. The Clerk informed members that prices have been received from Eastern Fence and Maritime Fence. A & B Marine has been approached but declined to price the project.

It was suggested that Wiles Welding be contacted prior to a decision being made.

Resolution C060629

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that the Municipal Clerk contact Wiles Welding to determine whether or not they would be interested in submitting a price for the fence to be installed at Owaissa Park, and that information also be obtained from Wilson's Shopping Centre on the purchase of wrought iron fencing.

Motion carried unanimously.

A proposed design for the sign to be installed at Owaissa Park was circulated to members.

Resolution C060630

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the sign design be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ice Cancellation Policy

The Municipal Council at their meeting held October 11, 2005 passed a motion that the Arena Policy be amended to reduce the notice period required for cancellation of ice to 24 hours from 48 hours for one full season trial period.

The Clerk reported that that season has now passed and a report has been received from Brian O'Connor indicating that the reduced notice for cancellation of ice time did not cause any problems to their department.

Resolution C060631

**Moved** by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that notice be given that the Arena Policy be amended to reduce the notice period required for cancellation of ice time to 24 hours from 48 hours.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of this amendment will take place at the next meeting of Council.

Revised EMO Plan

The Clerk informed members that the EMO Plan has been revised and requested Council to approve the revised plan.

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Resolution C060632

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that the revised EMO Plan be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that the directory contained within the EMO Plan will be revised periodically to keep the information up to date.

Community Recreation Capital Grant

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Department of Health promotions, Sport and Recreation, advising that a grant of \$3,000.00 has been approved to assist with the construction of a new tennis court. The Clerk informed members that this money will be used to resurface the existing tennis court at Sherose Island.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FCM Conference

Councillor Donna LeBlanc-Messenger gave a brief report on the FCM Conference which was held earlier this month in Montreal.

Committee of the Whole

Captain William Greenwood

Resolution C060633

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the Greenwood family be permitted to construct a memorial at their own expense to Captain William Greenwood consisting of a 2 ft. X 3 ft. plaque on a stone base which would be placed near the Municipal signs at the UFO Park in Shag Harbour.

Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Leave of Absence Policy

Councillor Strang informed members that it is recommended by the Committee of the Whole that Council consider adopting the proposed Leave of Absence Policy which is as follows:

- A member of Council may be granted leave of absence with or without pay and benefits when he or she requests such leave for good and sufficient cause.
- If the leave of absence is granted to the Warden or Deputy Warden then Council shall elect another councillor to fill the vacancy during the leave.

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- Compensation shall be paid to the newly elected Warden or Deputy Warden at the prescribed rate and the individual taking the leave of absence if compensated, will be paid at the rate that is normally paid to a councillor.

It was agreed by members that notice be given tonight and the proposed Leave of Absence Policy be considered at the next meeting of the Council.

### RENTAL AGREEMENTS

#### Resolution C060634

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality enter into rental agreements with Dr. Wouna Chaloner and Mr. Terry Redmond for the provision of space in the Community Health Centre for the purposes of providing physiotherapy services and medical services to the residents of the Municipality.

At this time the Warden turned the chair over to Councillor Nickerson in order that she could address this motion.

After addressing the motion the Warden resumed the chair.

The motion was then put to a vote.

Motion carried unanimously.

### BI-ELECTION

#### Resolution C060635

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that the requirement for a bi-election to fill the vacancy in District 1 be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

### COMMITTEE VACANCIES

It was agreed that the Clerk would provide a list of committee vacancies resulting from the resignation of Warden Belliveau.

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

At this time a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with the sale of municipal property.

The regular council meeting was then called back to order.

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COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE - RENT

Resolution C060636

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Stewart that the Municipality no longer charge office rent to medical professionals who become tenants of the Community Health Centre.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

**Moved** by E. Nickerson that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

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Warden

Clerk

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website June 28, 2006.**

