

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 23, 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

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Warden Sterling Belliveau informed members that he will be declaring conflict of interest later in the meeting.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor Eddie Nickerson requested a leave of absence since he was recently elected as the Progressive Conservative Candidate for Shelburne County. Councillor Nickerson is requesting a leave starting immediately until June 14, 2006.

Resolution C060517

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by D. Messenger that Councillor Nickerson be granted a leave of absence until June 14, 2006.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Nickerson further requested that it be an unpaid leave of absence.

Councillor Nickerson then vacated his seat and proceeded to the spectator area.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the minutes of the last meeting held May 8, 2006 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mi'kmaq Cultural Gathering

The Clerk informed members that an invitation has been received inviting members to attend the Mi'kmaq Cultural Gathering to be held in Shelburne on June 24, 2006.

Resolution C060518

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that councillors wishing to attend be paid travel expenses.

Motion carried unanimously.

Lighthouse Route Award

The Clerk informed members that Diane Smith, Manager of the Barrington Visitor Information Centre, was recently awarded the Lighthouse Route Award presented by the South Shore Tourism Association. The award is in recognition of her contribution to the quality of a visitor experience along Nova Scotia's beautiful South Shore.

Tourism Destination Signs

At this time the tourism destination signs were questioned. The Clerk informed members that he has been in contact with the Department of Transportation and has requested that the signs be installed prior to Lobster Festival which will be held the first weekend in June. The only commitment received from the Department of Transportation is that the signs will be installed sometime this summer.

NEW BUSINESS

Interview Diane Smith Re: Halifax Explosion

Diane Smith, V.I.C. Manager, appeared before the meeting and presented information regarding the Halifax Explosion and the Shelburne County connection.

Resolution C060519

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that the schools in the area be made aware of the Halifax Explosion journal and that it is available to students.

Motion carried unanimously.

Request for Proposals - Former Barrington Municipal High School Property

The Clerk informed members that this matter should be discussed in Closed Session as it relates to the sale of property.

Request to Rent

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from Julie Atwood indicating her desire to rent the former Cora's Hairdressing Shop located in Barrington. She intends to use this building as her residence.

General discussion took place regarding this matter.

Resolution C060520

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by D. Messenger that the request received from Julie Atwood be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Municipal Polling Districts

The Warden at this time adjourned the regular Council meeting in order that a public hearing could be held regarding the review of municipal polling districts.

The Clerk informed members that every municipal unit in Nova Scotia is required to review their polling districts prior to the end of 2006 pursuant to Section 369 of the Municipal Government Act. An advisement has been placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper for two editions requesting comments from the public. The Clerk informed members that one response has been received from Hattie Perry by way of email which suggested that there be no change.

The Warden requested public presentations.

At this time Mr. Angus Atkinson from Newellton addressed Council. He suggested that the number of polling districts be reduced from seven (7) to five (5). He suggested there be two (2) districts on Cape Sable Island and three (3) in the rest of the Municipality.

The Warden thanked Mr. Atkinson for appearing before Council and making his presentation.

The Warden called for further presentations. No further presentations were forthcoming.

The Warden at this time adjourned the public hearing portion of the meeting and returned to the regular session of Council.

The Clerk suggested that the matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole since discussion will now need to take place regarding the proposal to be submitted to the Public Utility Review Board for their consideration.

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that the matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion in July.

Upon the approval of the mover and seconder this motion was withdrawn.

Resolution C060521

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that the review of municipal polling districts

be referred to the Committee of the Whole to be discussed at a meeting to be held in September.

Motion carried unanimously.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Council

Former B.M.H.S. Property

Resolution C060522

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the Island and Barrington Volunteer Fire Department be permitted to use the former B.M.H.S. buildings for department training as long as no material damage is done to the buildings as a result of the training, and as long as the Municipality has not determined alternative uses for the property.

Motion carried unanimously.

Continuing Care Steering Committee

Councillor Messenger informed members that the next meeting of the committee will be held on May 25, 2006. She further informed members that she understood that the Premier has announced a possible 25 beds for Bay Side Home. It was noted that no written confirmation of this announcement has been received.

UNSM Workshop

Councillor Messenger informed members that on May 11th and 12th, 2006 she, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Halliday and the Municipal Clerk attended the UNSM Workshop in Digby.

Hiring Committee

Councillor Halliday informed members that a Hiring Committee meeting was held on May 16, 2006 to deal with applications received for the position of Tax Clerk. The following applicants were interviewed for the position: Shelly Atwood and Laura Lee Greenwood.

Resolution C060523

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Strang that Laura Lee Greenwood be hired for the position of Tax Clerk in the Municipal Office.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

The Clerk informed members that his Treasurer's Report will be presented at the next meeting of Council.

REPORT OF WARDEN

Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation

The Warden informed members that there will be a meeting of the Roseway Hospital Charitable

Foundation May 24, 2006 in Shelburne. He requested that an alternate be appointed to attend this meeting.

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Resolution C060524

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that in the absence of the Warden, Louise Halliday be appointed to serve as his alternate on the Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation, and attend the meeting to be held tomorrow evening.

Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Warden informed members that since he is a candidate in the upcoming provincial election he would like to request a leave of absence starting at the conclusion of this meeting and continuing until June 14, 2006. He also requested that this be an unpaid leave. The Warden then turned the chair over to Louise Halliday.

Conflict of Interest

The Warden then declared a conflict of interest, vacated his seat and proceeded to the spectator area.

Resolution C060525

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that the request from the Warden for an unpaid leave of absence be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Warden then returned to the chair.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

Councillor Stewart expressed concern regarding the amount of waste left along the roadside as a result of the Spring Clean-up. Spring Clean-up was scheduled to be held last week and there are many areas that still have waste by the roadside.

Councillor Stewart suggested that some thought needs to be given to the schedule prior to the Fall Clean-up.

CLOSED SESSION

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

The Regular Council Meeting was then called back to order.

Dougie Swaine Increment

Resolution C060526

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Strang that Dougie Swaine, Deputy Keeper of the Barrington Municipal Lock-up, be granted his yearly increment effective June 3, 2006.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson

Resolution C060527

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that Councillor Halliday act as Chairperson in the absence of the Warden.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that the meeting adjourn.

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website May 25, 2006.

