

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, May 8, 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 Deputy Warden Fred Bower and Councillor Eddie Nickerson

- Warden Sterling Belliveau
- Councillor Louise Halliday
- Councillor Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor Eddie Nickerson (7:07 p.m.)
- Councillor Larry Stewart
- Councillor Sean Strang

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

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest declared.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

- Spruce Drive.
- ACCESS-ability Grant.
- The Replacements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the minutes of the last meeting held April 26, 2006 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Amendment Approval - Strategic Community Investment Fund

As a result of our application to the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency for additional funding for the CED Centre/Library, additional funding has been approved in the amount of \$25,394.00.

Resolution C060501

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Halliday that the Amendment Approval be signed and returned to ACOA for the additional funding of \$25,394.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

CEDCentre/Library

The Clerk informed members that work continues on the CED Centre/Library. The floors have been cleaned and the inside is almost finished. The pond will be completed later this week and then work will commence on the landscaping. The engineer is scheduled to appear before the Committee of the Whole, on May 15, 2006, to provide an update on the project.

Spruce Drive

It was reported that the Clerk and Councillor Stewart met with seventeen (17) residents of Spruce Drive on Sunday, May 7, 2006. Jim Nickerson, owner of the development, was also present for the meeting.

After much discussion, it was the general agreement of residents present that they would opt for the payment plan of \$400.00 per year over fifteen (15) years.

Councillor Nickerson joined the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

It was agreed that Council now proceed with hiring an engineer to develop a plan for the upgrade of the private road portion of Spruce Drive, and to provide estimates for the cost of upgrading this road.

At this time Mr. James Nickerson appeared before Council requesting clarification on the proposal of Council. Mr. Nickerson was advised that it was the intent of Council to engage an engineer to carry out the required work to determine an estimated cost to upgrade Spruce Drive. Mr. Nickerson suggested a 60/40 funding arrangement with residents of the subdivision. Mr. Nickerson also requested to be notified when the engineers will be in the area.

Resolution C060502

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by E. Nickerson that once the engineering study and documents have been prepared that the Municipality invite tenders for the upgrade to Spruce Drive.

<u>AFFIRMATIVE</u>	<u>NEGATIVE</u>
Sterling Belliveau	Sean Strang
Louise Halliday	
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger	
Eddie Nickerson	
Larry Stewart	

Motion carried.

It was agreed that once Council has obtained a firm price for the cost of the upgrade, residents will be notified of the amount.

ACCESS-ability Grant

The Clerk informed members that the Cape Sable Historical Society has made application under the Community ACCESS-ability Program to upgrade the washroom at the Old Court House. The Society is now requesting a letter of support of the application from Council.

Resolution C060503

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality provide a letter of support for the application submitted by the Cape Sable Historical Society for funding under the Community ACCESS-ability Program to upgrade the washroom in the Old Court House.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk informed members that MLA Cecil O'Donnell provided information today that the Community ACCESS-ability Program Application submitted to upgrade the washroom at the former Municipal Library was approved. The Department's contribution towards the cost of the project will equal two-thirds of actual cost incurred, up to a maximum of \$2,564.11. The Municipality will be responsible for the remaining one-third of the cost.

CORRESPONDENCE

Fire Department Radios

The Clerk informed members that a letter has been received from Leo Williams, Director for Shelburne County FSANS, advising that Industry Canada is looking at taking the fire department frequencies away from them and using them for other uses in Canada such as taxies, recreation and so one. The Association is requesting that Council write a letter to Industry Canada opposing the change since this would be a serious financial burden on fire departments in Nova Scotia. Mr. Williams provided a sample letter to be forwarded to Industry Canada.

Resolution C060504

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Strang that a letter be forwarded to Industry Canada endorsing the request of the FSANS.

Motion carried unanimously.

Destination South West Nova Scotia

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from Destination South West Nova Scotia. The letter advised that the association was formed by tourism industry operators along the Lighthouse Route and Evangeline Trail, including Yarmouth, to better manage and promote this region of Nova Scotia. The annual meetings of the three associations are to be held in the near future, and an invitation has been extended to the Warden to attend.

The Clerk also informed members that Tourism, Culture and Heritage Nova Scotia has provided a copy of their 2006 Tourism Plan. The Plan was provided on CD and was viewed by members.

Forest Fire Fighting Rates

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of an email received from the Municipality of Digby advising that their council has written to the Minister of Natural Resources requesting that the rates paid to volunteer fire departments by DNR for fighting forest fires be reviewed.

Upper Clement's Park

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of letter received from the General Manager of Upper Clement's Park. The letter requests Council's support in gaining a commitment from the Provincial Government in extending their operating agreement.

Resolution C060505

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality of Barrington provide a letter of support to Upper Clement's Park requesting a commitment from the Province to extend their operating agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

Lieutenant Governor's Medals

Correspondence has been received from the Department of Education advising that the Lieutenant Governor's Medals will be presented to the winners from the Tri-County Regional School Board, on Monday, June 5, 2006, at the Digby Regional High School. It was noted that the Warden will be returning from the FCM Conference on June 5th and will be unable to attend the ceremony.

Resolution C060506

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by E. Nickerson that Councillor Halliday attend the presentation ceremony on behalf of the Warden.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed that confirmation be obtained that recipients from the Barrington Municipal High School will be attending the ceremony.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden provided a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Council

Community Grants

Resolution C060507

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that a minimum of \$21,000.00 be included in the coming year's fiscal budget for community grants.

Motion carried unanimously.

Sea Cadet Request

Resolution C060508

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the request of the Sea Cadets to hold their closing ceremonies, at 11:00 a.m., on Saturday, May 27, 2006, at the Barrington Municipal Arena, be granted as requested, and that Councillor Messenger attend on behalf of the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C060509

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality accept the proposal of Black Watch Paintball for insurance coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for the paintball field which will be located on municipal property leased to the proponents.

<u>AFFIRMATIVE</u>	<u>NEGATIVE</u>
Sterling Belliveau	Sean Strang
Louise Halliday	
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger	
Eddie Nickerson	
Larry Stewart	

Motion carried.

Program Coordinator

Resolution C060510

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Halliday that Danelle Stoddard be hired for the Program Coordinator position with the Recreation Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

Aquatic Supervisor

Resolution C060511

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by E. Nickerson that Felicia Thomas be hired as the Aquatic

Supervisor for the Barrington Municipal Pool.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Special Events Coordinator

The Clerk informed members that he and the Recreation Director held interviews today to fill the position of Special Events Coordinator with the Recreation Department. Five applicants were interviewed.

It is their recommendation that Jennie Marden be hired for this position.

Resolution C060512

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by E. Nickerson that the recommendation of the Municipal Clerk and Recreation Director to hire Jennie Marden as Special Events Coordinator with the Recreation Department be accepted.

Motion carried unanimously.

WILSON'S AWARD

It was reported that Wilson's Shopping Centre Ltd. has recently received the Walter Hachborne Award from Home Hardware Stores Ltd. This award is given to a store that is deemed to be the Number One Home Hardware Store in Canada.

Resolution C060513

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by E. Nickerson that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to Wilson's Shopping Centre on their recent award.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

At this time the Warden requested Councillor Nickerson to chair the meeting.

Resolution C060514

Moved by S. Belliveau and seconded by L. Stewart that Wood's Harbour Days be granted \$500.00 and the Forbes Point Cemetery Association be granted \$2,500.00, both from the District 1 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Warden then resumed the chair.

THE REPLACEMENTS

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from The Replacements

advising that they will be playing ball on the Shag Harbour Ball Field again this year. The letter advised that before they can begin to play any games on the field, there are some major repairs that have to be completed. Repairs need to be carried out on the dugouts and the outfield. The group is requesting financial assistance to help with the cost of carrying out these repairs.

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Resolution C060515

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by L. Stewart that The Replacements be provided with a grant of \$1,000.00 from the District 2 Community Grants Fund to assist with the cost of repairs to the Shag Harbour Ball Field.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Policy #8 - Meals

It is proposed that Section 10 of Policy #8, "Annual Remuneration and Expenses for Councillors, Staff and Others", be amended by changing the rates to be paid for meals to be equivalent to the rates paid by the Federal Government to their employees, and that no receipts be required. The Federal Government rates are as follows:

- Breakfast	\$12.50
- Lunch	\$12.00
- Dinner	\$33.60

Much discussion took place regarding this proposal and the suggestion that receipts not be required.

Resolution C060516

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded S. Strang that Section 10 of Policy #8, "Annual Remuneration and Expenses for Councillors, Staff and Others", be amended by changing the rates to be paid for meals to be equivalent to the rates paid by the Federal Government, and requiring receipts.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting with D.O.T. Reps

The Municipality of Shelburne has advised that the meeting with Roger Larkin to discuss the 103 Highway was cancelled, and will be rescheduled for Monday, May 15, 2006. The meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office in Shelburne.

It was agreed that the Municipality of Shelburne be advised that municipal councillors have a commitment on the May 15, 2006, and that a list of suggested dates be forwarded.

Hiring Committee - Tax Clerk Position

Due to commitments expressed by Councillor Nickerson, Warden Belliveau and the possible absence of Deputy Warden Bower due to his leave of absence, it was agreed that Councillor Strang and Halliday be appointed as alternates to the Hiring Committee.

It was agreed that the Hiring Committee meet on Tuesday, May 16, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. to interview applicants for the Tax Clerk position.

It was further agreed that notices be sent to members of the Hiring Committee.

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Insurance Premium - Former B.M.H.S. Property

The Clerk informed members that the former B.M.H.S. property will be insured for \$500,000.00 (wreckage coverage), effective June 15, 2006. The premium for this coverage is \$5,400.00.

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

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

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by S. Strang that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website May 10, 2006.