

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, April 10, 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:

- Warden Sterling Belliveau
- Deputy Warden Fred Bower
- 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 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest declared.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The Warden informed members that it is necessary to add the following items to the agenda:

- Fair and Equitable Funding
- Invitation
- Labour Council
- Closed Session Re: Personnel Matters

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that the minutes of the last meeting held March 27, 2006 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Fair and Equitable Funding

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Minister of Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations advising that it is unlikely that the review of the Report "A Question of Balance: An Assessment of the State of Local Government in Nova Scotia" will be completed in time for consideration in the 2006/2007 budget process. The letter further advised that this does not preclude the Province from considering changes to the Provincial/Municipal financial relationship. In closing, the Minister advised that he will

communicate with UNSM and municipalities when the review process has been completed.

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School Board Insurance

The Clerk informed members that a copy of a letter has been received from the Municipality of Clare which was addressed to the Tri-County Regional School Board, supporting Council's request for the School Board to provide proper insurance coverage to community organizations using their facilities.

CORRESPONDENCE

Destination Southwest Nova Scotia Association

The Clerk informed members that an invitation has been received from Destination Southwest Nova Scotia for municipal councillors to attend a luncheon on Wednesday, April 12, 2006 in Annapolis Royal. The Clerk reported that Destination Southwest Nova Scotia is a partnership of the Evangeline Trail, South Shore and Yarmouth County Tourism associations.

Resolution C060401

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that if no councillors wish to attend then Diane Smith, V.I.C. Manager be requested to attend the luncheon on Wednesday, April 12, 2006.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by E. Nickerson that councillors wishing to attend may do so and have expenses paid by the Municipality.

Motion withdrawn.

Request - Safe Grad

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from Barrington Municipal High School requesting a grant to assist with Safe Grad activities.

Resolution C060402

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that a \$200.00 grant be provided to the Barrington Municipal High School to assist with Safe Grad activities.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tire Recycling

The Clerk informed members that a copy of a letter has been received from Region 6 Solid Waste Management addressed to the RRFB. The letter expressed difficulties regarding the current tire recycling program and requested the RRFB to adjust the standards of the program to manage the volume of tires generated throughout the Province annually.

Library Funding

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Minister of Education advising that additional funding of \$1,000,000.00 is being made available to library

boards. \$84,200.00 is being allocated to the Western Counties Regional Library Board which has been calculated in accordance with the current funding formul

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Assessment Service

A copy of a letter has been received from the Municipality of Cumberland which was addressed to the Nova Scotia Assessment Management Board. The letter was written to the Nova Scotia Assessment Management Board to express the County of Cumberland's concern regarding the inequities of the cost recovery formula for Assessment Services. They are requesting the Board to review the cost sharing formula.

Invitation

It was reported that an invitation has been received from the Shelburne County Genealogical Society inviting councillors to attend their book launching for "The Churches of Shelburne County 1755-1950" on Saturday, April 22, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.

Labour Council

Correspondence has been received from the South Shore Labour Council requesting Council to lower the Municipal flag to half mast on the 28th day of April, 2006, out of respect for those who died or who were badly maimed in the workplace. The letter further advised that there will be a ceremony held on April 28, 2006, in Bridgewater, at which councillors are welcome to attend.

Resolution C060403

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality lower their flag to half mast on April 28, 2006 out of respect for those who died or were badly maimed in the workplace.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

Team Shelburne

The Warden informed members that there will be a meeting of Team Shelburne held tomorrow at the Visitor Information Centre in Barrington. The Warden informed members that Councillor Nickerson will be attending this meeting as his alternate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Health Care Advisory Committee

Councillor Donna LeBlanc-Messenger informed members that interviews have been carried out for a Nurse Practitioner and a selection has been made. The Nurse Practitioner will visit the area on May 10, 2006, and it is anticipated that she will be seeing patients by the end of May.

International Medical Graduate

Councillor Messenger informed members that Dr. Mikhail will be sponsoring an international medical graduate. Interviews will be carried out in the very near future by Shirley Watson-Poole.

Continuing Care Steering Committee

Councillor LeBlanc-Messenger informed members that the Continuing Care Steering Committee met with the three (3) candidates for MLA. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed desire expansion of Bay Side Home.

At the conclusion of this meeting, MLA Cecil O'Donnell agreed to arrange a meeting with the Premier to discuss the expansion.

Committee of the Whole Council

Spruce Drive Upgrade

Resolution C060404

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Sewart that the Municipality hire an engineer to develop a plan for the upgrade of the private road portion of Spruce Drive and provide estimates for the cost of upgrading this road.

Motion carried unanimously.

Black Watch Paintball Request

Resolution C060405

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Messenger that Municipal Staff develop an agreement for the lease of Municipal property at Goose Lake for the use of Black Watch Paintball, which is owned by Dana and Carrie Dawn Weeks, as a paintball facility.

Motion carried unanimously.

Notice of Consideration - Article 26 Personnel Policy

It is proposed that Article 26 of the Personnel Policy be amended as follows:

Article 26 - Clothing

26.01 The employer agrees to provide protective clothing as listed below subject to the approval of the Clerk at no cost to the Water and Wastewater staff, Property Services Staff and C & D Landfill Staff

- hard hats, coveralls of a uniform color, and other protective clothing as deemed necessary by the Clerk

- the employer agrees to reimburse the cost of one (1) pair of steel-toes shoes up to a maximum of \$100.00 per twelve (12) month period.

Notice is given tonight and consideration of the proposed amendments will be carried out by Council at their next meeting.

Surplus Federal Property in Wood's Harbour

Resolution C060406

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that Public Works and Government Services Canada be informed that the Municipality has no interest in obtaining the surplus federal property located in Lower Woods Harbour, PID # 80010812.

Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Assistance Request

Correspondence has been received from Marie Gauthier. Marie Gauthier is the parent of Justin Gauthier, who is a disabled athlete who is taking part with the Canadian Team, Canadian Standing Amputee Ice Hockey Tournament, being held in Prague, Czechoslovakia. Ms. Gauthier is requesting donations towards the cost of paying for the trip for her son to attend this tournament.

Resolution C060407

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipality deny this request for support as it is not the practice of the Municipality to provide funding for sports teams and participants, locally, or from outside the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Director

Resolution C060408

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Messenger that the Recreation Director's job description be approved as presented and the salary scale for the position be set at \$31,000.00 to \$41,000.00 and the position be advertised at an appropriate time so that hiring can be done by October 1, 2006.

Motion carried unanimously.

Fees for Household Hazardous Waste

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by E. Nickerson that the fees for the Household hazardous Waste Depot be:

- \$1.00 per item
- \$1.00 per gallon for containers having more than 1 gallon
- \$5.00 per 20 lb. propane tank

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by F. Bower that the above motion be amended to indicate that the above fees do not apply to residents of the Municipality of Barrington or the Town of Clark's Harbour.

Motion carried unanimously.

The original motion as amended was then put to a vote and carried.

The new amended motion is as follows:

Resolution C060409

“...that the fees for Household Hazardous Waste Depot be:

- \$1.00 per item
- \$1.00 per gallon for containers having more than 1 gallon
- \$5.00 for 20 lb. propane tank

The above fees do not apply to residents of the Municipality of Barrington or the Town of Clark’s Harbour.”

Motion carried.

The above motion serves as notice, and actual amendments to the C & D Landfill Policy will be considered by Council at their next meeting.

Sale of Municipal Property to Yarmouth Area Industrial Commission

Resolution C060410

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipality sell 300 acres of Municipal property located along Highway 103, near Clyde River, to the Yarmouth Area Industrial Commission, at the appraised value of \$66,000.00, for the purpose of industrial development, and that a letter be provided to the Yarmouth Area Industrial Commission confirming that this property will be sold to them, and providing them with an option to buy additional property should further industrial development occur at a later date.

AFFIRMATIVE

Sterling Belliveau
Fred Bower
Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson
Larry Stewart

NEGATIVE

Sean Strang

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Governance Study

The Warden reported that in advance to the meeting councillors were provided with proposed amendments to the Governance Study for Team Shelburne.

In advance to the meeting Councillor Nickerson provided members with a copy of concerns and suggestions he has regarding the Governance Study. The information provided basically related

to membership and voting. A copy of this information is attached and forms part of the minutes.

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Resolution C060411

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that the concerns and suggestions provided by Councillor Nickerson be presented to team Shelburne at their meeting to be held tomorrow and that they be considered by the Team as another option.

Motion carried unanimously.

SECOND READING - BY-LAW NO. 34

The Clerk reported that the second reading of the proposed By-law No. 34 “Commercial Activity on Municipal Property By-Law” has been duly advertised in the Coast Guard Newspaper. The proposed by-law deals with approval of vending and special events on municipal property.

Resolution C060412

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by F. Bower that By-Law No. 34 “Commercial Activity on Municipal Property By-Law” be approved in second and final reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

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

Yearly Increment - Rob Williams

Resolution C060413

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Halliday that Rob Williams, Landfill Attendant, receive his annual increment after having received a satisfactory performance evaluation.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by F. Bower that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On Website April 13, 2006.