

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, February 13, 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 who was absent due to work commitments.

- 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

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that the minutes of the last Council meeting held January 30, 2006, and the minutes of the Public Hearing held January 30, 2006 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Gas Tax Funds

The Clerk informed members that at the last meeting of Council the following motion was deferred to the Committee of the Whole Council for further discussion:

“Moved by S. Strang and seconded by E. Nickerson that \$800,000.00 of the Gas Tax Funds to be received by the Municipality be designated to be used for the construction of the Cape Sable Island Sewer.”

Resolution C060201

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that the above motion be amended by changing the amount from \$800,000.00 to \$400,000.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Members were also informed the Gas Tax Funds for this year have been received and deposited in the Reserve Fund Account.

B.M.H.S. Enhancement Monies

The Clerk informed members that contact has been made with Mr. Dave Buckland, Principal of the Barrington Municipal High School. Mr. Buckland has now confirmed receipt of the \$50,000 provided to the School Board for enhancements to the new B.M.H.S. Mr. Buckland has also confirmed that the enhancement monies provided will be used as indicated by Council.

Former Barrington Municipal High School

Correspondence has been received from the Tri-County Regional School Board indicating the Board will transfer the former Barrington Municipal High School to the Municipality effective May 1, 2006. The School Board will retain the property located between Dan's Ice Cream boundary line and the power line that runs between the old Shelburne County Board Office and Junior High School, for the Board's Operations Department. The Board will also retain the use of the soccer field until the new Barrington Municipal High School Soccer Field is up to standard. The Board further requests permission from the Municipality to demolish the former Shelburne County Board Office. The letter further advised that it is the intention of the Board to move into the new school during March break.

Resolution C060202

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the letter received from the Tri-County Regional School Board regarding the former Barrington Municipal High School be referred to the Committee of the Whole Council for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Interview D.O.T. Officials

Mr. Greg Newell and Mr. Benny Acker, both of the Department of Transportation, appeared before the meeting. They were invited to attend the meeting to discuss snow plowing on Cape Sable Island.

Mr. Newell informed members that it is the policy of his Department to plow all 100 series highways first, then all trunks, then all routes, then all local paved roads, then all gravel roads. The Hawk, South Side and Lower Clark's Harbour are local paved roads.

Concern was expressed to Mr. Newell over the length of time it takes to plow the roads after a heavy snowfall. Mr. Newell and Mr. Acker informed members that some changes have taken place to the way Cape Sable Island is plowed.

It was agreed that a break would be held at this time in order to allow councillors from Cape Sable Island to meet with D.O.T. Officials to further discuss snow removal on the Island.

Prior to the break Councillor Messenger expressed concern to Mr. Newell regarding the need for a guardrail on the Sherose Island Road. Mr. Newell informed members that the Department has a program in place to address these types of concerns. The Department is currently in the process of preparing a list of projects for the program. Mr. Newell informed members that the possibility of installing a guardrail on the Sherose Island Road would be investigated.

Concern was also expressed to officials of the Department of Transportation regarding the flooding which is taking place in the Bear Point area. It was expressed that this was a very dangerous situation since flooding is taking place, and the water is freezing making it hazardous to vehicular traffic.

At 7:35 p.m. the meeting was adjourned for a short break.

At 7:55 p.m. the meeting was called back to order.

CORRESPONDENCE

Yarmouth Hospital Foundation

The Clerk informed members that a letter has been received from the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation thanking Council for their support in the MRI Campaign.

Coastal Wetlands Zone

The Clerk informed members that a letter has been received from a resident of Digby thanking Council for rejecting the proposal to allow camping cabins in the Coastal Wetlands Zone by Development Agreement.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden informed members that there were no outside meetings held since the last Council meeting.

The Warden informed members that he attended the Law Symposium recently held in Halifax.

CONTINUATION OF NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Commercial Activity on Municipal Property By-Law

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of the proposed by-law dealing with commercial activity on Municipal property.

General discussion took place regarding the proposed by-law.

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Strang that the above by-law be approved in first reading.

Resolution C060203

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that the above motion be tabled and the by-law be referred to the Committee of the Whole Council for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that letters have been received from Leonard Nickerson and Derek Atwood both requesting permission to locate mobile eating establishments on Municipal property. These requests will be given further consideration once the by-law has been dealt with.

Low Income Property Tax Exemption Policy

Notice of Consideration was given at the last meeting of Council.

Resolution C060204

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that the Low Income Property Tax Exemption Policy be amended by increasing the upper limit to \$17,700.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Law Symposium

It was reported that councillors Halliday, Messenger and Stewart also attended the Municipal Law Symposium held in Halifax on February 9th and 10th, 2006.

Committee of the Whole Council

Sea Cadet Corps Request

Resolution C060205

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality become the sponsor of the 327 Unicorn Sea Cadet Corps.

Motion carried unanimously.

B.M.H.S. Facility Use Agreement

Resolution C060206

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality approve the draft B.M.H.S. Facility Use Agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

Guardrail on Sherose Island

Resolution C060207

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that the Department of Transportation assess the situation at the Sherose Island Road to determine whether or not a guardrail or other corrective action is required in the area where tidal surges encroach on the road, and that the Municipality be informed of what action the Department of Transportation intends in this matter.

Motion carried unanimously.

CED Centre/Library Update

Resolution C060208

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that an additional \$2,600.00 cost be added to the CED Centre/Library Project for the purpose of and installing eaves troughing and downspouts and changing the color of the baseboard.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tax Write-Offs

Roland L and Rhonda L. Brannen

Resolution C060209

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by E. Nickerson that the balance of the business occupancy taxes in the name of Roland L. and Rhonda L. Brannen who operated a business in Barrington Passage called Northern Pro Outfitters be written off as uncollectible.

AFFIRMATIVE

Sterling Belliveau
Louise Halliday
Donna Messenger
Eddie Nickerson
Larry Stewart

NEGATIVE

Sean Strang

Motion carried.

LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS

Resolution C060210

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to Mr. Rodney MacDonald, the newly elected leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Nova Scotia and Premier Designate.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

At 8:23 p.m. a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with personnel matters and a legal matter.

At 9:08 p.m. the Regular Council Meeting was called back to order.

Annual Increment

Resolution C060211

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Halliday that Cameron Whiteway, C & D Landfill Manager/By-Law Enforcement Officer, receive his annual increment after having successfully completed another year of employment with the Municipality.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

_____ Warden Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website February 15, 2006

