

Minutes of the continuation of the 128<sup>th</sup> Annual Council Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Tuesday, July 3, 2007.

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

- Warden Louise Halliday
- Deputy Warden Eddie Nickerson
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Councillor Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor Wilford Smith
- Councillor Larry Stewart
- Councillor Sean Strang
  
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

#### SEWER SERVICE CHARGES FOR 2007/2008

This is the first reading of the proposed by-law amendments required to change the sewer service charges for the current year.

A memo had been previously circulated to members regarding the implementation of sewer service charges for the current year. In the memo it is proposed that sewer services charges in the Wood's Harbour sewer system be \$300.00, and in the Barrington sewer system be, either \$250.00 if supplemented from the general tax rate, or \$266.00 if not.

The Deputy Warden assumed the chair while the Warden spoke to the matter.

Having completed her address, the Warden then resumed the chair.

#### Resolution C070701

**Moved** by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that the sewer service charges for the fiscal year 2007/2008 be increased in Wood's Harbour to \$300.00 per unit and in the Barrington/Barrington Passage system to \$266.00 per unit and that any deficit incurred this year will be recovered in the next subsequent year.

Based on the above motion it is necessary to now have First Reading of the proposed by-law amendments required to change the sewer service charges.

By-law No. 21 "Municipal Sewers" Part 7 - Finances, Section 38, be amended as follows by changing the Sewer Service Charge from \$200.00 to \$266.00 per unit:

38. Every owner of land which is serviced by a municipal sewer or is fronting on any street or highway within the Municipality which street or highway has a municipal sewer installed (as directed by Council pursuant to this By-law) shall pay to the Municipality an annual charge, known as the Sewer Service Charge, for both the construction and the maintenance of such sewage works, and the operation of any sewer treatment facilities in the amount of Two Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars (\$266.00) for each unit value set out in Schedule "A" attached to this By-law.

By-law No. 27 “Wastewater Management District” Part 5 - Finances, Section 20, be amended as follows by changing the Sewer Service Charge from \$275.00 to \$300.00 per unit.

20. Every owner of land which is serviced by the municipal sewer system or by an individual on-site sewage system within the wastewater management district, shall pay to the Municipality an annual charge, known as the Sewer Service Charge, for both the construction and maintenance of sewage works and the operation of any sewage treatment facilities in the amount of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for each unit value set out in Appendix “B” attached to this By-law.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Louise Halliday  
Wilford Smith  
Larry Stewart  
Sean Strang

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

**DEFERRED MOTION**

**Resolution C070702**

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that the Community Grants included in the budget be increased to a level of \$4,000.00 per district totaling \$28,000.00, and that \$5,000.00 be included in the current year’s fiscal budget to install a dry hydrant in the Port LaTour fire district, and that sufficient funds be included in the budget for the restoration of the Old Telephone Office if Council deems as necessary.

The division was then requested on the deferred motion.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Louise Halliday  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Eddie Nickerson  
Wilford Smith  
Larry Stewart  
Sean Strang

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

**Resolution C070703**

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the Municipality implement a credit card processing fee of 2 ½% effective August 1, 2007, subject to the approval of the Municipal Solicitor and the credit card agreements.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C070704

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality use \$25,000.00 of gas tax funds currently in reserves for the purpose of completing an Industrial Site Study in order to increase the economic capacity of the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C070705

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the Municipality withdraw \$25,000.00 from reserves funds, which have been accumulated for the purpose of Arena enhancements, to be used for the purpose of purchasing and installing new flooring in the Arena dressing rooms.

Motion carried unanimously.

DISCOVER SHELBURNE COUNTY TOURISM ASSOCIATION

Correspondence has been received from this Association again requesting Council to address their funding request.

Resolution C070706

**Moved** by W. Smith and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality provide up to \$500.00 in funding to the Discover Shelburne County Tourism Association to match contributions received from industry members in the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Municipality's contribution will not exceed \$500.00, and will be used only to match contributions received from businesses who contribute to the Association who are situated within the Municipality of Barrington.

LETTER OF SUPPORT

An email has been received from Mr. Ken Anthony requesting a letter of support for a development project. Mr. Anthony wishes to apply for a grant from the Nova Scotia Department of Housing's Affordable Housing Program, and is requesting a letter of support for development of low cost housing in the Municipality.

Resolution C070707

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that a letter of support provided for the Nova Scotia Department of Housing as requested by Mr. Anthony.

Motion carried unanimously.

LOCK-UP - FACILITY AND EMPLOYEES

Members were informed that the Municipal Clerk has been in conversation with the Sheriff of Yarmouth County and with the R.C.M.P. Detachment Commander in Barrington.

It is proposed that the R.C.M.P. house prisoners at their cells in the local detachment office in Barrington and source guards for this purpose from Securitas Company which is currently providing guards throughout Canada for the R.C.M.P.

It is also proposed that the Municipality continue to maintain the Lock-up for the use of the Sheriff's Department, but that the Sheriff's Department provide guards while prisoners are being held in the Lock-up.

Resolution C070708

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that effective August 1, 2007 the Municipality of Barrington no longer provide guard services to the R.C.M.P. Effective August 1, 2007 the Municipality will also cease to provide guarding services to the Department of Justice for the local court house. Effective August 1, 2007 the Municipality will continue to maintain and operate the Lock-up cells in the court house to facilitate use of the court house by the Nova Scotia Department of Justice. Effective August 1, 2007 the Municipality will negotiate a proposed rental of \$400.00 per month to the Nova Scotia Department of Justice for the use of this space. The Municipality will continue to clean and maintain the space in return for the rental fee. The responsibility of providing guards will become that of the Sheriff's Department and the R.C.M.P. Office Detachment effective August 1, 2007. Effective immediately current keepers and matrons be given notice that their employment with the Municipality will cease effective July 31, 2007.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION SETTING TAX RATES, DUE DATES AND INTEREST

Tax Rates, Due Dates and Interest

Resolution C070709

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that:

**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 2007/2008 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 Four Million, Five Hundred Seventy-Two Thousand, Eight Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars (\$4,572,877.00);

**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 Thirty-Five Cents (\$2.35) 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 2007/2008 shall become due and payable on July 4, 2007 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, area rates and special assessments not paid before September 5, 2007.

Motion carried unanimously.

### COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

#### Councillor Nickerson

Councillor Nickerson gave his report for the previous two weeks.

On June 28, 2007 he attended a Shelburne Area Industrial Commission meeting. At that meeting new members of the Board of Directors were appointed. They include: Darian Huskilson, Devin Joudrey, Al Delaney, Walter Spencer, Terry MacIntyre, Ben Poole, Cecil Swimm, and Eddie Nickerson. No representatives were appointed from the Town of Clark's Harbour. Mr. Bob Welland and Mr. Neil Harris were appointed members at large. The executive committee elected is:

- Chairperson; Darian Huskilson
- Vice Chair; Terry MacIntyre
- Secretary-Treasurer; Elizabeth Rhuland

The Industrial Commission will change its name in the immediate future to the Shelburne County Industrial Commission. At their meeting there was a discussion of the distribution of funds from Team Shelburne County in which the sentiment was expressed that the majority of the funds should come to the Shelburne County Industrial Commission for economic development in the County. The next meeting of the Industrial Commission will be on September 4, 2007, in Barrington.

#### Resolution C070710

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded W. Smith that the Shelburne County Industrial Commission adhere to the terms of agreement which the Municipality has approved for that group if they wish the Municipality of the District of Barrington to continue to be a member, otherwise the Municipality will have no choice but to withdraw from the organization.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Warden Nickerson also reported that he attended an ATV Association meeting held in Sable River. This association is developing multi-purpose trails in the County beginning with the trail in Eastern Shelburne County. The next meeting of the Association is scheduled for July 5, 2007 in Shelburne.

CLOSED SESSION RE: PERSONNEL MATTER

Members then entered into Closed Session to discuss a personnel matter after which they returned to Open Session.

Annual Increment

Resolution C070711

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that having received a satisfactory performance evaluation that the annual increment for Mr. Michael Swim be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

**Moved** by W. Smith that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

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Warden

Secretary for the Meeting

**On website July 4, 2007.**