

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 28, 2007.

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 Nickerson who was absent due to work commitments.

- Warden Louise Halliday
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Councillor Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor Wilford Smith
- 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.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

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

- Hunger Awareness Day.
- Littering.
- Ladies Atlantic Bowling.
- Mower Tender.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Strang that the minutes of the last meeting held May 14, 2007 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Engineering Services

The Clerk informed members that proposals were invited for engineering services for the Municipality of Barrington for a three (3) year period. Seven proposals were received. As instructed by Council the Clerk evaluated each proposal and forwarded his recommendation to councillors by way of email.

The Municipal Clerk is recommending that the proposal received from Horner Associates be accepted. His recommendation is based on past experience with the Municipality of Barrington, size of the firm, availability of staff, etc.

Horner Associates provided the second best price.

Resolution C070523

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by L. Stewart that the recommendation of the Municipal Clerk be referred to the Municipal Solicitor for his comments, and the matter be placed on the next Council agenda for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION

Hunger Awareness Day

The Warden informed members that correspondence has been received from Feed Nova Scotia requesting Council to consider declaring June 5, 2007 as National Hunger Awareness Day. The proposed declaration was then read by the Warden.

WHEREAS more than 40,000 Nova Scotians must rely on food banks and other food programs each month because of hunger;

AND WHEREAS 1 in 3 of those using food banks in Nova Scotia is a child;

AND WHEREAS hunger in Nova Scotia exists because of structural factors that need to be addressed through policy change;

AND WHEREAS those receiving help from food banks are most often individuals living on income assistance, those with disabilities or the working poor;

AND WHEREAS the number of individuals using such food programs has continued to grow over the past decade;

AND WHEREAS the means to alleviate hunger in Nova Scotia exists but depends on greater public awareness and increased public and legislative action;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as proud citizens of this province we recognize and affirm that June 5th be declared Hunger Awareness Day in the Municipality of Barrington from this day and for the years to come.

There being no opposition expressed regarding the above resolution, the Warden declared June 5th as Hunger Awareness Day in the Municipality of Barrington from this day and for the years to come.

CORRESPONDENCE

Littering

The Clerk informed members that he has been in conversation with Len MacKean, Alternate Delivery Manager, for the delivery of the Herald's flyer product. Mr. MacKean has advised that their flyers are distributed in pink bags only. Products delivered in bags of any other color are delivered by another company. Concerns will be discussed with local distributors. Mr. MacKean will be providing a contact list that can be used should any councillor have questions or concerns regarding the Herald's flyer products.

Resolution C070524

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by W. Smith that contact be made with Transcontinental, another company delivering flyers in the area, regarding the delivery of the blue bag flyers.

Motion carried unanimously.

CED Centre/Library

The Clerk informed members that our application for assistance under the Community ACCESS-ability Program has been approved. The program will provide funding for the installation of an automatic door opener at the CED Centre/Library. The project will pay 2/3 of the actual cost incurred up to a maximum amount of \$1,644.97. The project agreement form was signed by the Warden.

West Nova Inclusive Employment Society

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with an invitation received from the West Nova Inclusive Employment Society inviting councillors to attend their 2007 Annual General Meeting, on June 19, 2007, in Yarmouth.

Resolution C070525

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that expenses be paid for councillors wishing to attend.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ladies Atlantic Bowling

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from Marion Nash on behalf of the Ladies Atlantic Bowling. Mrs. Nash is requesting permission to use the picture on the tourism destination sign on a lapel pin. The lapel pin will be circulated during the Ladies Atlantic Bowling Tournament to be held next year, in Shelburne, at Swansburg Lanes.

Resolution C070526

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that Mrs. Marion Nash be permitted to use the picture on the tourism destination signs on a lapel pin being produced for the Ladies Atlantic Bowling Tournament.

Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Councillor Sean Strang

Committee of the Whole

Blackwatch Paintball

Resolution C070527

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the Municipality renew its lease for another year with Blackwatch Paintball under the same terms and conditions of the current lease.

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl
Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Larry Stewart

NEGATIVE

Wilford Smith
Sean Strang

Motion carried.

Resolution C070528

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the owners of Blackwatch Paintball be permitted to alter the property at their own expense in order to construct a "speedball field" on the property leased from the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Barrington Regional Curling Club

Resolution C070529

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality provide a \$10,000.00 loan for working capital to the Barrington Regional Curling Club which will be repaid by the end of November 2007. This loan will be provided out of the Special Reserve Fund Operating similar to other recreational organization loans.

Motion carried unanimously.

Hiring Committee

Special Constables

Resolution C070530

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that Cameron Whiteway be hired as a Special Constable (By-Law Enforcement Officer) for the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C070531

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Shawn Ozon be hired as a back-up or alternate Special Constable (By-Law Enforcement Officer) for the Municipality, and that in this position Mr. Ozon be used on an intermittent basis to develop experience and skills in by-law enforcement.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Special Constable appointed above will deal with the following:

- By-Law #8, "Collection, Storage and Disposal of Refuse"
- By-Law #11, "Animals"
- By-Law #12, "Dogs"
- Dangerous & Unsightly Premises Provisions of the Municipal Government Act

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

The Clerk-Treasurer provided a brief report on his activities during the month of April 2007.

NEW BUSINESS

Grant Request - Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department

The Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department is requesting a grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 to assist with renovations to the Port Clyde Fire Hall/Community Hall.

This request was referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

The matter was discussed by members at the Committee of Whole meeting held May 22, 2007, and at that time it was agreed that the matter be returned to Council and again discussed.

At this time the Warden turned the Chair over to Councillor Stewart in order that she could address the matter.

After expressing her concerns, the Chair was once again resumed by the Warden.

At this time the deferred motion was brought forward.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Stewart that a grant of \$5,000.00 be provided to the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department pending approval from the Economic Development Grant request.

AFFIRMATIVE

Wilford Smith
Larry Stewart
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl
Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Motion defeated.

Moved by D. Messenger that the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department be provided with an interest free loan in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be repaid over the next three years.

There being no seconder the motion was lost.

Temporary Borrowing Resolutions

Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department - Pumper Truck

Resolution C070532

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Stewart and carried that:

WHEREAS the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department is registered with the Municipality of the District of Barrington;

AND WHEREAS the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department has determined to borrow the aggregate principal amount of One Hundred fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$115,500) for the purpose of the purchase of a pumper truck;

AND WHEREAS the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department has requested a municipality to guarantee the said borrowing;

AND WHEREAS Section 294(6) of the Municipal Government Act provides that a municipality may grant or lend money to, or guarantee a loan for, a registered fire department for operating or capital purposes;

AND WHEREAS Section 88(3) of the Municipal Government Act provides that no guarantee of a borrowing by a municipality shall have effect unless the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations has approved of the proposed borrowing or debenture and of the proposed guarantee;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT the Municipality of the District of Barrington does hereby approve the borrowing by the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$115,500) for the purpose set out above;

THAT subject to the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations of the guarantee, the Municipality unconditionally guarantee repayment of the principal and interest of the borrowing so make;

THAT upon the issue of the debentures, the Warden and Clerk of the Municipality do sign the guarantee attached to each of the debentures and affix thereto the corporate seal of the Municipality.

Multi-Purpose Trail and Sidewalk

Resolution C070533

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger and carried that:

WHEREAS Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act provides that the Municipality of the District of Barrington, subject to the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, may borrow to expend funds for a capital purpose authorized by statute;

AND WHEREAS clause 65(aa) of the Municipal Government Act authorizes the Municipality of the District of Barrington to borrow funds for the streets, culverts, retaining walls, swimming pools, ice arenas and other recreational facilities;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT under the authority of Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act, the Municipality borrow a sum or sums not exceeding Six Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$670,000) in total for the purpose set out above, subject to the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations.

THAT the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality to such an amount as the Council deems necessary;

THAT the issue of debentures be postponed pursuant to Section 92 of the Municipal Government Act and that the Municipality borrow from time to time a sum or sums not exceeding Six Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars(\$670,000) in total from any chartered bank or trust company doing business in Nova Scotia;

THAT the sum be borrowed for a period not exceeding Twelve (12) Months from the date of the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations of this resolution;

THAT the interest payable on the borrowing be paid at a rate to be agreed upon; and

THAT the amount borrowed be repaid from the proceeds of the debentures when sold.

Shelburne Area Industrial Commission

The Clerk informed members that an advertisement was placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper by the Shelburne Area Industrial Commission inviting expressions of interest from individuals wishing to serve on the Board of Directors. Interested individuals were requested to submit an application to the local municipal office in the area they reside in. As a result of that advertisement one application has been received. That application was from Cecil Swimm of Brass Hill.

Resolution C070534

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipal Council appoint Cecil Swimm of Brass Hill to serve on the Board of Directors of the Shelburne Area Industrial Commission for the year 2007/2008.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden gave a brief report on her activities since the last meeting of Council. During the Warden's report she advised that she and Councillor LeBlanc-Messenger attended the Lieutenant Governor Awards at B.M.H.S. on May 24, 2007. B.M.H.S. recipients were Kaitlyn Harris and Jack O'Connor.

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by D. Messenger that letters of congratulations be forwarded to Kaitlyn Harris and Jack O'Connor.

Motion carried unanimously.

Nova Scotia Community College - Shelburne Campus

The Warden informed members that she has received an invitation to attend the graduation ceremonies to be held at the Shelburne Campus of the Nova Scotia Community College in June 2007.

Resolution C070535

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Warden be authorized to attend graduation ceremonies and that her expenses be paid.

Motion carried unanimously.

Lobster Festival

In advance to the meeting each member of Council was provided with an invitation to attend the opening ceremonies of the Shelburne County Lobster Festival. This year opening ceremonies will be held in Lockeport.

Resolution C070536

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the expenses of councillors wishing to attend the opening ceremonies of Lobster Festival be paid by the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Team Shelburne

The Warden informed members that she is requesting Council to call a meeting of Team Shelburne, to elect a chair, and to deal with items that need to be dealt with at this time. She further suggested that the meeting be held in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, and that the Municipal Clerk draft an agenda.

Resolution C070537

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality of Barrington take the lead and call a meeting of Team Shelburne to deal with outstanding matters as indicated above.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed that the Municipal Clerk would contact municipal units to arrange a meeting and prepare the agenda.

MOWER TENDER

The Clerk informed members that a number of companies were requested to quote on a commercial grade zero turn mower. Quotes were received from the following:

- Wilson's Shopping Centre, \$9,750.00, plus H.S.T.
- Hewitt Rentals Inc., \$10,600.00, plus H.S.T.
- Butler's Small Engines and Repairs Ltd., \$8,866.00, plus H.S.T.

Resolution C070538

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the quote received from Butler's Small Engine and Repairs Ltd., in the amount of \$8,866.00, plus H.S.T. for the purchase of a mower be accepted.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

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

The Regular Council Meeting was then called back to order.

Yearly Increment

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by L. Stewart that Laura Lee Greenwood, Tax Clerk, receive her annual increment having received a satisfactory performance evaluation. This increment will be effective on her anniversary date of May 24th.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Strang that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website May 30, 2007.