

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 14, 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:

- 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
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by S. Strang that the minutes of the last meeting held April 23, 2007 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Wood's Harbour Multi-Purpose Trail

The Clerk informed members that approval has been received for a Recreation Facility Development Program Grant, in the amount of \$55,000.00 to assist with the development of the Wood's Harbour Multi-Purpose Trail.

In order to receive payment, it is necessary that the Municipality enter into a contract with the province for the funding.

It was agreed by members that the required documents be signed by the Warden and Clerk.

Cadets

The Clerk informed members that an invitation has been received from the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps 327 Unicorn to attend their Annual Review Parade at the Barrington Municipal Arena. This will take place on June 2, 2007, at 10:45 a.m.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that the 327 Unicorn Sea Cadets were the overall winners at this year's challenge cup held at the Greenwood Air Base.

Resolution C070501

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a congratulatory letter be forwarded to the sea cadets.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was suggested that this letter be read at the Annual Review Parade.

Barrington Regional Curling Club

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from Robert Hopkins, President of the Barrington Regional Curling Club. The letter advised that the club ended the curling season in a deficit position and is faced with several operating accounts due. The club is asking for assistance in the form of an operating capital loan or grant for the total amount of \$10,000.00.

Resolution C070502

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by W. Smith that Mr. Robert Hopkins, President of the Barrington Regional Curling Club be invited to attend the next Committee of the Whole meeting in order that their request can be discussed in more detail.

Motion carried unanimously.

Global Positioning System

The Clerk informed members that the GPS unit has now been received from the province to assist with accurate data collection for the Nova Scotia Civic Address File Program. The unit has been provided to the Municipality at no cost. The province is requesting that a formal Memorandum of Understanding be signed and forwarded to their office.

Resolution C070503

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality enter into the Memorandum of Understanding relating to the Global Positioning System provided by the province to assist with accurate data collection for the NSCAF program.

Motion carried unanimously.

Retention of Funds - Sale of Shelburne Place

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a memo received from Warden Paulette Scott of the Municipality of Shelburne. The memo formally communicated the Municipality of Shelburne's position that all funds received in respect to the sale of Shelburne Place, if not dispersed to the members of Team Shelburne, be immediately segregated by the South West Shore Development Authority into a separate specially designated trust account for Team Shelburne.

Resolution C070504

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Stang that this correspondence be deferred until after the closed session of Council to be held later in the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

JEPP Project

The Clerk informed members that application was made to the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) for funding to assist with the cost of the installation of a telephone and computer at the EMO Command Centre located at the Island and Barrington Passage Fire Hall. Cost sharing for this project is 50% of actual expenditure, or \$2,181.64, whichever is less.

NEW BUSINESS

Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department

Wade Christie, Fire Chief, Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department, appeared before the meeting. He advised that his department is planning renovations to the fire hall which will include vinyl siding on exterior, and wheelchair accessible washrooms. The estimated cost of this project is \$25,000.00. In order to fund the project they will be applying for an Economic Development Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00, and a Community ACCESS-ability Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00. The Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department will be contributing \$5,000.00, and they are requesting the Municipality to contribute the remaining \$5,000.00.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that the fire hall is also used as Community Hall.

Much discussion took place regarding this request.

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.

At this time the Warden turned the chair over to the Deputy Warden in order that she could address this request.

The chair was then resumed by the Warden.

Resolution C070505

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the above motion be deferred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Louise Halliday
Eddie Nickerson
Wilford Smith
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Larry Stewart

Motion carried.

CONTINUATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

Library Funding

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Minister of Education which advised that although they are not able to provide the amount of funding at the level library boards are seeking, that they will provide an increase of \$1,000,000.00 to the base grant, increasing the 2006/2007 grant of \$10,763,000.00 to \$11,763,000.00 for 2007/2008. This results in a combined funding allocation for the Western Counties Regional Library Board of \$1,358,100.00 for the current fiscal year. This amount is comprised of \$990,400.00 from the province, \$329,700.00 from the municipalities, and \$38,000.00 from board fundraising.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

At this time it was agreed that the following items be added to the agenda under the heading "Correspondence":

- Safe Grad.
- MacDonald Chisholm Invitation.
- Meeting with Minister of Energy.
- MLA Request.
- Department of Transportation Paving.
- Recreation Department Summer Staff.

Safe Grad

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Barrington Municipal High School requesting financial assistance for the 2007 Safe Grad.

Resolution C070506

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Stewart that a grant in the amount of \$250.00 be provided to the Barrington Municipal High School for Safe Grad Activities.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTINUATION OF NEW BUSINESS

Second Reading of By-Law No. 25

The Clerk reported that the second reading of proposed amendments to By-Law No. 25 has been duly advertised in the Coast Guard Newspaper. The proposed amendments will delete the Barrington Area Lions Club from Schedule A of the by-law and will add it to Schedule B of the by-law, which will annually exempt the organization of responsibility for payment of rates and taxes, exclusive of area rates, sewer charges, service charges and any other special levies. It is also proposed that Schedule B be amended by deleting the Blanche Ball Field since the ball field is no longer used for recreational purposes.

Resolution C070507

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that proposed amendments to By-Law No 25, "Tax Exemption By-Law", deleting the Barrington Area Lions Club from Schedule "A" of the by-law and adding it to Schedule "B" of the by-law, which will annually exempt the organization of responsibility for payment of rates and taxes, exclusive of area rates, sewer charges, service charges and other special levies, and by amending Schedule "B" by deleting the Blanche Ball Field since the ball field is no longer used for recreational purposes, be approved in second and final reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTINUATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

Invitation

The Clerk informed members that an invitation has been received from MacDonald, Chisholm, Trask Insurance inviting members to attend their grand opening which will be held on Thursday, May 24, 2007, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Meeting with Minister of Energy

The Clerk informed members that arrangements have been made for councillors to meet with the Minister of Energy, on Friday, May 18, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Conference Room.

Four members indicated that they would be available to attend the meeting.

The Clerk agreed to confirm the meeting with the Minister's Office tomorrow.

Barrington Passage Paving Project

On May 10, 2007 a possible improvements list was forwarded to the Municipal Office from the MLA for Shelburne County. The list contained improvements which he felt should be considered so that in the future the forthcoming paving would not have to be disturbed. The list contained the following items:

1. 8" sewer lateral by Murray Knowles home*
2. 8" sewer lateral to the right of way of Sobey's*
3. Improved storm water drainage system (Bay Vista area)
4. 8" sewer lateral by Mayflower Place*
5. 8" sewer lateral by Causeway Interiors*
6. Improved storm water drainage system and sidewalks to/for the Old School House
7. 8" sewer lateral by Leigh Watts land*
8. 8" sewer lateral by Barrington Bay Travel*
9. 8" sewer lateral by Medical Centre*
10. Improved storm drains at the end of Butler's Road.
11. 8" sewer lateral at the bottom of the hill on the right and left side of the Lions Hall, for future expansion of the main sewer trunk in their area
12. 8" sewer lateral at Oak Park road for future expansion of the main sewer trunk

* Represents future development

During discussion of this list it was noted that the cost to install sewer laterals is the responsibility of the property owner, not the Municipality.

It was also noted that laterals could be installed at these locations and never used. A number of items on the list fall within the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation.

Resolution C070508

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that all drainage matters contained on the list be brought to the attention of the Department of Transportation.

Motion carried unanimously.

At this time the Warden turned her chair over to the Deputy Warden in order that she could address the matter.

The Warden resumed her chair.

Due to the repaving of the #3 Highway from Messenger Motors to the Causeway intersection in Barrington Passage, Area Supervisor, Benny Acker, has informed us not to repave the sewer lateral by Corbett Blades since this will be taken care of during the repaving project.

Mr. Acker has also advised that the Department will work in cooperation with the Municipality in completing the sidewalks in Barrington Passage. Some paving will be required between the sidewalk and the highway. This may result in a lower project cost for the extension of the Barrington Passage sidewalk.

Hiring Committee

The Clerk informed members that he and the Recreation Director carried out interviews on May 8th and 9th, 2007, for summer staff positions with the Recreation Department. As a result of the interviews, the following individuals have been hired:

- Stephanie Nickerson, Special Events/Outdoor Recreation Coordinator
- Danielle Stoddard, Program Coordinator
- Shasta Nickerson, Aquatic Supervisor

It was reported that we are currently advertising for additional summer staff positions with the Recreation Department and these vacancies will be filled in the near future.

CONTINUATION OF NEW BUSINESS

Spring Clean-up Summary

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a summary of the spring clean-up carried out last month. As a result of the clean-up, 142,140 kgs. of waste was collected.

Joint Police Board Appointments

The Clerk informed members that an advertisement was placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper inviting applications from individuals from the Municipality to sit on the Joint Police Advisory Board. Only one (1) application was received and that was from Penny Duggan.

Resolution C070509

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Penny Duggan be appointed to serve on the Joint Police Advisory Board representing the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C070510

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that we re-advertise for one other individual to sit on this board.

Motion carried unanimously.

Animal Calls

A summary of animal calls was provided to each member in advance to the meeting.

Engineering Services

It was agreed that this matter be deferred to a future council meeting.

Budget Meeting Dates

It was agreed that a budget meeting would be held on Thursday, May 17, 2007, commencing at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden gave a brief report on her activities since the last meeting of Council.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Councillor Sean Strang

Committee of the Whole

Shelburne County Tourism Coordinator

Resolution C070511

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the Municipality of Barrington meet with representatives of the Municipality of Shelburne to discuss the hiring of a Tourism Coordinator for Shelburne County. This agreement to discuss the proposed position in no way commits the Municipality, or implies that the Municipality intends to agree to hiring a Tourism Coordinator.

Motion carried unanimously.

Forest Ridge Academy Request

Resolution C070512

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl and carried unanimously.

WHEREAS the Committee has reviewed information required by our insurers and has reviewed the information provided by Forest Ridge Academy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Municipal Council allow Forest Ridge Academy School Support Group to host their event on Saturday, June 9, 2007 on municipal property as requested.

Lawn Mower

Resolution C070513

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality tender the purchase of a mower, including a service contract for maintenance of the mower, in the tender documents.

Motion carried unanimously.

H.S.T. Rebate Approval

Resolution C070514

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the increase in the H.S.T. Rebate being transferred from the General Revenue Fund to Reserve Funds not be done at the end of the 2006/2007 fiscal year as the funds are not available for this purpose this year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Former Telephone Office Building

Resolution C070515

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that a public meeting be held to discuss the future disposition of the Old Telephone Office building in Barrington and that this meeting be held during the month of June.

Motion carried unanimously.

GATR Site in West Baccaro

Resolution C070516

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality sell the former GATR Site property in West Baccaro according to Municipal Policy.

Motion carried unanimously.

Lighthouses

Resolution C070517

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality purchase DFOs' Canadian Coast Guard lighthouse lands at Baccaro Point from the federal government.

AFFIRMATIVE

Louise Halliday

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Eddie Nickerson

Wilford Smith

Larry Stewart

Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Dr. Yee Request

Resolution C070518

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality pay the board for Dr. Gabrielle Gellrich, who will be practicing with Dr. Yee from May 28th to June 29th, and that she be invited to meet the Community Health Care Advisory Committee during her stay here.

Motion carried unanimously.

Scotian Gold Resources

Resolution C070519

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Municipal Staff inform the Scotian Gold Resources representative that the Municipality at the present time is not interested in providing an option on its property in the Forbes Point area, however, when the company is ready to develop wind turbine generators in the area, it should contact the Municipality which may then wish to negotiate a lease agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

Litter

Resolution C070520

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter be sent to the distributors of flyers to local households in our area requesting them to take ownership of the litter problem that they are creating by the manner in which they are distributing these flyers.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Community Health Care Advisory Committee

Expansion of Community Health Centre

Resolution C070521

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by W. Smith that the Barrington Municipal Council be requested to begin the expansion of the Community Health Centre as soon as possible to provide for additional medical practitioners in the Municipality.

Much discussion took place regarding this matter.

Resolution C070522

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the above motion be deferred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Western Shelburne County Health Care Charitable Society

Councillor Messenger informed members that the fundraising event held Saturday, May 5, 2007 raised \$16,400.00.

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

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

The Regular Council Meeting was called back to order.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website May 16, 2007.