

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, February 12, 2007.

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:05 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

#### DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest declared.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the minutes of the last meeting of Council held January 22, 2007 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL FLAG DAY

The Warden informed members that information has been received from the Department of Canadian Heritage requesting Council to honor National Flag of Canada Day.

The Warden read the sample proclamation received from the Department of Canadian Heritage and after having received no objection, declared February 15, 2007 as National Flag of Canada Day in the Municipality of Barrington.

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

Destination Southwest Nova Scotia Association

Doug Fawthrop and Betty d'Eon of Destination Southwest Nova Scotia appeared before the meeting. Mr. Fawthrop informed members that Destination Southwest Nova Scotia was the amalgamation of the Evangeline Trail, South Shore and Yarmouth County Tourism Associations. The mission of Destination Southwest Nova Scotia is to grow the tourism industry in the region by increasing the number of visitors, their length of stay, as well as their level of spending. The Association currently has 500 members and is trying to increase membership to 1000. 40% of revenues are generated from members. Mr. Fawthrop provided information on the website being created by the Association.

The Association's business plan includes a municipal investment program which encourages long term investment in the Association as a line item in budgets. The Association is looking for a municipal commitment for the next four years with the 2007 calculation being \$4,960.00.

Mr. Fawthrop and Mrs. d'Eon were thanked for appearing before Council and making a presentation. Information provided will be reviewed and considered during the budget process.

Gary Thomas, President of the Barrington & Area Chamber of Commerce, was present during the above presentation.

CORRESPONDENCE

CAP Program

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Minister of Industry thanking Council for their letter dated November 29, 2006 which conveyed Council's concerns with regard to the Community Access Program. She advised that Industry Canada has identified some transitional funding to assist CAP network partners in planning for the remainder of the fiscal year to March 31, 2007. Once the examination of the program is complete a decision regarding its future will be conveyed to CAP partners and recipients.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Councillor Stewart

Nil report.

Councillor Strang

Committee of the Whole Council

James Brannen's Request Re: Rental of Property

Resolution C070201

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality not rent the former telephone office next to the Old Court House for residential purposes, and that this property only be rented for commercial or institutional uses.

AFFIRMATIVE

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Eddie Nickerson

Louise Halliday

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Wilford Smith

Larry Stewart

Sean Strang

Motion carried.

Barrington Passage Sidewalk Tender

Resolution C070202

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality again tender the construction of the Barrington Passage Sidewalk in its entirety.

Motion carried unanimously.

Lighthouse Operating Maintenance Costs

Resolution C070203

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that Baccaro Light and Cape Sable Light be designated as lighthouses of interest to the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Waste Reduction Coordinator

Resolution C070204

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that the Waste Reduction Coordinator presently employed by the Joint Services Board be used on an interim basis by the Municipality of Barrington, and that reports be brought forward to committee at the end of three months and six months for evaluation of this project.

Motion carried unanimously.

Eldridge Property

Resolution C070205

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality forward a letter to Mr. Eldridge indicating that there is no interest in the property at the present time.

Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Townsend Request

Resolution C070206

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that Mr. Brian Townsend be permitted to alter the access road for 4-wheelers by using gravel from the indicated nearby location providing he meets all environmental concerns, and obtains written permission from the Department of Environment and Labour before doing any work.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tri-County Regional School Board Science Fair

Resolution C070207

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality contribute \$100.00 to the Tri-County Regional Science Fair.

Motion carried unanimously.

Use of Clear Bags for Waste Collection

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality will also collect residual waste in clear bags.

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that the above motion be amended by deleting the words “collect residual waste” and inserting the words “give option to residents to have residual waste collected in clear bags in addition to colored bags”.

Resolution C070208

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that the above motions be tabled and referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

MLA

Resolution C070209

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the Municipality invite our MLA to a Council meeting for the purpose of discussing Municipal issues with him.

Motion carried unanimously.

Department Reorganization

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality accept the plan for combining of Property Services, Sewer Services, the Construction & Demolition Landfill and the Arena into one department.

Resolution C070210

**Moved** by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that the above motion be amended by adding “as recommended by staff and the Committee of the Whole”.

AFFIRMATIVE

Louise Halliday  
George El-Jakl  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Wilford Smith  
Larry Stewart  
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

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

Deputy Warden Nickerson

Arena Fundraising Committee

The Deputy Warden informed members that he attended an Arena Fundraising Committee meeting earlier this evening. Minutes of the meeting will be forwarded to the Clerk for distribution.

Councillor El-Jakl

South West Shore Development Authority

Councillor El-Jakl informed members that he attended a recent meeting of the South West Shore Development Authority.

Councillor LeBlanc-Messenger

Councillor LeBlanc-Messenger informed members that she recently attended a meeting of Destination Southwest Nova Scotia.

CONTINUATION OF NEW BUSINESS

Diversions Credits

The Clerk informed members that Mr. Gus Green, General Manager of Waste Check, has informed him, by telephone, that they are willing to pay Diversions Credits to the Municipality in the amount of \$150,000.00. This amount will be paid in two payments. The first payment will be made within 30 days of acceptance of the offer, and the second and final payment will be made at the end of April.

Resolution C070211

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the offer from Waste Check to pay Diversion Credits in the amount of \$150,000.00, and the payment plan outlined above, be accepted.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION RE: LEGAL MATTER

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

ADJOURNMENT

**Moved** by S. Strang that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

---

Warden

Clerk

---

Secretary for the Meeting

**On website February 13, 2007.**