

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, April 27, 2009. 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 Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Councillor Shaun Hatfield
- Councillor Cecil O'Donnell
- Councillor Cathy Stoddard
- 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 C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Strang that the minutes of the last meeting held April 14, 2009 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Year of the Lobster

The Clerk reported that correspondence has been received from the Office of the Premier regarding our request to have the Province declare 2009 as the official *Year of the Lobster*. The letter advised that the Province follows the Federal Government when it comes to proclaiming "year of" events. To date the Federal Government has not done so. The letter further advised that the Province can declare a specific month as "*Month of the Lobster*". A proclamation can be prepared with an official signing and depending on the time of the year a resolution could be read in the house for such a month.

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the Province be asked to declare December 2009 as the Month of the Lobster.

Resolution C090434

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the above motion be deferred and further discussed by the Committee of the Whole.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Shelburne Association Supporting Inclusion

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of an invitation for members to attend the annual celebration dinner and general meeting of the Shelburne Association Supporting Inclusion. This event will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2009, in Shelburne.

Letter from Robert I. Jamieson

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from Mr. Robert I. Jamieson of Middle Clyde. Although the letter expressed concern regarding the 2009 interim tax bill, the main concern expressed by Mr. Jamieson related to the condition of the Upper Clyde Road.

Resolution C090435

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that a letter be written to the Department of Transportation asking them to monitor vehicular activities on the Upper Clyde Road, request that the road surface be given the attention it requires, and also request a copy of their maintenance schedule prepared for the Upper Clyde Road outlining the number of times each year it is graded and various maintenance carried out on the road, etc.

Motion carried unanimously.

Sea Star Ice Dogs

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Sea Star Ice Dogs. The letter thanked Council for their support prior to and during the 2009 Maritime Hockey North Junior "C" Championship.

South West Shore Development Authority Volunteer Services Program

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the South West Shore Development Authority requesting funding in the amount of \$4,712.00 for the South West Shore Volunteer Services Program. The program is designed for seniors and it aims to improve their quality of life to help them maintain their independence, to promote living at home or within the community, and to enhance community participation through volunteerism.

Resolution C090436

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by C. Stoddard that the request received from the South West Shore Development Authority for their Volunteer Services Program be referred to the budget process.

Motion carried unanimously.

Day of Mourning - April 28, 2009

Correspondence has been received from the South Shore Labour Council advising that April 28th has been declared the National Day of Mourning. The SSLC will be conducting a Day of Mourning Service at the Kinsmen Hall in Bridgewater, at 7:00 p.m., on April 28th. The SSLC is requesting the Municipality of Barrington to lower its flag to half mast on April 28th in respect of those workers who lost their lives or were badly/seriously injured at their workplace.

It was agreed that the municipal flag be lowered.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Cecil O'Donnell

Councillor O'Donnell gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

Councillor George El-Jakl

Councillor El-Jakl gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

Councillor Cathy Stoddard

Councillor Stoddard gave a brief report on her activities since the last meeting of Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Second Reading - By-Law No. 8 Re: Waste Collection

The Clerk reported that the second reading of proposed amendments to By-Law No. 8 "Collection, Storage and Disposal of Waste" has been duly advertised in the Coast Guard Newspaper. The proposed amendments deal with the inclusion of bulky waste such as refrigerators, stoves, washing machines, furniture, mattresses, rugs, etc.

Resolution C090437

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that proposed amendments to By-Law No. 8 “Collection, Storage and Disposal of Waste” be approved in second and final reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

FRA Annual Mini Log Run

The Clerk informed members that Forest Ridge Academy plan to once again hold their Annual Mini Log Run on June 6, 2009 on municipal property located near the Barrington River. A certificate of insurance has been provided by Forest Ridge Academy. The rain date will be June 7th.

Resolution C090438

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that the request received from Forest Ridge Academy to hold their 3rd Annual Mini Log Run on municipal property on June 6th (June 7th rain date) be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTINUATION OF REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Shaun Hatfield

Councillor Hatfield gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

Councillor Hatfield informed members that Adlai Cunningham and his son Kerry Cunningham recently completed the Boston Marathon.

Resolution C090439

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to both Adlai Cunningham and Kerry Cunningham for completing the Boston Marathon.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by S. Hatfield that the provincial government be contacted to determine whether there is funding available for the purchase of a new ladder truck.

Motion withdrawn.

Deputy Warden Donna Leblanc-Messenger

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

Councillor Sean Strang

Committee of the Whole

C.S.I. Sewer

Resolution C090440

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Project Manager now be instructed to issue the tender for the design of the Cape Sable Island sewer system.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C090441

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality request funding in the form of a grant from the Green Municipal Fund and also request additional funds for this project from the Minister for Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations and from our Member of Parliament for the area.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that consideration be given to property owners who have installed a new on-site sewage disposal system within the last five (5) years being exempt from hooking up to the sewer system for ten (10) years.

Resolution C090442

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by S. Strang that the above motion be deferred and further considered by the Committee of the Whole.

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell
Cathy Stoddard
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Louise Halliday

Motion carried.

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that consideration be given to taxpayers receiving the low income property tax exemption being waived the sewer service charge for the first year of operation of the sewer system.

Warden Halliday turned the Chair over to the Deputy Warden in order that she could address the matter.

Resolution C090443

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded S. Strang that the above motion be deferred and further considered by the Committee of the Whole.

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell
Cathy Stoddard
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Louise Halliday

Motion carried.

The Warden then resumed the Chair.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing Re: Business Park

At this time a public hearing was held pursuant to the Municipal Government Act to consider amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law. Proposed amendments will create a business park designation and zone on lands owned by the Municipality of Barrington in the Stirling's Road area of Barrington Passage. The amendments will include permitted uses in the park, uses permitted by development agreement and the matters Council shall consider prior to the approval of a development agreement.

The Clerk informed members that the public hearing was duly advertised in the Coast Guard Newspaper.

The Warden asked for verbal or written presentations from the public. There were no responses to her request.

Resolution C090444

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality accept the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law to provide for the development of a business park in Barrington Passage.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTINUATION OF REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Sean Strang

Committee of the Whole

C.S.I. Schools

Moved by S. Strang that a letter be sent to the Minister of Education and to the Tri-County Regional School Board requesting them to explain how the decision has been made to choose the Clark's Harbour Elementary School for an addition/alteration without public consultation. A copy of the letter is also to be sent to the MLA and also requesting of the MLA whether or not he supports this decision being made without public consultation.

At this time the Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from our School Board representative, Andrea Huskilson-Newell. She has advised that as a School Board representative she is unable to meet with Council and speak on behalf of the Tri-County Regional School Board. Mrs. Newell invited councillors to meet with the School Board to discuss the future of the Cape Sable Island Schools.

The motion was then withdrawn.

Resolution C090445

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by S. Hatfield that an invitation be forwarded to our School Board representative, Andrea Huskilson-Newell; the Superintendent of the Schools, Phil Landry; and the Chairperson of the Tri-County Regional School Board, Faye Haley, to meet with the Committee of the Whole Council at their earliest convenience to discuss schools on Cape Sable Island.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed by members that the correspondence from Andrea Huskilson-Newell inviting councillors to attend a meeting of the Tri-County Regional School Board be further considered by the Committee of the Whole.

Interest on Property Taxes

Resolution C090446

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by C. O'Donnell that no interest be charged on interim tax bills being sent to low income property tax owners for this year only, and that interest will be applied to all outstanding amounts when the full tax bill is sent in October.

Motion carried unanimously.

Interest on Outstanding Taxes

Resolution C090447

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by C. Stoddard that the interest in the amount of \$100.00 be written off the tax account of Mr. Troy Flemming as it has been incorrectly applied due to a computer error in the Property Valuation Services Corporation offices.

AFFIRMATIVE

Louise Halliday
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell
Cathy Stoddard
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

RESIGNATION

At this time Councillor Sean Strang tendered his resignation as councillor for District 6 ,effective May 4, 2009, as he will be entering the R.C.M.P.

Councillors and staff wished Councillor Strang all the best in the future.

RETURNING OFFICER FOR SPECIAL ELECTION

Resolution C090448

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Strang that an advertisement be placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper inviting applications for the position of Returning Officer for the special election and that an enumeration also be carried out in District 6.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

The Clerk-Treasurer gave a report for the month of March.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by S. Strang that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

____ Secretary for the Meeting

On website April 29, 2009.