

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 9, 2009.

#### NOTICE OF ACCLAMATION

The Municipal Clerk read the Notice of Acclamation received from the Returning Officer. As of 5:00 p.m., on February 3, 2009, Shaun Hatfield was acclaimed to represent District No. 5 as councillor in the Municipality of the District of Barrington.

#### SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Mr. Shaun Hatfield was sworn in by the Municipal Clerk as a member of the Barrington Municipal Council.

#### PHOTO SESSION

At this time a brief recess was held for a Council photo session to take place in the Conference Room.

#### 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.

#### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The Warden informed members that it is necessary to add the following items to the agenda:

- Year of the Lobster.
- Shelburne County Recreation Committee.
- Closed Session of Council.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Strang that the minutes of the last meeting of Council held January 26, 2009 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Presentation - Kent Blades

Mr. Kent Blades of Lower Clark's Harbour appeared before the meeting. A summary of his presentation is as follows:

- Mr. Blades congratulated councillors on their recent election.
- Municipal Government is the government closest to people and Mr. Blades encouraged councillors to know their constituents individually and their concerns and issues.
- Tough measures for tough times. Mr. Blades indicated that due to the current economy many people will be experiencing hardships and encouraged Council to hold the tax rate.
- Importance of history. Mr. Blades encouraged councillors to keep in mind the Barrington/Barrington Passage and Wood's Harbour sewer systems when moving forward with the Cape Sable Island sewer system.
- Collaboration. Mr. Blades placed importance on working together with the five municipal units in Shelburne County for the betterment of the entire County.

Councillors then thanked Mr. Blades for appearing before them and making his presentation.

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### Breast Feeding and Baby Friendly Initiative Grant

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from South West Health regarding the Breast Feeding and Baby Friendly Initiative Grant. During review of this correspondence it was noted that the information was received on January 26<sup>th</sup> and the deadline for applications was January 31, 2009.

#### JEPP Application

Previously members were made aware of an application to the JEPP Program to assist with the purchase of two generators and generator panel at a cost of \$17,808.00.

The Clerk informed members that the EMO Planning Committee has reconsidered the application and will be taking steps to amend the application to provide for one large generator as opposed to two smaller generators as previously indicated. It was indicated that this will be a stationary generator that will be installed at the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department. The JEPP program provides for 50% cost shared funding.

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Strang that the application to the JEPP Program in the amount of \$17,808.00 be approved and that the Municipality of Barrington contribute their portion of the 50%.

Resolution C090201

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the above motion be tabled until the next meeting of Council in order that additional information may be obtained.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C090202

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that the EMO Coordinator, Jim Newell, be invited to meet with members to discuss the size of the generator, etc.

Motion carried unanimously.

New Horizons for Seniors Programs

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with correspondence received from the Government of Canada on their New Horizons for Seniors Program.

Resolution C090203

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Strang that the correspondence received from the Government of Canada regarding the New Horizons for Seniors Program be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Year of the Lobster

The Clerk informed members that an email has been received from Wanda Atkinson requesting the Municipality to lobby the Provincial Government to designate the next available year, provincially, as "Year of the Lobster" and to possibly ask the other Shelburne County municipal units to do the same.

Resolution C090204

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by S. Hatfield that the request received from Wanda Atkinson be approved and that the Municipality lobby the provincial government to designate the next available year, provincially, as "Year of the Lobster" and to ask the other municipal units in Shelburne County to do the same.

Motion carried unanimously.

Shelburne County Recreation Society

Correspondence has been received from Cathy Holmes, Chair, Shelburne County Recreation Society. The correspondence advised that the Society is giving a presentation to the public on its plans to establish a Recreation Centre, including an indoor swimming pool, in Shelburne County. The presentation will be held at the Barrington Library on February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

## REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden gave a brief report on her activities since the last meeting of Council. A summary of her report is as follows:

- The Warden informed members that municipal representatives met with officials of the Department of Natural Resources on January 27, 2009 to further discuss a wheelchair ramp at North East Point Beach. Provincial officials have advised that this type of project would require the whole area to be considered, including the old wharf.

### Resolution C090205

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that the wheelchair ramp at North East Point Beach be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

- The Warden informed members that the Tri-County Pregnancy Care Centre, Barrington Satellite Office, held an Open House on January 27, 2009. The Warden highlighted a few services available and informed members that the centre is currently looking for a number of items such as pictures, small table, office chairs, maternity clothes, baby equipment, etc. The Clerk suggested that the Municipality may have some surplus items that could be donated.

### Resolution C090206

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Clerk determine whether or not the Municipality has any surplus items that can be donated to the Tri-County Pregnancy Care Centre, Barrington Satellite Office.

Motion carried unanimously.

- The Warden gave a brief update on the following:
  - Shelburne County Physician Recruitment Committee
  - Ocean First Task Force
  - Meeting with Minister of Service Nova Scotia

## REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

### Councillor Cathy Stoddard

Councillor Stoddard gave a brief report on her 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 Cecil O'Donnell

Councillor O'Donnell gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council. He informed members that he attended the Cruise Ship Workshop held January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. He provided a brief report on the workshop and informed members that minutes will be forwarded from the South West Shore Development Authority.

Councillor Shaun Hatfield

No committees to report.

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 Council

Tri-County Local Food System Invitation

Resolution C090207

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by C. O'Donnell that expenses of councillors who wish to attend the Tri-County Local Food System Meeting on February 20, 2009 be paid by the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Warden Halliday, Councillors Stoddard and Messenger indicated that they would be attending the meeting.

Workshops for Councillors

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality pay the expenses of councillors wishing to attend the workshop on "Meetings and Rules of Order".

Resolution C090208

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by S. Strang that the above motion be amended to include the workshop "Effective Decision Making" as well.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

The amended motion reads as follows:

Resolution C090209

"...that the Municipality pay the expenses of councillors wishing to attend the workshop on "Meetings and Rules of Order" and "Effective Decision Making".

Trail Developments

Resolution C090210

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Woodland Multi-Use Trail Association be thanked for their response and be requested to keep the Municipality informed on their future endeavors to develop trails in Shelburne County.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk informed members that Mr. Embree of the Woodland Multi-Use Trail Association has advised that their next application to ACOA will include funding for the development of the trail in the Port Clyde area.

Lobster Festival Request

Resolution C090211

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by C. Stoddard that a grant of \$250.00 be provided to the Shelburne County Lobster Festival for the 2009/2010 fiscal year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Highway 103 Upgrade Committee

Resolution C090212

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by C. O'Donnell that a letter be sent to Councillor Owen Hamlin at the Region of Queens thanking him for his invitation, but informing him that no one is currently available to serve on this committee, and requesting that the Municipality be kept informed of any future developments.

Motion carried unanimously.

Wood's Harbour Sewer

Resolution C090213

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality reply to the request of Wendy Lund indicating that the expansion of the Wood's Harbour sewer system is one of the many projects included in the Capital Investment Plan of the Municipality, however, it is at present not at the top of the priority list of projects. Ms. Lunds' suggestion is much appreciated and Council certainly appreciates Ms. Lunds interest in municipal business and in keeping up to date by viewing the municipal website.

Motion carried unanimously.

Shelburne County Long Boat Society Request

Resolution C090214

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by C. Stoddard that a letter of support be sent to the Shelburne County Long Boat Society for their promotional efforts for Shelburne County in the coming year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Year of the Lobster

Resolution C090215

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by C. O'Donnell that a letter be sent to Mr. Gillespie thanking him for his letter and expressing Council's appreciation for his suggestions which will be considered in the Municipality's efforts in promoting the Year of the Lobster.

Motion carried unanimously.

Randal Smith - Tax Sale Property

Resolution C090216

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by C. O'Donnell that in light of the legal advice received from the Municipal Solicitor, the Municipality will not pursue collection of tax sale expenses from Mr. Randal Smith, but the interest applicable to the outstanding taxes will still be liable for collection.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTINUATION OF NEW BUSINES

Warden's Report for Local Newspaper

Resolution C090217

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Strang that a Warden's Report be published in the Coast Guard Newspaper on a frequency determined by Council, and that every councillor be requested to forward 1 or 2 items to the Warden or Clerk to be considered by the Committee of the Whole for inclusion in the Warden's Report.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

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

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl  
Sean Strang

Motion carried.

First Readings & Notice of Consideration

The Clerk informed members that it is necessary to repeal existing By-Law No. 5 "Committees", By-Law No. 31 "Barrington Municipal Waterfront Development Committee", and Policy No. 45 "Community Health Care Advisory Committee", since the content of these by-laws and policy are now covered in the "Policy on Committees of Council".

It is also necessary to repeal By-Law No. 6 "Municipal Officers" since the content of this by-law is now covered in the "Policy on Committees of Council", other municipal by-laws and the Municipal Government Act.

Resolution C090218

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by S. Hatfield that the repeal of By-Law No 5 “Committees”, By-Law No 31 “Barrington Municipal Waterfront Development Committee”, and By-Law No. 6 “Municipal Officers”, be approved in first reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

Second reading of the repeal of the above referred to by-laws will be advertised in the Coast Guard Newspaper and will be dealt with by Council at a later date.

Notice of consideration is given tonight that the repeal of Policy No. 45 “Community Health Care Advisory Committee” will take place at the next meeting of Council.

Proposed Activities Funds Policy

Notice of consideration of the adoption of the Activities Funds Policy was given previously. Tonight, Council is to consider the adoption of the Activities Funds Policy as presented.

Resolution C090219

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Activities Funds Policy be approved as presented.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

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

**NEGATIVE**

Louise Halliday  
Sean Strang

Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

At this time a Closed Session of Council was held to review the annual performance evaluations of the Building Inspector and Deputy Clerk.

The Regular Council Meeting was called back to order.

Yearly Increment

Resolution C090120

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by S. Hatfield that Glen Muise, Building Inspector, having received a satisfactory performance evaluation, be granted his yearly increment.

Motion carried unanimously.



ADJOURNMENT

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

_____	Warden	Clerk
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_____	Secretary for the Meeting
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**On website February 12, 2009.**