

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, January 12, 2009. The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:00 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported that the following councillors were present representing Districts 1, 2, 4, 6, and 7 of the Municipality.

- Warden Louise Halliday
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Councillor Cecil O'Donnell
- Councillor Cathy Stoddard
- Councillor Sean Strang

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger was absent due to a family illness.

There is a vacancy in District 5.

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Strang that the minutes of the last regular meeting held December 8, 2008 and the special meeting held January 5, 2009 be approved as circulated.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### Letter from Premier Re: Stimulation of the economy

The Clerk informed members that a letter of acknowledgment has been received from the Premier's Officer confirming receipt of our letter dated December 10, 2008 in which we suggested two infrastructure projects: the paving of the Villagedale Road and the development of a business park in Barrington Passage.

The Warden informed members that an advertisement was placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper by the Provincial Government inviting tenders for the paving of the Villagedale Road. Tenders close February 5, 2009.

#### Cost-shared Paving of Roads

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding cost-shared paving of streets 2009-2010. The Department is requesting that proposed projects be forwarded not later than January 31, 2009.

No projects were suggested.

MRIF Re: Wood's Harbour Multi-Purpose Trail

The Clerk informed members that since the Wood's Harbour Multi-Purpose Trail has been completed we can have the offer/agreement amended and remaining monies will be paid in the current fiscal year as opposed to the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Resolution C090104

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Strang that the offer/agreement relating to the Wood's Harbour Multi-Purpose Trail be amended to permit remaining funding from the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund to be paid in the current fiscal year.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk reported that the revised Schedule "B" of the offer/agreement will be signed and forwarded to the Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Secretariat.

RRFB - Green Carts

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the RRFB advising that our application for funding for green carts has been approved.

Resolution C090105

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality enter into the funding agreement with the RRFB to provide for funding for green carts in the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Motion carried unanimously.

RRFB - Public Sorting Station

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the RRFB advising that the application made for funding for a public sorting station at the C & D Landfill Site has been approved.

Resolution C090106

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality enter into an agreement with the RRFB for funding to build a sorting station at the C & D Landfill Site and that the municipal portion be paid out of the upcoming budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk informed members that the total cost of the project is \$61,000.00 and the RRFB will provide 50% funding.

Tri-County Regional Science & Technology Expo

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Tri-County Regional Science and Technology Expo. This year the Expo will be held on April 1, 2009 at Nova Scotia Community College Burrigge. They are requesting a donation towards the event and also councillors to present awards to finalists.

Resolution C090107

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Strang that the Tri-County Regional Science and Technology Expo be provided with a couple of sweatshirts with the municipal logo, and councillors wishing to attend the Expo will have expenses paid but must first inform the office.

Motion carried unanimously.

“Focus on Life” Request

Correspondence has been received from Sharon Symonds, “Focus on Life”. Their team will be holding a charity game of hockey at the Barrington Arena on January 29, 2009 to raise funds for the Walk for a Cause 2009. The team is asking that the Municipality donate the cost of the ice time or a percentage of the cost.

Resolution C090108

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that “Focus on Life” be granted a donation in an amount equal to the cost of ice time associated with the charity game of hockey.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Shelburne Longboat Society

Jim Mahaney, Chair, Shelburne Longboat Society, appeared before the meeting. Mr. Mahaney briefed Council on the status of the Shelburne Longboat Society planning for 2009. He informed members that the Society will take part in the 250th anniversary of the founding of the Royal Navy Dockyard in Halifax. Activities are planned for the weekend of July 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>. The Society feels that this will be one of the biggest opportunities ever to promote all of Shelburne County to the world. The Society plans to take both longboats and two crews to the event.

Mr. Mahaney was thanked for appearing before Council and making his presentation.

Region 6 Solid Waste Management Financial Statements

The Clerk informed members that a copy of the Region 6 Solid Waste Management Consolidated Financial Statements for March 31, 2008 have been received. Statements will be kept at the Municipal Office and will be available for viewing by members if they so wish.

Notice of Consideration - Committees of Council Policy

The Clerk informed members that a new policy on Committees of Council has been prepared and circulated to members in advance to the meeting. Notice is given tonight that consideration of adopting this policy will take place at the next meeting of Council.

Notice of Consideration - Activities Funds Policy

The Clerk informed members that an Activities Funds Policy has been drafted and forwarded to councillors in advance to the meeting. Notice is given tonight that the new policy will be considered for adoption at the next meeting of Council.

Notice of Consideration - Code of Conduct

Notice is given tonight that consideration of the adoption of the Code of Conduct for Elected Municipal Officials as provided by the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities will take place at the next meeting of Council. In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of the proposed Code of Conduct.

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

No committees to report.

Councillor George El-Jakl

Councillor George El-Jakl gave a brief report on the Planning Advisory Committee Meeting held December 18, 2008.

Councillor Cathy Stoddard

Councillor Stoddard gave a brief report on the December 18, 2008 Planning Advisory Committee Meeting.

Councillor Sean Strang

Committee of the Whole

Former Pizza Villa Building

Resolution C090109

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the former Pizza Villa Building which was purchased by the Municipality at Tax Sale during 2008 be listed for sale through a local real estate agent as an MLS listing.

Motion carried unanimously.

Bottled Water

It was reported that correspondence has been received from the Ecology Action Centre and the Council of Canadians regarding a campaign to reduce the use of bottled water. Part of this campaign is aimed at reducing the sale and use of bottled water in municipalities, towns and cities across the country. One of the options recommended to Nova Scotia municipalities is to prohibit the use of Municipal Government funds to purchase or distribute bottled water by not using bottled water in municipally owned facilities and at municipally sponsored events.

Resolution C090110

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality phase out the sale and distribution of bottled water in municipally owned facilities and municipally sponsored events, where possible.

Motion carried unanimously.

Infrastructure

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality submit a list to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities including the paving of the Villagedale Road and the construction of a business park in Barrington Passage as infrastructure projects that will help create jobs and stimulate the economy in 2009.

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by C. Stoddard that the above motion be amended by deleting Villagedale Road and replacing it with C.S.I. sewer.

Motion carried.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Louise Halliday  
Cecil O'Donnell  
Cathy Stoddard  
Sean Strang

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl

The motion as amended now reads:

Resolution C090111

“...that the Municipality submit a list to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities including the construction of a business park in Barrington Passage and the C.S.I. sewer as infrastructure projects that will help create jobs and stimulate the economy in 2009.

Motion carried unanimously.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that the Villagedale Road has already been approved by the Province for paving.

Resolution C090112

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Strang that a thank you letter be forwarded to the provincial government acknowledging their decision to pave the Villagedale Road.

Motion carried unanimously.

Walking Trail

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality consider construction of a walking trail along the former CNR right of way between Port Clyde and Clement's Pond in the spring of 2009.

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Strang that the above motion be amended to request the Woodlands Trails Association to consider construction of this trail as their next project.

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion will read as follows:

Resolution C090113

"... that the Municipality request the Woodland Trails Association to consider the construction of a multi-purpose trail along the former CNR right of way between Port Clyde and Clement's Pond in the spring of 2009 as their next project.

Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence Re: Special Olympics Nova Scotia

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality inform the 2009 Special Olympic Winter Games Committee that:

**WHEREAS** the Municipality has previously made a donation of \$500.00 to the local Special Olympics Group for them to attend Special Olympics Games the previous year;

**AND WHEREAS** this group will not likely be requesting funds to attend the 2009 Special Olympics Games;

**AND WHEREAS** the Winter Games Committee has missed the application deadline for Grants to Organizations;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipality regrets that it will not be able to provide a financial contribution as requested.

Motion defeated.

Resolution C090114

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality advertise on the Special Olympics Games sponsor banner and in the games program at a cost of \$500.00, and that the Warden attend the Winter Games 2009 Opening Ceremonies to be held on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Yarmouth Mariners Centre.

Motion carried unanimously.

Fishing Industry Issues

Resolution C090115

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality declare 2009 the year of the lobster in the Municipality of the District of Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

Hiring Committee Meeting

Arena Manager

Resolution C090116

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the application received from Shelly Atwood for the position of Arena Manager be accepted, subject to the conditions and requirements contained in the job description.

Motion carried unanimously.

Property Services Manager

Resolution C090117

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Cameron Whiteway be hired as Property Services Manager, subject to the conditions and requirements contained in the job description.

Motion carried unanimously.

Region 6 Solid Waste Management Meeting

Councillor Strang gave a brief report on the recent meeting of the Region 6 Solid Waste Management Committee. He informed members that the committee is currently looking at providing education on waste management to students. Councillor Strang also informed members that Region 6 has forgiven Diversion Credits previously paid to the Municipality.

CLOSED SESSION

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

The regular Council meeting was then called back to order.

Yearly Increment

Resolution C090118

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by C. O'Donnell that Shenton Allen receive his yearly increment after having received a satisfactory performance evaluation.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Warden

Clerk

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website January 14, 2009.**