

## SPECIAL MEETING OF BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

February 21, 2011

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:30 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Warden George El-Jakl
  - Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
  - Councillor Murray Atkinson
  - Councillor Louise Halliday
  - Councillor Cecil O'Donnell
  - Councillor Cathy Stoddard
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

Councillor Shaun Hatfield was absent due to work commitments.

### PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possible closure of the Barrington court facility.

The Warden informed members that the Police Advisory Board was advised that discussions have taken place in Cabinet regarding the closure of the Barrington court facility. The Police Advisory Board will be forwarding letters to the MLA for Shelburne County and the Minister of Justice, expressing concern regarding the closure of this facility.

The Barrington court serves the Municipality of Barrington and the Town of Clark's Harbour and provides for family court, youth court and provincial court in the western half of Shelburne County. It is believed that if this court closed, cases normally scheduled for Barrington would be scheduled for Yarmouth.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that the impact for the Municipality would be huge, not only financially, but also for local RCMP services. Due to the requirement of RCMP members to be out of the area to attend court proceedings in Yarmouth, it may be necessary for additional RCMP officers to be hired to cover our area.

### Resolution C110230

**Moved** by M. Atkinson and seconded by L. Halliday that a strongly worded letter be sent to the MLA, the Premier and the Minister of Justice, expressing Council's opposition to the possible closure of the Barrington court facility and they be requested to meet with us to discuss this matter further.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Warden informed members that Sgt. Forbes expressed an interest in attending the meeting with provincial officials.

ADJOURNMENT

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**Moved** by L. Halliday that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

**On website February 23, 2011.**