

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Tuesday, October 11, 2005.

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 with the exception of Councillor Eddie Nickerson.

- Warden Sterling Belliveau
- Deputy Warden Fred Bower
- Councillor Louise Halliday
- Councillor Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor Eddie Nickerson (7:05 p.m.)
- Councillor Larry Stewart
- Councillor Sean Strang

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

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

It was agreed that the following items be added to the agenda:

- Email from Hattie Perry
- Flooding - Wood's Harbour

It was also noted that the interview scheduled with Dana Weeks Re: Paintball Field was canceled.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Warden asked if there were any conflicts of interest and none were reported.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the minutes of the last meeting held September 26, 2005 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Chamber of Commerce Coordinator

The Clerk informed members that on September 30, 2005 he spoke with Wendy McGill, President of the Barrington & Area Chamber of Commerce. She indicated that she was aware that Diane Smith no longer wished to be the Coordinator for the Chamber and that it would be necessary for them to have their own Coordinator separate from the Visitor Information Centre

Manager for the coming season.

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The motion tabled at the September 26, 2005 Council meeting was then brought forward which reads as follows:

“Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Stewart that the Municipality accept the recommendation of the Visitor Information Centre Manager that the position of the Coordinator for the Barrington & Area Chamber of Commerce be separated from that of the Visitor Information Centre Manager, and the Chamber of Commerce hire a separate individual to perform this function.

Motion carried unanimously.”

At this time Councillor Nickerson joined the meeting.

Guardrail

Councillor Strang informed members that he had made an error at the last meeting of Council when he recommended that a guardrail be installed at the intersection of the South Side Road and Centreville Road on Cape Sable Island. He said that he had done this without first consulting residents in the area and once the installation of the guardrail commenced he had received many complaints.

He apologized to members and to Benny Acker of the Department of Transportation for not first doing his homework.

Resolution C051001

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the guardrail near the intersection of the South Side Road and the Centreville Road on Cape Sable Island is not needed and therefore it not be installed.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk informed members that he received a phone call from Mr. Acker today indicating that the better part of two days were spent installing the guardrail and that the Municipality of Barrington will be billed for this expense.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clean Nova Scotia

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with an invitation to attend the 17th Annual General Meeting of Clean Nova Scotia. This meeting will be held in Halifax on October 21st.

No interest was expressed by councillors to attend.

Long Term Care Facility

In advance to the meeting each member of Council was provided with a copy of a letter addressed to the Honourable Angus MacIsaac from the Town of Clark's Harbour in support of an additional wing being added to Bay Side Home for long term care.

PID/AAN MATCH STATS

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations indicating that as a result of the work carried out by Jonathan Dickie, 2,246 assessment accounts have been matched to PIDs, bringing the percentage of matches from 59% in November of 2003 to the present rate of 96%. During this project 100 new accounts were added to the roll. There are currently 176 assessments accounts which have not yet been matched to PIDs in the Municipality of Barrington.

REPORT OF WARDEN

UNSM Conference

The Warden briefly reported on the UNSM Conference recently held in Halifax.

Team Shelburne County

The Warden reported on the Team Shelburne Council meeting held earlier today. At this meeting the Terms of Reference for the Youth Centre were reviewed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Council

Interview with Fire Department Representatives

Resolution C051002

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Stewart that correspondence be sent to Aliant requesting the company to improve cell phone and MTR radio coverage for emergency services in the following areas: Centreville, South Side, Clark's Harbour, The Hawk and Shag Harbour.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ice Cancellation Policy

Resolution C051003

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Messenger that the Arena Policy be amended to reduce the notice period required for cancellation of ice to twenty-four (24) hours from forty-eight (48) hours for a one full season trial period.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Club Property Taxes

Resolution C051004

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Stewart that the small balances remaining on the Barrington Passage Community Club properties which have been purchased by the Municipality be written off.

Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Response to Grade Six Proposals

Resolution C051005

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality send correspondence to Mrs. Andrea Mood-Nickerson, the teacher of the Grade Six class at Forest Ridge Academy, in response to their proposals to Council which were made last fall.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Grant Request

Resolution C051006

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality provide a grant in the amount of \$1,100.00 from the District 4 Community Grants Fund to the Old Union Chapel Cemetery for the purpose of maintenance and restoration of the cemetery.

Motion carried unanimously.

Continuing Care Steering Committee

Councillor Donna LeBlanc-Messenger provided a brief report to councillors on the last meeting of the committee.

B.M.H.S.

Councillor Halliday informed members that she toured the new B.M.H.S. school earlier today.

The next meeting of the School Steering Committee will be held on October 26, 2005.

NEW BUSINESS

Email - Hattie Perry

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of an email received from Hattie Perry addressed to the Warden. A copy of the Warden's response was also provided. The Warden requested further direction from Council.

Sod Turning Ceremony

It was agreed that a sod turning ceremony be held at the CED Centre/Library Site, on Thursday, October 13, 2005, at 5:00 p.m.

A short reception will be held following the sod turning ceremony at the VIC Centre in Barrington, at which time the Warden will issue a news release.

It was agreed that Mrs. Hattie Perry be invited to attend the sod turning ceremony.

Flooding - Wood's Harbour

The Warden turned his chair over to the Deputy Warden.

The Warden indicated that some homes on the Post Office Road located in Wood's Harbour experienced damage due to flooding on the weekend. Some home owners lost furniture, dryers, furnaces, etc.

Resolution C051007

Moved by S. Belliveau and seconded by L. Stewart that the Municipal Council request Mr. Benny Acker of the Department of Transportation to meet with the Warden and residents of the area affected by the flood to discuss steps to be taken to resolve the flooding situation in the immediate future. A copy of this letter will be forwarded to the MLA, Karl Nickerson, Terry Nickerson and the Fire Chief of the Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

Installation of Street Light - Seaview Drive

At this time the Warden informed members that Council previously approved a street light to be installed on Seaview Drive located in Wood's Harbour, however it is necessary that a light pole be installed on that lane for the street light to be installed.

Resolution C051008

Moved by S. Belliveau and seconded by S. Strang that a light pole be installed on Seaview Drive in Wood's Harbour and the cost of so doing be taken from the District 1 Community Grants Fund.

AFFIRMATIVE

Sterling Belliveau

Fred Bower

Louise Halliday

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Larry Stewart

Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

The Warden resumed his chair.

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Resolution C051009

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Strang that the Community Grants Policy be reviewed some time in the future.

AFFIRMATIVE

Fred Bower
Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson
Larry Stewart
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Sterling Belliveau

Motion carried.

Arena Canteen Attendant

The Clerk informed members that Jeanie Ossinger, Arena Canteen Attendant, has resigned from her position effective mid November 2005.

The Clerk informed members that four (4) applications were received for the position of Arena Canteen Attendant. One (1) application arrived late and therefore was not considered. The other three (3) applicants were interviewed and it is the recommendation of the Clerk and the Property Services Supervisor that Constance Malone and Donna Deschamp be hired as Arena Canteen Attendants on an "as needed" basis, and that Toby Cameron also be hired to fill in when extra staff is needed.

Resolution C051010

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by F. Bower that Constance Malone, Donna Deschamp and Toby Cameron be hired as Arena Canteen Attendants as indicated above.

Motion carried unanimously.

Coastal Communities Network Workshops

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with information on the Coastal Communities Network Workshops to be held on October 28, 2005.

Request from the Municipality of Shelburne Re: Walkway

The Clerk informed members that a letter has been received the Assistant EMO Coordinator of the Municipality of Shelburne requesting a grant of \$1,500.00 to assist with the capital cost of the construction of a walkway across the Port Clyde rail bridge to provide for an emergency access route while the Port Clyde bridge is closed.

The Municipality of Shelburne has entered into a lease agreement with the Department of Natural Resources for the use of the CNR rail bridge for the purposes of constructing a walkway. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$7,800.00. A grant of \$4,800.00 will be provided by the Province of Nova Scotia. The Municipality of Shelburne and the Municipality of Barrington

are both being requested to cost share the remaining balance on a 50/50 basis. Labour for this project will be carried out by volunteers and fire department members.

Once work on the Port Clyde Bridge is complete, the Municipality of Shelburne will maintain the walkway as a walking trail.

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Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Stewart that \$1,500.00 be provided to the Shelburne County EMO for the purpose of constructing a walkway across the old rail bridge to provide for an emergency access route while the Port Clyde bridge is closed and that this money be taken from reserves.

AFFIRMATIVE

Sterling Belliveau
Fred Bower

NEGATIVE

Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson
Larry Stewart
Sean Strang

Motion defeated.

During discussion of this matter question was raised as to why the Department of Transportation is not paying 100% of the cost to provide an alternate route.

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

At this time a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with personnel matters.

The regular Council meeting was then called back to order.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE - MICHELLE DESANTIS

Resolution C051011

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that Municipal Council provide a further six (6) months leave of absence to Michelle DeSantis, Tax Clerk, effective October 12, 2005, and that she be informed that if she is unable to return to work at the end of the six month period, employment will be terminated.

Motion carried.

AFFIRMATIVE

Sterling Belliveau
Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson
Larry Stewart
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Fred Bower

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by E. Nickerson that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website October 13, 2005.

