

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, March 28, 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:

- Warden Sterling Belliveau
- Deputy Warden Fred Bower
- Councillor Louise Halliday
- Councillor Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor Eddie Nickerson
- Councillor Larry Stewart
- Councillor Sean Strang

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

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The Warden informed members that it is necessary to make the following changes to the agenda:

- Correspondence:
 - District of Shelburne
- Closed Session of Council Re: Personnel Matter will be changed to Re: Acquisition of Property

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that the minutes of the last meeting held March 14, 2005 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

R.C.M.P. ANNUAL REPORT

Sergeant Kevin Surette of the Barrington R.C.M.P. Detachment appeared before Council and presented the 2004 Mayors/Wardens Annual Report.

At the conclusion of his presentation, Councillors were given an opportunity to ask questions.

Sergeant Surette was thanked for appearing before Council and making his presentation.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

R.C.M.P. Officer

The Clerk informed members that a response has now been received from the Minister of Justice regarding the absence of a member of the Barrington R.C.M.P. Detachment. The Minister advised that it is inappropriate for him to deal directly with this matter and that he would be forwarding the concern on to Inspector Ruth McLea, Officer in Charge, for her review.

Proprietor's Land

The Clerk informed members that a response has now been received from the Municipal Solicitor concerning Council's request to vest "owner's unknown" properties in the Municipality. The Solicitor has made reference to an act entitled "An Act to enable the Municipality to acquire title of certain lands". This act outlines the procedure to be followed to claim or vest "owner's unknown" properties. The Municipal Solicitor further advised that the province has filed notices of purchase on the "owner's unknown" lands in question and as a result those lands are vested in the province. The Municipality has no authority to dispute the vesting and therefore those lands designated cannot be claimed by the Municipality. If there are additional lands not yet claimed by the province, the Municipality could take steps under the act quoted above to claim these properties.

Resolution C050328

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Messenger that the matter of proprietor's land be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Child Care Awareness Days

Information has been received from Child Care Connections Nova Scotia requesting Council to declare the month of June 2005 as Child Care Awareness Days.

There being no opposition to this request, the Warden declared the month of June 2005 as Child Care Awareness Days in the Municipality of Barrington.

South Shore Labour Council

Correspondence has been received from the South Shore Labour Council requesting the Council to lower our flag to half mast on the 28th day of April out of respect for those who died or were seriously maimed at the workplace.

Resolution C050329

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Messenger that the flag be lowered to half mast on April 28, 2005 as requested by the South Shore Labour Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

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District of Shelburne

The Clerk informed members that a copy of a letter has been received from the Municipality of Shelburne which was addressed to the Minister of Transportation concerning Highway 203. Shelburne Council is expressing concern regarding the condition and state of Highway 203 which runs north from Shelburne to Kempt.

This letter was provided for information purposes only.

REPORT OF WARDEN

Head for Cure - Camp Good Time

The Warden informed members that he has received correspondence from the Royal Bank of Canada advising of a fundraiser which will be held on June 2, 2005 to raise funds for the Canadian Cancer Society, and in particular, "Camp Good Time". The letter suggested a challenge between the Municipality of Barrington and the Town of Clark's Harbour. Unfortunately, councillors from the Municipality of Barrington will be attending the FCM Conference in St. John's, Newfoundland.

Team Shelburne County

The Warden provided a brief report on Team Shelburne County's meeting with ministers and the MLA for Shelburne County to discuss the future of the Youth Centre.

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

The Clerk-Treasurer provided a report outlining activities during the month of February 2005.

NEW BUSINESS

D.O.T. 2005 Annual Temporary Count Program

It was reported that a letter has been received from the Department of Transportation which provided information on the 2005 Annual Temporary Count Program. Interested municipal units are being asked to return the application form prior to April 1, 2005.

No action was taken on this matter.

Transfer to Reserves

The Clerk informed members that prior to year end it is necessary to transfer the following funds to reserves since these projects will not be completed during this fiscal year:

- Household Hazardous Waste Depot	\$48,243.58
- Sidewalk Causeway Area	<u>\$ 3,400.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$51,643.58

The Clerk further reported that it is necessary to transfer funds from the Special Reserve Fund to the General Revenue Fund since the following projects will be carried out in the near future:

- Waterfront Development	\$ 8,705.54
- Water Study	<u>\$14,997.50</u>
TOTAL:	\$23,703.04

Resolution C050330

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by L. Halliday that the above transfers of funds be carried out.

Motion carried unanimously.

Results of Poll of Electors

The Clerk informed members that on Wednesday, March 23, 2005, a meeting was held at the Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department for the purpose of informing the public of an application being made by the Fire Department for an Area Rate in District 1. The proposal is to put in place an Area Rate of 7 cents per \$100.00 of taxable assessment for the purpose of raising funds for the operation of the Fire Department.

After the Information Meeting a Poll of Electors was held and the results of the vote were as follows:

Number of Votes Polled	30
Number of Ballots marked "For"	30
Number of Ballots marked "Against"	0
Number of Spoiled Ballots	0

Resolution C050331

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Strang that an Operating Levy be put in place for the Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of 7 cents per \$100.00 of taxable assessment in Districts 5A and 5B for a five (5) year period commencing April 1, 2005.

Motion carried unanimously.

Willow Grove - Municipal Heritage Property

It was reported that Phylissa Mundell has requested that her property located in Barrington, known as "Willow Grove" be designated a Municipal Heritage Property. The required information has been provided by Mrs. Mundell and the necessary paperwork has been completed.

It is the recommendation of the Heritage Advisory Committee that this property be designated a Municipal Heritage Property.

Resolution C050332

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that the property owned by Phylissa Mundell located in Barrington and known as "Willow Grove" be designated a Municipal Heritage

Property.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Consumer Price Index

The Clerk informed members that in accordance with the Personnel Policy, Council shall annually, not later than the end of March, determine whether a Cost of Living Adjustment based on the National Consumer Price Index is to be granted, based on statistics as of February 28th of each year. The Consumer Price Index as at the end of February 2005 was 2.1%.

Resolution C050333

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that staff salaries be increased by the Consumer Price Index of 2.1%, effective April 1, 2005.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Waterfront Development Committee

Councillor Nickerson provided a brief report on the last meeting of the Waterfront Development Committee.

Clark's Harbour School

Councillor Nickerson also provided a report on a meeting attended by himself and Councillor Strang regarding the possible closure of the Clark's Harbour Elementary School and addition to the C.S.I. Elementary School. This meeting was also attended by Robie Atkinson, School Board Representative; councillors from the Town of Clark's Harbour, as well as the MLA for Shelburne County.

Planning Advisory Committee

Councillor LeBlanc-Messenger provided a brief report on the March 17, 2005 meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee.

Community Health Care Advisory Committee

Advertising in Medical Journal

Resolution C050334

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality place a half page ad in the Dalhousie Medical Journal to be paid for from the reserves set aside for Physician Recruitment, at an appropriate time of Year.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk informed members that the cost of placing such an ad will be \$925.00.

Letter of Congratulations to Grads

After numerous phone calls, letters and emails, it has been determined that we will not be able to forward letters of congratulations to the graduating medical students at Dalhousie University. The Undergraduate Medical Education Office has suggested that letters be put on display in their office for the students. This did not seem like an appropriate course of action and this matter will not be pursued.

Charitable Foundation

Councillor Messenger informed members that the Committee is working through the process of incorporating the Western Shelburne County Health Care Charitable Foundation.

Oak Park Sewer Project

Resolution C050335

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday that the Warden contact our MLA and any ministers of the province necessary to pursue funding from the province for the Oak Park Sewer Project and that the Municipality pay any costs incurred by the Warden in this endeavor.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk informed members that a new cost estimate has been provided by Horner Associates. It is estimated that the Oak Park Sewer Project will cost \$786,000.00, plus engineering fees, plus blasting, plus H.S.T.

It was further reported that no response has yet been received from Service Nova Scotia for funding.

Resolution C050336

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded L. Halliday that contact be made with the Department of Education advising that we are still awaiting information on the Oak Park Sewer Project and will forward the information to them by April 15, 2005.

Motion carried unanimously.

Visitor Information Centre Staffing

Resolution C050337

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality accept the staffing plan for the Visitor Information Centre as presented by the Manager providing the Manager is agreeable to taking her vacation period outside of the main tourist season.

Motion carried unanimously.

Debenture Payments - Curling Club

Resolution C050338

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality repay \$250,000 on the Barrington Regional Curling Club debenture on November 9, 2005, and refinance the balance of \$300,000 over a period of eleven (11) years, and that the Curling Club be required to continue their payments of \$28,000 per year on the capital until the \$250,000 is repaid to the Municipality's Reserve Fund, so that the Curling Club pays the total capital cost of construction of the facility as previously agreed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Laptop Computers

Resolution C050339

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by E. Nickerson that the Municipality purchase computers with 512 megabytes of operating RAM memory in order to ensure that the speed of the computers is adequate for councillors' use.

Motion carried.

<u>AFFIRMATIVE</u>	<u>NEGATIVE</u>
Fred Bower	Sterling Belliveau
Louise Halliday	Sean Strang
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger	
Eddie Nickerson	
Larry Stewart	

Motion carried.

Resolution C050340

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipal Council rescind its previous motion to purchase the computers from Radio Shack.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C050341

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Stewart that the purchase of computers be tendered by invitation only to local suppliers as this course of action is deemed to be in the best interest of the Municipality.

<u>AFFIRMATIVE</u>	<u>NEGATIVE</u>
Fred Bower	Sterling Belliveau
Louise Halliday	
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger	
Eddie Nickerson	
Larry Stewart	

Sean Strang

Motion carried.

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A list of local suppliers mentioned at the meeting were as follows:

- Ocean Computer
- Swaine's Computer
- Blair's Computer Services
- Radio Shack
- Cyber Geek

The Warden suggested that councillors notify the Clerk of any other local suppliers of computers.

Community Club Property

Resolution C050342

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Stewart that the Municipality renegotiate the purchase price of the three (3) properties of the Barrington Passage Community Club to be the purchase price less the cost of survey and legal fees.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Waybret & Sons Limited

Resolution C050343

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Messenger that the balance of accounts in business occupancy taxes to D. Waybret & Sons Fisheries and in the name of Cripple Creek Fisheries Group be written off as they are now deemed to be uncollectible.

<u>AFFIRMATIVE</u>	<u>NEGATIVE</u>
Sterling Belliveau	Sean Strang
Fred Bower	
Louise Halliday	
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger	
Eddie Nickerson	
Larry Stewart	

Motion carried.

Emery Smith Fisheries

Resolution C050344

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that the commercial property taxes of Emery Smith Fisheries Limited in the amount of \$740.95 be reduced for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005, by \$740.95, in consideration of the fire which took place in their production facility on December 29, 2004.

Motion carried unanimously.

Advertising

Resolution C050345

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday that Municipal Staff determine the cost of advertising on the CBC and CTV television networks promoting tourism in the Municipality of Barrington.

AFFIRMATIVE

NEGATIVE

Sterling Belliveau

Larry Stewart

Fred Bower

Louise Halliday

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Eddie Nickerson

Sean Strang

Motion carried.

FAM Tour

Resolution C050346

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality provide a grant in the amount of \$150.00 to Discover Shelburne County for the purpose of assisting in the funding of the FAM Tour to be held in Shelburne County during the week of May 9 - 12, 2005.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that this amount will be included in the 2005/2006 Municipal Budget.

Sea Cadet Request

Resolution C050347

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Stewart that the 327 Unicorn Sea Cadet Corps be allowed to hold their closing ceremonies at the Barrington Municipal Arena on May 21, 2005, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at no charge because this is a local community youth group serving the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C050348

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Stewart that a letter of congratulations be sent to the 327 Unicorn Sea Cadet Corps of Barrington on the reception of their award for the most improved Cadet Corps in the Maritime Region.

Motion carried unanimously.

Old Telephone Office Equipment

Resolution C050349

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Stewart that the Cape Sable Historical Society be contacted regarding the development of a museum housing old telephone office equipment in the building adjacent to the Old Court House in Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

A Closed Session of Council was held at this time to deal with the acquisition of land.

The Regular Council Meeting was called back to order.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by F. Bower that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

Copied for Councillors on March 30, 2005 by Sharon Brannen.