

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 14, 2005.

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:00 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was held in memory of former Municipal employee and former councillor, Mr. Randall Ross.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that the minutes of the last meeting held February 28, 2005 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Corridor Study

The Clerk informed members that he has been in conversation with Mr. Joe Crowell of the Department of Transportation regarding the possibility of having a “corridor study” carried out in the Barrington Passage area. Mr. Crowell has advised that this study needs to be arranged through Greg Newell, Area Manager, Department of Transportation. Mr. Crowell did advise that if the Department agreed to partially fund the study, then the study would be tendered out.

Resolution C050301

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that the Clerk determine an estimated cost to have the study carried out.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Library Funding

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received indicating that year end funding of \$1.1 Million has been approved for public libraries. Of this \$1.1 Million, \$350,000 will be used for technology infrastructure. The remaining \$750,000 is operating funding to be used in the 2005/2006 fiscal year.

2005 Nova Scotia Tourism Plan

The Nova Scotia Tourism Partnership Council has provided copies of their 2005 Tourism Plan. Copies of the Plan will be kept in the Municipal Office and will be made available for viewing by councillors.

Thank You Letters

Bursary

A thank you letter has been received from Felicia Thomas thanking Council for the bursary she received in January.

Archelaus Smith Historical Society

A thank you letter was received from the Archelaus Smith Historical Society thanking Council for their grant of \$2,000 to help with the cost of the replacement of the downstairs windows in their museum.

Native Council of Nova Scotia

The Clerk informed members that the Native Council of Nova Scotia, Shelburne County, Zone 13, has advised that they are planning the first "Mi'kmaq Cultural Gathering" in Shelburne County, which will be held on Saturday, June 25, 2005. The Native Council is requesting a letter of support from Council.

Resolution C050302

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that a letter of support be provided to the Native Council of Nova Scotia in support of their gathering to celebrate the Mi'kmaq culture.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Clark's Harbour School Closure

Concerned parents of Cape Sable Island appeared before Council. Tiffany Hunt acted as spokesperson for the group. Mrs. Hunt informed members that her group was opposed to the closing of the Clark's Harbour Elementary School. At present children of Cape Sable Island attend the Clark's Harbour Elementary School from grade primary to grade 3 and then attend the Cape Sable Island Elementary School from grade four to grade six. Members of the concerned parents group feel this is a great situation and with the older children being separated from the younger children, it cuts down on "bullying".

Both schools at the present time are in good shape and the concerned parents at the present time do not understand the reasoning why the Tri-County Regional School Board would want to carry out renovations to the Cape Sable Island Elementary School to accommodate all children from Cape Sable Island and close the Clark's Harbour Elementary School.

Mrs. Hunt informed members that it is her understanding that a motion was put forth by Board Member Robie Atkinson at the December 20, 2004 Tri-County Regional School Board Meeting, that an addition be added to Cape Sable Island Elementary School, and that students from Clark's Harbour Elementary School be moved to Cape Sable Island Elementary. This motion was passed and has been forwarded to the Provincial Caucus for their consideration at their meeting to be held March 23, 2005.

Mrs. Hunt informed members that she has already been in contact with the Town of Clark's Harbour and the MLA for Shelburne County, and has received support from both of them. She is now requesting Council to support the wishes of her group that the Clark's Harbour Elementary School remain open.

It was reported that a copy of a letter has been received from the Town of Clark's Harbour which was addressed to The Honourable Jamie Muir, Minister of Education. The Town of Clark's Harbour is requesting the Minister not to approve the closure of the Clark's Harbour Elementary School. This letter was read by the Clerk.

Resolution C050303

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Strang that a letter of support be forwarded to the Concerned Parents of Cape Sable Island Group supporting their wishes to have the Clark's Harbour Elementary School remain open since both the Clark's Harbour Elementary School and the Cape Sable Island Elementary School are currently in good shape.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C050304

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by F. Bower that a letter be written to the Minister of Education asking that the request from the Tri-County Regional School Board regarding the closure of the Clark's Harbour Elementary School not be dealt with at their March 23, 2005 Caucus Meeting, giving the Concerned Parents of Cape Sable Island an opportunity to address their concerns. A copy of this letter is to be forwarded to the MLA for Shelburne County, the Concerned Parents of Cape Sable Island and the Tri-County Regional School Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

Unexpended Funds in Operating Fund

In the Operating Budget for 2004/2005, expenditures were included for the following projects:

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| - New Library | - \$31,050.00 |
| - Port LaTour Tourist Rest Stop | - \$10,000.00 |
| - Visitor Information Centre Sign | - \$ 2,500.00 |
| - Gazebo at North East Point | - \$25,000.00 |

None of these projects will be completed by March 31, 2005. It is, therefore, the recommendation of the Municipal Clerk that these funds be transferred from the General Operating Fund to the Special Reserve Fund Capital.

Resolution C050305

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Strang that \$68,550.00 be transferred from the General Operating Fund to the Special Reserve Fund Capital for the projects outlined above.

AFFIRMATIVE

Sterling Belliveau

Fred Bower

Louise Halliday

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Larry Stewart

Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

Request for Change of Easement

Members were informed that the Atlantic Superstore is proposing additions to their store located in Barrington Passage. These additions will require the relocation of the existing sewer easement as shown on the attached plan.

Resolution C050306

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Strang that the request to relocate the existing sewer easement on property of the Atlantic Superstore located in Barrington Passage be approved and that the owner of the property be responsible for all cost associated with this change.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was also noted that the property owner will require the approval of the Department of Environment and Labour.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden provided a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

The Clerk provided a report on activities carried out during the month of January 2005.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

West Bear Point Road

Resolution C050307

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Stewart that Municipal Staff determine the requirements necessary to have the West Bear Point Road classified as a “J” Class Road by the Department of Transportation.

Motion carried unanimously.

Proprietor’s Land

Resolution C050308

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Messenger that the presentation presented by Mr. Bill Powley to the Committee of the Whole on March 7, 2005 be read into the minutes of Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed that the presentation presented by Mr. Bill Powley be attached and form part of the official minutes.

Service Nova Scotia Mapping Project

Resolution C050309

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Stewart that the Municipality include \$15,000 in its 2005/2006 fiscal budget for the purchase of maps through Service Nova Scotia.

Motion carried unanimously.

Climate Change Workshop

Resolution C050310

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality pay the expenses of councillors attending the Climate Change Workshop, in Yarmouth, on April 15, 2005.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Forest Ridge Academy Request

Resolution C050311

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that Municipal Staff evaluate the requests made by the Forest Ridge Academy students, and present a recommendation to the Committee of the Whole regarding these requests, including the estimated costs.

Motion carried unanimously.

Lobster Festival Opening

It was agreed that the Warden would attend the Official Opening of the Lobster Festival on the evening of June 2, 2005.

Resolution C050312

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipality pay the expenses of the Warden to stay overnight at a hotel in Halifax prior to leaving for the FCM Conference on June 3, 2005.

Motion carried unanimously.

Volunteer of the Year

Resolution C050313

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday that Krista Shand be chosen as Volunteer of the Year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Extrication Learning Symposium

Resolution C050314

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Messenger that a grant in the amount of \$5,000 be provided to the volunteer fire departments to defray the cost of hosting the Extrication Learning Symposium from June 10 - 12, 2005, and that these grants be taken from the Community Grants Funds, in the amounts of \$1,000 from each of districts 1, 2, 3, 6 & 7.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Community Grants Fund

Resolution C050315

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that the remaining balance in the District 1 Community Grants Fund be placed in reserve to defray the cost of completing the landscaping at the UFO Site.

Motion carried unanimously.

Barrington Municipal Exhibition Request

Resolution C050316

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that the request of the Barrington Municipal Exhibition be deferred for consideration to the budget process, and correspondence be forwarded to the Federation of Agriculture informing them of this decision.

Motion carried unanimously.

Shelburne County Minor Hockey Request

Resolution C050317

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday that the request of Shelburne County Minor Hockey for financial support of one of their teams to attend provincial championships tournaments be denied, and that a letter of explanation providing the reasons for this denial be provided to them.

AFFIRMATIVE

Sterling Belliveau

Fred Bower

Louise Halliday

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

NEGATIVE

Sean Strang

Eddie Nickerson
Larry Stewart

Motion carried.

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Request from Wayne LeBlanc

Resolution C050318

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that Wayne LeBlanc be informed that under the Cancellation Policy of the Arena his group is required to pay for the ice time that was not used since they did not provide adequate notice of cancellation.

Motion carried unanimously.

Request from Newellton Community Hall

Resolution C050319

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality provide a Community Grant in the amount of \$1,100.00 from the District 6 Community Grants Fund for the Newellton Community Hall for the purpose of defraying the cost of painting and other repairs to the hall.

Motion carried unanimously.

MRI Campaign

Resolution C050320

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipality provide a contribution to the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation MRI Campaign in the amount of \$20,550 over the next two fiscal years.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Laptop Computers

Resolution C050321

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality purchase seven (7) computers from Radio Shack as their price for adequate computers for use of councillors is the lowest available price currently advertised locally.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Sterling Belliveau
Sean Strang

Motion carried.

Photocopier

Resolution C050322

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality purchase a new digital photocopier for the Municipal Office, from Office Interiors Ltd., at a cost of \$8,750, plus H.S.T.

Motion carried unanimously.

Computer Service and Accessories

Resolution C050323

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that the purchase of computers and of computer

accessories and setup service and training, for the use of computers, be funded through transfers from reserves, as required.

AFFIRMATIVE

Sterling Belliveau

Fred Bower

Louise Halliday

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Eddie Nickerson

Larry Stewart

NEGATIVE

Sean Strang

Motion carried.

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Resolution C050324

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Messenger that Blair's Computer Service provide the necessary equipment, training and service required to hook up internet connections, for councillors and the Municipal Office, so that all councillors be connected by computer to the Municipal Office.

Motion carried unanimously.

UNSM Workshop

Resolution C050325

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality pay expenses of councillors to attend the UNSM Workshop being conducted at the Westin Hotel, in Halifax, on the 4th and 5th of April, 2005, on the subject of Council/Staff Relations.

Motion carried unanimously.

Committee of the Whole Agenda Item

It was agreed that laptop computers be added to the agenda for the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Waterfront Development

Councillor Nickerson informed members that Peter Weeks will commence construction of the gazebo at McGray Avenue on April 1, 2005. It is anticipated that the gazebo will be completed within 3 to 4 weeks.

CLOSED SESSION

At this time a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with personnel matters and the sale of Municipal property.

The Regular Council Meeting was then called back to order.

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Yearly Increments

Resolution C050326

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by F. Bower that Sharon Brannen receive her annual increment after having received a satisfactory performance evaluation.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C050327

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that Cameron Whiteway receive his annual increment after having received a satisfactory performance evaluation.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by F. Bower that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

Copied for Councillors on March 17, 2005 by Sharon Brannen.