

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Tuesday, November 14, 2006.

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:05 p.m.

#### OFFICIAL DECLARATION

The Clerk informed councillors that an affidavit had been received from Michelle Comeau, the Returning Officer for the Municipal By-election held in District 4, on Saturday, October 21, 2006. As a result of the by-election, Wilford Smith has been elected councillor for District 4.

#### SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Wilford Smith affirmed the Oath of Office as councillor for District 4, Port LaTour, Port Clyde, Clyde River and areas, before the Clerk-Treasurer of the Municipality and took his seat at the Council Chambers.

#### ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported that all councillors representing all districts of the Municipality were present.

- Warden Louise Halliday
- Deputy Warden Eddie Nickerson
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Councillor Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor Larry Stewart
- Councillor Sean Strang
- Councillor Wilford Smith

#### DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the minutes of the last previous meeting held October 23, 2006 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

##### Former B.M.H.S. Property

The Municipality had previously advertised for Requests for Proposals for the disposal of the former Barrington Municipal High School property on two separate occasions. As a result of the second advertisement two proposals were received from Ken Anthony.

Resolution C061126

**Moved** by L. Stewart and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality accept the proposal of Anthony Properties Limited and enter into an agreement of purchase and sale for the purpose of selling the former Barrington Municipal High School property.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Anthony appeared before the meeting for the purpose of further explaining his proposal and his intention to develop the property.

Mr. Anthony informed Council that he wished to demolish the Junior High School portion of the property as soon as possible. Mr. Anthony would like to demolish this building because the Assessment Roll is completed as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. He would like to have this property demolished prior to the completion of the Assessment Roll so that the assessment would be reduced accordingly. Mr. Anthony submitted a copy of a certified cheque which he has provided to the Municipal Solicitor in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the purchase of the property. He has also provided a draft of the insurance coverage on the property which will be put in place on November 15<sup>th</sup>. This will be done in order to allow for demolition of the building. Mr. Anthony is requesting Council's approval to start demolition of the building on November 15<sup>th</sup>, or as soon as possible thereafter, in order to achieve demolition of the property prior to the closing of the Assessment Roll.

Resolution C061127

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Stewart that Anthony Properties Limited be permitted to begin work on the demolition of the former Junior High School portion of the building at the former Barrington Municipal High School property as soon as possible providing the following conditions are met:

1. A certified cheque is provided to the Municipal Solicitor in the amount of the purchase price of \$25,000.00.
2. Mr. Anthony purchase adequate property insurance coverage to safeguard against any claim against the Municipality as a result of demolition of the property.

Motion carried unanimously.

Having completed his discussion of this matter, Mr. Anthony then retired from the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Lighthouse Costs

Information was received by letter from the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans regarding their estimated cost of maintaining lighthouses within the Municipality.

Resolution C061128

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that this matter be referred to committee for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Museums Policy

Correspondence has been received from the federal minister responsible for Heritage and Museums. The minister informed members that there is a continuing consultation being done by the federal government regarding the establishment of a new Heritage and Museums Policy.

Resolution C061129

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that a copy of the letter from the Minister of Heritage be forwarded to the Cape Sable Historical Society.

Motion carried unanimously.

CAP Program

Correspondence was received from the Western Counties Regional Library. In this correspondence municipal units are asked to send letters of support to the minister responsible for the Community ACCESS-ability Program. Funding for this program has been cut by the federal government. The library as well as other organizations are trying to have this funding restored so that the program can continue. This program provides computer services and internet access to many rural communities in Nova Scotia that would otherwise not have these services.

Resolution C061130

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality send a letter of support to the minister responsible for the Community ACCESS-ability Programs requesting that the funding for this program be reinstated and the program be maintained.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden reported that she had attended the following functions during the previous two weeks:

- October 24, 2006 - tour with international medical graduates in the Municipality
- October 25, 2006 - South West Shore Development Authority meeting
- November 9, 2006 - meeting with Waste Check representatives
- November 10, 2006 - Barrington Municipal High School Remembrance Day Services
- November 11, 2006 - Legion Supper Re: Remembrance Day Services in the Town of Clark's Harbour

Resolution C061131

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter be sent to the Barrington Municipal High School congratulating them on their Remembrance Day services.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Warden also indicated that there would be a Library Board meeting in Yarmouth on November 23, 2006, a Team Shelburne meeting on December 4, 2006 and a Destination South West Nova Scotia meeting tomorrow, November 15, 2006, in Shelburne.

Councillor Messenger indicated she would be attending the meeting on November 15, 2006.

The Warden will discuss attendance at the other meetings with the Deputy Warden.

## COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

### Councillor El-Jakl

Councillor El-Jakl informed members that he had attended a meeting with the local committee at the Wood's Harbour Fisherman's Haven. This meeting was to further discuss the construction of a sidewalk in the community.

It was the consensus of that meeting that the sidewalk to be constructed should be similar to the one in Barrington Passage. It may be a combination of asphalt pavement and concrete, but the form of the sidewalk should take the same as the one in Barrington Passage so that ditching would not be part of the construction.

Councillor El-Jakl also attended the Remembrance Day services held on November 11<sup>th</sup> in Wood's Harbour.

### Councillor LeBlanc-Messenger

Councillor Messenger informed members that she had attended the Remembrance Day services at Forest Ridge Academy.

### Resolution C061132

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by W. Smith that a letter of congratulations be sent to all of the schools who held Remembrance Day services on November 11, 2006.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Messenger also attended the Remembrance Day services on November 10<sup>th</sup> at Barrington Municipal High School and brought greetings from her nephew who had served in the Canadian military in Afghanistan. She also attended the November 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day service in Barrington.

Councillor Messenger also brought up the subject of planting a "Veteran's tree" at the location of the new Library in Barrington Passage. This matter will be further discussed at a future meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council.

### Councillor Wilford Smith

Councillor Smith informed members that he had attended the Forest Ridge Academy Remembrance Day service.

Councillor Smith also indicated that he was a member of several fisheries groups and had attended the FRCC panel meeting recently, as well as the Federal Fisheries Standing House Committee meeting in Shelburne, and the Fisheries Ministers Conference held in Halifax.

Councillor Stewart

Councillor Stewart informed members that he had attended the Remembrance Day service at the Town of Clark's Harbour and also the Remembrance Day service at the Stoney Island Cenotaph.

There was some confusion regarding the service at the Town of Clark's Harbour as town representatives were uncertain who would be placing the Municipal wreath at that site.

Councillor Strang

Councillor Strang reported on the Committee of the Whole minutes.

Archelaus Smith Historical Society Request

Resolution C061133

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the Municipality provide a portable toilet for the Archelaus Smith Historical Society for the coming summer tourist season.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Investment Plan

Resolution C061134

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the Municipality approve a resolution for developing and piloting a Capital Investment Plan that will be coordinated by the Municipal Clerk-Treasurer and that will follow the model suggested by the Capital Investment Plan Committee chaired by the Municipal Finance Corporation.

Motion carried unanimously.

TMR Coverage

Resolution C061135

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a letter be sent to the provincial government minister responsible for the Trunk Mobile Radio coverage in relation to fire departments and Emergency Measures indicating the response that had been received from Aliant regarding coverage within the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

Visitor Information Centre

Resolution C061136

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality wait one full tourist season before determining whether or not the Visitor Information Centre should be moved to a new location adjacent to Highway #103.

Motion carried unanimously.

Business Occupancy Tax Write-Off

Resolution C061137

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the balance of Business Occupancy Taxes in the name of Scotia Marine Electronics Limited, which has declared bankruptcy, be written off in the amount of \$1,851.06, as being deemed to be uncollectible.

Motion carried unanimously.

Retirement Function

Resolution C061138

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that a retirement function be held celebrating the 23 years of service of our current Recreation Director, Mr. Ray Green, and that a budget of \$2,000.00 be allocated for this purpose.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Warden Nickerson

Deputy Warden Nickerson reported that there had recently been a Waterfront Development Committee meeting at which future plans of the committee had been discussed. Future plans will be brought forward at a later date.

The Deputy Warden also informed members that he had attended the Remembrance Day services at the Town of Clark's Harbour and placed a wreath on behalf of the Municipality.

NEW BUSINESS

News Releases

Resolution C061139

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the Municipality issue a news release once a month following the second Council meeting of the month.

Motion carried unanimously.

Cost-Shared Paving Program

The Nova Scotia Department of Transportation has sent correspondence requesting the municipalities to indicate which roads they wish to cost-share paving for in the coming fiscal year. At the present time there are no such projects being applied for within the Municipality of Barrington.

EMO Equipment

Members were informed that it is necessary to purchase equipment for the Joint Emergency Measures Organization of the Municipality and the Town of Clark's Harbour. The cost of this equipment is \$5,011.00. There is a provincial program entitled *Joint Emergency Preparedness Program* which will fund 50% of the cost of this equipment. The Municipality and Town must fund the remaining cost of the equipment.

Resolution C061140

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the Joint Emergency Measures Organization make application to the JEPP Program for purchase of the necessary equipment for the Emergency Measures Organization.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C061141

**Moved** by L. Stewart and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality request the Town of Clark's Harbour to pay their proportional amount of the funding for the purchase of this equipment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Physician Agreements

After much discussion and negotiation with physicians, agreements have now been reached to bring two new physicians to the Municipality. An agreement has been reached with Dr. Lely Abud. Dr. Abud has signed an agreement with the District Health Authority which will bring her to the Municipality of Barrington for the next four years beginning in January 2007. Dr. Abud will practice medicine in our community and be mentored by Dr. Kenny Yee. It will be necessary for office space to be rented and renovated in the vacant area next to Dr. Yee's office so that she will be in close proximity to him, and enable him to monitor her performance on a daily basis.

Dr. Lely Abud Agreement

Resolution C061142

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by G. El-Jakl that:

**WHEREAS** the Municipality of Barrington is authorized by Bill No. 54, Chapter 22 of the Acts of Nova Scotia, of 2001, entitled District of Barrington Health Professionals Assistance Act, to make a grant to any health professional to encourage the health professional to locate in the Municipality;

**AND WHEREAS** the Municipality wishes to encourage Dr. Lely Abud to relocate to the Municipality of the District of Barrington in order to practice family medicine serving the residents of the Municipality;

**AND WHEREAS** Dr. Lely Abud being one of five doctors interviewed by Dr. Kenny Yee has agreed to practice family medicine in the Municipality of the District of Barrington;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipality enter into an Incentive Agreement with Dr. Lely Abud, in which:

Dr. Abud agrees to practice family medicine within the Municipality of the District of Barrington for a period of at least four (4) years, beginning in January 2007, or as soon as permitted by the Nova Scotia College of Physicians and Surgeons;

**AND** the Municipality agrees to pay a grant equal to the cost of rental space for offices next to Dr. Yee's Medical Practice in Barrington Passage for a period of one year;

**AND** the Municipality agrees to pay a grant equal to the cost of a maximum of two office staff for a period of one year;

**AND** the Municipality agrees to pay the cost of furnishing two offices for the use of Dr. Abud in rental space adjacent to the medical office of Dr. Yee;

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. John O'Connor Agreement

Resolution C061143

**WHEREAS** the Municipality of Barrington is authorized by Bill No. 54, Chapter 22 of the Acts of Nova Scotia, of 2001, entitled District of Barrington Health Professionals Assistance Act to make a grant to any health professional to encourage the health professional to locate in the Municipality;

**AND WHEREAS** Dr. John O'Connor wishes to relocate to the Municipality of the District of Barrington for the purpose of practicing family medicine;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipality enter into an Incentive Agreement with Dr. John O'Connor in which:

Dr. O'Connor agrees to begin the practice of family medicine on a full-time permanent basis, in the Community Health Centre, in Barrington Passage, Nova Scotia, not later than July 31, 2007;

**AND** Dr. O'Connor agrees to purchase a house in Port Clyde from the Municipality for the same price for which the Municipality has purchased the house, the aforementioned house being Assessment Account #04463382;

**AND** Dr. O'Connor agrees to mentor at least one international medical graduate, if available, each year, beginning as soon as possible after July 31, 2007 and continuing for as long as possible thereafter;

**AND** the Municipality agrees to purchase a house in Port Clyde being Assessment Account #04463382;



**AND** the Municipality agrees to hold this house until it is purchased from the Municipality by Dr. O'Connor, not later than July 31, 2007, at a price equivalent to the price the Municipality paid to purchase the house;

**AND** the Municipality agrees to pay the cost of insuring and maintaining the house from the date of purchase by the Municipality until the date of sale to Dr. O'Connor, being not later than July 31, 2007;

**AND** the Municipality agrees to pay Dr. O'Connor a grant of \$10,000.00 per year for a period of five years at the end of each year of service as a full-time medical practitioner for the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Financing Costs

#### Resolution C061144

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by G. El-Jakl that:

**WHEREAS** pursuant to Bill No. 54, District of Barrington Health Professionals Assistance Act, the Municipality wishes to attract Dr. Lely Abud and Dr. John O'Connor to practice family medicine within the Municipality;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipality pay from municipal funds being held in the Special Reserve Fund Operating grants associated with recruitment of Dr. Lely Abud and Dr. John O'Connor, up to March 31, 2007;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that grants associated with the recruitment of Dr. Lely Abud and Dr. John O'Connor after April 1, 2007 be included in the Annual Operating Budget of the Municipality;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the cost of purchasing the house, being Assessment Account #04463382, be paid for by the Municipality out of funds from the Special Reserve Fund Operating, and these funds will be redeposited to the Special Reserve Fund Operating at the time the aforementioned house is sold to Dr. John O'Connor for the same purchase price, as agreed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Warden Nickerson then assumed the Chair so that the Warden could address this matter.

The Warden addressed recruitment issues and emphasized the importance of being able to provide incentives to doctors in order to attract them to this area. She also emphasized the fact that many other municipal units in Nova Scotia and in other provinces across the country have found it necessary to provide recruitment packages in order to get physicians to come to their areas.

After completing her address of these matters the Deputy Warden then returned the chair to the Warden.

Resolution C061145

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality issue a news release regarding the recruitment of these doctors to the area. The news release will be issued to the local newspapers and radio stations tomorrow.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Members then entered into Closed Session to discuss outstanding Waste Check legal action.

OPEN SESSION

Having completed their discussion of the Waste Check legal action, the members then returned to Open Session.

ADJOURNMENT

**Moved** by S. Strang that the meeting adjourn at 10:05 p.m.

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Secretary for the Meeting

**Emailed to councillors on November 16, 2006.**