

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Tuesday, October 10, 2006.

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

#### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

- Citizenship Week.
- Dangerous & Unsightly Property.
- Health Board Letter.
- Request for Financial Assistance.
- Discover Shelburne County Tourism.
- Canadian Mental Health Association.
- Wesleyan Church.
- Closed Session Re: Physician Agreement.

#### ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported that all councillors representing all districts of the Municipality were present with the exception of the vacancy existing in District 4. It was noted that the Municipal By-election to fill this vacancy will take place on Saturday, October 21, 2006.

- Warden Louise Halliday
- Deputy Warden Eddie Nickerson
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Councillor Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor Larry Stewart
- Councillor Sean Strang
  
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

#### DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

#### CANADA'S CITIZENSHIP WEEK

The Warden informed members that the Municipality has been requested to recognize October 16 - 22, 2006 as Canada's Citizenship Week in the Municipality of Barrington. The draft proclamation was then read by the Warden.

Having received no opposition to the proclamation, the Warden declared October 16 - 22, 2006, Canada's Citizenship Week in the Municipality of Barrington.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held September 25, 2006, the Special Council Meeting held October 2, 2006, and the Special Council Meeting held October 5, 2006, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Camp Jordan

The Clerk informed members that a thank-you note has been received from the Camp Jordan Board thanking Council for their donation of \$2,000.00 to help pay for repairing the lodge roof at the Camp.

E.I. Benefits

The Clerk informed members that letters have been received from the Municipality of the County of Annapolis and the Town of Pictou, both supporting the petition signed by seasonal workers in South Western Nova Scotia requesting that consideration be given to reducing the number of hours required to qualify for EI benefits.

Request - Archelaus Smith Historical Society

It was reported that a letter has been received from the Archelaus Smith Historical Society requesting the Municipality to provide the use of a porta-potty at their museum during their open season.

Resolution C061004

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by E. Nickerson that this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion, and that the Clerk obtain information on the cost of purchasing a portable toilet, and the cost of cleaning involved.

Motion carried unanimously.

B.M.H.S. Environment Group

The Clerk informed members that a letter has been received from the B.M.H.S. Environment Club thanking Council for their support during the TD Canada Trust shoreline cleanup which was held last month. Garbage bags were provided to the group and waste collected was removed by the Municipality.

Resolution C061005

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a letter be forwarded to the B.M.H.S. Environment Club thanking them for their efforts in helping to keep our Municipality clean.

Motion carried unanimously.

At this time it was questioned whether other schools in the area were carrying out similar cleanups.

It was agreed that this matter would be investigated and placed on a future agenda for discussion.

#### Unightly Premise

Members were informed that there was another fire at the former bowling alley property located in Wood's Harbour on September 25, 2006. Correspondence has been received from local residents and the Shag Harbour-Bear Point Volunteer Fire Department expressing concern that the structure is unsafe and remains to be a fire hazard, especially with Halloween approaching.

Reference was also made to an inspection carried out by the By-Law Enforcement Officer. He has indicated that the roof could collapse and boards with nails lie everywhere. In his opinion, the structure is no longer sound and action should be taken to demolish the building prior to Halloween.

The Clerk informed members that it is his recommendation that Council serve notice on the property owner that they will consider an Order to have the building demolished and waste removed from the property on Monday, October 23, 2006. This course of action is consistent with Section 346 of the Municipal Government Act.

#### Resolution C061006

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Strang that the property owner, Frances Brannen, be informed that the Municipal Council will consider the issuance of an Order to demolish and remove debris from the building located on her property known as the old bowling alley within seven (7) days of the date of the Order, and failure to do so will result in the Municipality carrying out the work and the property owner will be responsible for the cost.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Community Health Board

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Shelburne County Community Health Board. The letter advised that the Board had been successful in receiving a full copy of the letter addressed to Mr. Keith Menzie, Department of Health, concerning long term care beds at Roseway Hospital and a copy of the letter was provided.

#### Request for Financial Assistance

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from Timothy, Paula and Starci Blades. They are requesting financial assistance for Starci to audition for Model and Talent Search Canada, in Montreal.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that a number of sports teams, etc. have requested financial assistance in the past and have been denied.

Resolution C061007

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discover Shelburne County Tourism

The Clerk informed members that information has been received from Discover Shelburne County for the Municipality to place an advertisement in the 2007 Destination South West Nova Scotia Tourism Guide. The cost of the ad is \$285.00, including H.S.T. The deadline is October 20, 2006.

Resolution C061008

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that an advertisement be placed in the 2007 Destination South West Nova Scotia Tourism Guide at a cost of \$285.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Canadian Mental Health Association

It was reported that information has been received from the Canadian Mental Health Association advising that the first annual general meeting and launching of Canadian Mental Health Association Yarmouth, Digby, Shelburne Branch will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2006, at 7:00 p.m.

Resolution C061009

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Stewart that expenses be paid for councillors wishing to attend.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was generally agreed that Councillor LeBlanc-Messenger or Councillor El-Jakl attend the meeting.

Wesleyan Church

The Clerk informed members that a thank-you card has been received from Pastor Bean and trustees of the Wood's Harbour Wesleyan Church thanking Council for the four Sunday School tables.

REPORT OF WARDEN

At this time the Warden gave a brief report of her activities since the last meeting of Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Wood's Harbour Walking Trail

Councillor El-Jakl provided a brief report on a meeting held in Wood's Harbour, on October 4, 2006, regarding the Wood's Harbour Walking Trail. At this meeting approximately 30 residents were in attendance and a small committee was formed to deal with the development of the walking trail.

The Clerk informed members that he has been in contact with Horner Associates and they have been requested to provide an updated estimate on the cost of the Wood's Harbour Walking Trail project. Contact has also been made with the Department of Natural Resources to get permission to develop the former CNR right of way as part of the walking trail. Mr. Grant Brennan of the Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Works Program has also been contacted and informed of our plans.

Committee of the Whole Council

Crosswalk - Barrington Passage

Resolution C06110

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter be sent to Mr. Greg Newell, the Area Supervisor for the Department of Transportation, requesting that a crosswalk be considered for the area immediately adjacent to Bay Vista Apartments, and that Mr. Newell be informed that new apartments and a new facility are being constructed at the former I.O.O.F. Hall adjacent to Bay Vista Apartments.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Grant Request

Resolution C061011

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the Municipality provide a grant in the amount of \$1,100.00 from the District 5 Community Grants Fund to the Stoney Island Community Hall for the purpose of repairs to the Hall.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Health Care Advisory Committee

Councillor Messenger provided a report on the Community Health Care Advisory Committee Meeting held September 28, 2006.

Resolution C061012

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality once again place an advertisement in the Dalhousie Medical Journal.

Motion carried unanimously.

Western Shelburne County Health Care Charitable Society

Councillor Messenger gave a brief report on the Health Care Charitable Society meeting held on September 28, 2006. One donation has been made by Dr. Blair in the amount of \$100.00. The Society will be selling tickets on a Christmas basket.

Tourism

Councillor Messenger gave a report on two tourism meetings recently held.

EMO

Councillor Stewart informed members that the Town of Clark's Harbour has now accepted the recommendation of the Joint EMO Committee to hire Jim Newell as the new Joint EMO Coordinator.

Library

Deputy Warden Nickerson informed members that he recently attended a meeting of the Western Counties Regional Library Board and provided a brief report on the meeting.

At this meeting Trudy Amirault made a presentation on "Places".

Resolution C061013

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that Trudy Amirault of the Western Counties Regional Library Board be requested to make a presentation to Council on "Places".

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Quarterly Building Permits Report

The Clerk briefly reported on the second quarterly building permits report provided by the Building Inspector. A copy of this report will be circulated to members.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION

The Clerk informed members that Cameron Whiteway, C & D Landfill Manager/By-Law Enforcement Officer has tendered his resignation. Cameron will be resigning from his position on October 20, 2006 and moving to Alberta.

Resolution C061014

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion since Council may want to make some changes in the position before advertising.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed that the Clerk would draft a new job description for the position. It was felt that the job would be geared more towards waste management.

Resolution C061015

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter of thanks be forwarded to Cameron for his services.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

At 8:30 p.m. a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with physician agreement.

The Regular Council meeting was called back to order.

ADJOURNMENT

**Moved** by D. Messenger that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

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Warden

Clerk

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website October 12, 2006.**