

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 27, 2006.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the minutes of the last meeting held March 13, 2006 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

S.W.S.D.A. Strategic Plan

A response has now been received from the South West Shore Development Authority addressing questions raised by Council regarding their Strategic Plan. The response received from the South West Shore Development Authority was copied and circulated to members in advance to the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Cost-shared Paving Local Roads

The Clerk reported that two (2) expressions of interest have been received to have roads upgraded.

On March 16, 2006 Angela Jeddrey expressed an interest in having the Factory Hill Road paved. Ms. Jeddrey was provided with information concerning the process. No further word has been received from Ms. Jeddrey.

Mr. Stephen Devine, Spruce Cove Subdivision, North East Point, has expressed an interest in having a portion of Spruce Drive upgraded. There are approximately 20 residences located in the Spruce Cove subdivision and approximately 12 -13 residences are located on the portion of the road that needs to be upgraded. Mr. Devine has provided the Clerk with a list of 12 names of

individuals willing to pay their share to have the road upgraded.

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Mr. Jim Nickerson, owner of Spruce Cove Subdivision, appeared before the meeting in support of the request of residents.

Resolution C060325

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that the request to have Spruce Drive taken over by the Municipality and upgraded be referred to the Committee of the Whole Council for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Shelburne County Volunteer Coordinator Program

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the South West Shore Development Authority requesting \$4,712.00 from the Municipality of Barrington for the Shelburne County Volunteer Coordinator Program. The total amount requested from Shelburne County municipal units is \$10,000.00. Each of the municipal units has contributed to this program on a per capita basis for the last two years.

Resolution C060326

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality of Barrington continue to support the Shelburne County Volunteer Coordinator Program and provide funding in the amount of \$4,712.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Innovative Communities Fund

Since funding may not be forthcoming from the Infrastructure Works Program for the development of a walking trail in Wood's Harbour, it was suggested by the Clerk that application be made to the Innovative Community Fund. There is a possibility that 50% funding may be available to the Municipality under this program. The total estimated project cost is \$244,475.00.

Resolution C060327

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Strang that application be made to the Innovative Communities Fund to assist with the cost of the Wood's Harbour walking trail.

Motion carried unanimously.

Nova Scotia Trails Calendar

It was reported that the Barrington Bay Walking Trail is featured in the 2006 Nova Scotia Trails calendar.

Second Reading - Trade and Licensing By-Law

The Clerk reported that the second reading of amendments to By-Law No. 13 "Trade and Licensing By-Law" has been duly advertised in the Coast Guard Newspaper. Proposed

amendments will expand the licensing requirements of the by-law to include amusement rides and automotive sales, including off-road vehicles and motorcycles.

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Resolution C060328

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that proposed amendments to By-Law No. 13 “Trade and Licensing By-Law” be approved in second and final reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

Second Reading - Commercial Activity on Municipal Property By-Law

The Clerk reported that the second reading of By-Law No. 34 “Commercial Activity on Municipal Property By-Law” has been duly advertised in the Coast Guard Newspaper. The proposed by-law deals with approval of vending and special events on municipal property.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that By-Law No. 34 “Commercial Activity on Municipal Property By-Law” be approved in second and final reading.

Moved by E. Nickerson that the above motion be amended to allow a vendor one permit per year to operate in as many locations as authorized by Council.

Resolution C060329

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that the above motion be tabled until the next meeting of Council, and that the matter be further discussed by the Committee of the Whole Council at their meeting to be held on Monday, April 3, 2006.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Amendments to the Personnel Policy

At the last previous Council meeting notice was given that Council would consider amendments to Articles 10 & 11 of the Personnel Policy at tonight’s meeting. Proposed amendments provide clarification on hours of work, overtime hours, call in, etc. Each member of Council was provided with copies of the proposed amendments in advance to the meeting.

Resolution C060330

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that Articles 10 & 11 of the Personnel Policy be amended as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

S.S.T.A. Funding Request

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the South Shore Tourism Association which requested funding for the year 2006/2007.

Resolution C060331

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Halliday that the request received from the South Shore Tourism Association for funding be referred to the budget process.

Motion carried unanimously.

2006/07 R.C.M.P. Budget Request

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Department of Justice, Policing and Victims Services. The Department is suggesting that an estimated increase of 4.5% to 4.75% would be the minimum required to sustain the 2005/2006 service levels.

Shelburne County Museum

The Shelburne County Museum will be holding their official opening of the Carved Bird and Decoy Exhibit on Friday, March 31, 2006. Warden and Councillors have been invited to attend.

South Shore Energy Office

In advance to the meeting members were provided with a copy of a letter received from the South West Shore Energy Office. The letter is requesting support for the continued operation of the Energy Office.

Resolution C060332

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Stewart that a letter of support be forwarded to the South West Shore Development Authority.

Motion carried unanimously.

Hepatitis C Awareness Day

The Hepatitis Outreach Society is requesting that May 2006 be declared Hepatitis C Awareness Month in the Municipality of Barrington, and that May 1, 2006 be declared Hepatitis Awareness Day.

There being no opposition to the request, the Warden declared May as Hepatitis C Awareness Month in the Municipality of Barrington and also declared May 1, 2006 as Hepatitis C Awareness Day.

Canadian Union of Postal Workers

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers. The letter requests the Municipal Council to write to the new minister responsible, Lawrence Cannon, stating our support for public post offices and our opposition to the closures.

Resolution C060333

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Strang that a letter of support be forwarded to the Canadian Union of Postal Workers as requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

TIANS

The Clerk informed members that TIANS Annual General Meeting will be held May 25th and 26th, 2006, at White Point Beach Resort. Councillors were requested to advise the office if they wish to attend. The Clerk informed members that Diane Smith, V.I.C. Manager, will be attending the meeting.

REPORT OF WARDEN

Team Shelburne

Warden Belliveau informed members of recent meetings of Team Shelburne to discuss the proposed Governance Study. The two main topics of discussion were the amalgamation of Team Shelburne with the Shelburne Industrial Commission and the voting powers of the new body formed. The Warden informed members that the next meeting of Team Shelburne will be held on March 29, 2006 to further discuss the Governance Study.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

C.S.I. Birding Area

The C.S.I. Birding Area Stewardship Agreement was briefly discussed.

Resolution C060334

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by F. Bower that the Cape Sable Important Bird Area and the Department of Natural Resources, Reg Newell, be contacted to obtain further information on their proposal and ask them to identify which properties they are attempting to obtain.

Motion carried unanimously.

Committee of the Whole Council

B.M.H.S. Request for Proposal

Resolution C060335

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality publish a request for proposals for the disposition and use of the former Barrington Municipal High School property, in Barrington Passage, N.S.

AFFIRMATIVE

Sterling Belliveau

Fred Bower

Louise Halliday

Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Eddie Nickerson

Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Larry Stewart

Motion carried.

South West Shore Development Authority 2006/2007 Budget and Business Plan

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by E. Nickerson that the Municipality's portion of the core funding for the South West Shore Development Authority be confirmed for the 2006/2007 fiscal year in the amount of \$25,500.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Relay for Life Request

Resolution C060336

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality pay the postage for the mail-outs to cancer survivors within the Municipality of the District of Barrington on behalf of Relay for Life.

Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Municipal Boundaries

It is suggested that the Municipality follow the following process:

1. Advertise in the local newspaper for public input and comment. This ad will include a description of the boundaries, the number of councillors and the electoral statistics from the last election in 2004. It will also indicate that the current system includes the election of a warden by the councillors. Input will be received from the public by email, letter, fax or telephone.

2. Results of the comments and input received will be reported to a council meeting at which a public hearing will be held to review the comments and to hear any presentations made by the public.

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3. Council will then decide the number of boundaries of polling districts to be confirmed by the Utility and Review Board and then submit their proposal to the Board for approval.

Resolution C060337

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality follow the process for review of municipal boundaries listed above, as outlined in the memo of March 8, 2006 addressed to councillors.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tri-County District School Board Science Fair

Resolution C060338

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that a contribution of \$100.00 be made by the Municipality to the Tri-County District School Board Science Fair.

Motion carried unanimously.

Request for Leave of Absence

Deputy Warden Bower requested a leave of absence from Council due to work commitments. The leave of absence will cover spring and summer.

The Deputy Warden informed members that he would be back full time September 1, 2006.

Conflict of Interest

Deputy Warden Bower declared conflict of interest.

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that Deputy Warden Bower be granted a leave of absence for the spring and summer of 2006.

Resolution C060339

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that the above motion be tabled until the end of the Council meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Health Care Advisory Committee

Councillor LeBlanc-Messenger informed members that there was a meeting of the Community Health Care Advisory Committee held on March 21, 2006. Councillor Messenger provided a

brief report of that meeting.

District Health Authority

Councillor LeBlanc-Messenger informed members that she along with the Municipal Clerk and Councillor Halliday attended a meeting of the District Health Authority earlier today.

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CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

The Clerk-Treasurer gave a report on activities carried out during the month of February 2006.

CLOSED SESSION

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

The Regular Council Meeting was called back to order.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST - DEPUTY WARDEN FRED BOWER

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that Michelle DeSantis receive an extension of her leave of absence for six (6) months as requested.

AFFIRMATIVE

Eddie Nickerson
Larry Stewart

NEGATIVE

Sterling Belliveau
Fred Bower
Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Sean Strang

Motion defeated.

Resolution C060340

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by F. Bower that Michelle DeSantis employment with the Municipality be terminated April 11, 2006, as per the letter sent to her on October 13, 2005.

AFFIRMATIVE

Sterling Belliveau
Fred Bower
Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Eddie Nickerson
Larry Stewart

Motion carried.

TAX CLERK POSITION

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by S. Strang that we follow the policy and advertise the Tax

Clerk position internally.

Motion withdrawn.

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST

The motion made earlier in the meeting was then brought forward.

Conflict of Interest

Deputy Warden Bower declared conflict of interest.

Resolution C060341

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that Deputy Warden Bower be granted a leave of absence for spring and summer 2006.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that Councillor Halliday be given signing authority and be appointed to fill in as Deputy Warden in Fred Bower's absence and be paid the Deputy Warden's remuneration in his absence.

Motion withdrawn.

Resolution C060342

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that Councillor Halliday be given signing authority for the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by S. Strang that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website March 29, 2006.

