

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, November 26, 2007.

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported that all councillors representing all districts of the Municipality were present with the exception of Deputy Warden Nickerson and Councillor Sean Strang who were both expected to arrive shortly; and Councillor Wilford Smith. Councillor Smith is a lobster fisherman, and with today being the first day of lobster season he is working and will not be attending tonight's meeting.

- Warden Louise Halliday
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Councillor Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor Larry Stewart
- Deputy Warden Eddie Nickerson (7:10 p.m.)
- Councillor Sean Strang (7:23 p.m.)

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

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

The Warden informed members that it is necessary to add the following two items to the agenda:

- Letter from the Department of Environment.
- Closed Session of Council Re: Update on Legal Matter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by L. Stewart that the minutes of the last meeting of Council held November 13, 2007 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

B.M.H.S. Environmental Club

Pat Hudson, Coordinator of the Cape Sable Important Bird Area Committee; B.M.H.S. teacher, Helen Goreham; and members of the Barrington Municipal High School Environment Club, appeared before the meeting. A power point presentation was carried out with club members reporting on specific projects carried out by the club, such as, dune restoration, beach sweeps, winter excursion, piping plover guardian workshop, etc.

A short question and answer period was held and members were thanked for appearing before Council and making a presentation.

CORRESPONDENCE

MRIF Letter

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Canada-Nova Scotia Infrastructure Secretariat regarding the Wood's Harbour Multi-Purpose Trail project. The letter advised that the requested change in the scope of the project has been approved by the MRIF. The Clerk informed members that the next step in the process is to await a letter from the Office of Health Protection & Promotion approving the change and confirming funding. Once that letter is received, steps will be taken to have the project redesigned, and it is hoped that the project will be retendered and work will start in early spring.

Letter from Department of Environment

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Department of Environment and Labour advising that our 1989 Disposal Rate has been recalculated since we are now part of Region 6. This rate is determined and used to calculate division rates and credits. The 1989 disposal rate for the Municipality of Barrington is 0.57 tonnes, per person, per year. This figure will be used by the Province for future waste diversion and credit calculations.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden gave a brief report on her activities since the last meeting of Council.

During her report she presented Deputy Warden Nickerson with a Scroll of Recognition from the UNSM acknowledging eleven years of services to the Municipality of Barrington.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Deputy Warden Nickerson

No committees to report

Councillor Sean Strang

Committee of the Whole Council

Walk for a Cause

Resolution C071118

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that Mrs. d'Eon be permitted to use the stage, and make arrangements with the Property Services Supervisor to obtain the stage and return it to the Arena after the event on September 26, 2008.

Motion carried unanimously.

Barrington Volunteer Fire Department

Resolution C071119

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality enter into an agreement with the Barrington Volunteer Fire Department advancing a loan of \$18,000.00 to be repaid out of their annual operating grant, in the amount of \$900.00, on a quarterly basis, over a period of five years, pending approval of their application for an Emergency Services Provider Fund Grant from the Province of Nova Scotia.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Fire Response and Emergency Services Policy

Resolution C071120

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the proposed Fire Response and Emergency Services Policy be circulated to the various volunteer fire departments in the Municipality, including the amendment to paragraph 9, so that they may provide comments to Council within the next 30 days.

Motion carried unanimously.

Town of Clark's Harbour Proposal Re: Recreation

Resolution C071121

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality respond to the Town's request by telling them that the Municipality is currently not able to enter into an agreement to share the Recreation Director's services.

Motion carried unanimously.

Port Clyde Community Hall

Resolution C071122

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that a grant of \$5,000.00 be provided to the Port Clyde Community Hall subject to approval of their grant application to the Province, and a letter of support be provided to the Department of Economic Development for the Port Clyde Community Hall's application to them for funding for improvements to their hall.

Motion carried unanimously.

Department of Transportation

Resolution C071123

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter be sent to the Department of Transportation indicating that the gravel road at Baccaro Light needs to be graded and more gravel needs to be placed on this road. Also, the Upper Clyde Road is in need of repair and maintenance, and the Old Post Road in Barrington is also in need of grading.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C071124

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a letter be sent to the Department of Transportation requesting that they evaluate the bridge on Highway #3 at the end of the Forbes Point Road as it may be in a dangerous condition and in need of repair.

Nova Scotia Power Inc.

Resolution C071125

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that a letter be sent to both the Utility and Review Board and to Nova Scotia Power requesting that more maintenance be done on the power lines in the Port LaTour area to ensure that there are fewer power interruptions in future.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tax Reduction Application

Resolution C071126

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that an appropriate tax reduction be provided to Mr. Dominic Goreham because of destruction of his dwelling by fire on December 16, 2006. This will be done by determining the change in assessment from Assessment Services and making the appropriate reduction to the current years tax bill.

Motion carried unanimously.

Sidewalk in front of Canada Post Office in Barrington Passage

Resolution C071127

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter be sent to the Department of Transportation to obtain permission to remove green space next to the sidewalk in front of the Barrington Passage Post Office in order to improve parking.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C071128

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that Municipal Staff get estimates from contractors for the removal of the green space in front of the Post Office in Barrington Passage.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Larry Stewart

Planning Advisory Committee

Discussion of Public Participation Meeting Results Re: Subdivision By-Law

Resolution C071129

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by D. Messenger that Council proceed with the proposed amendments to the Subdivision By-Law restricting the use of Instruments of Subdivision, and conduct the required public hearing.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Councillor Messenger gave a brief report on her activities since the last meeting of Council.

Councillor George El-Jakl

No committees to report.

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

The Clerk-Treasurer gave a report on activities during the month of October 2007.

BARRINGTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Warden turned the Chair over to the Deputy Warden in order that she could report on the Annual Christmas Parade.

She informed members that this year the Municipality will be represented in the Annual Christmas Parade. The Recreation Director will be decorating one of the Municipal trucks for the parade.

The Deputy Warden then turned the Chair back to the Warden.

CONTINUATION OF NEW BUSINESS

Activities Fund Policy

The Clerk informed members that the Committee of the Whole meeting held Monday, November 19, 2007 decided not to proceed with the Activities Fund Policy. The Clerk made members aware that Council, on September 24, 2007, passed the following motion:

“...that the Municipality put a fund in place to promote advertising of the Municipality through non profit sports groups going outside of the province to a maximum of \$200.00.”

The Clerk informed members that if it is the wish of Council not to proceed with this policy, then it is necessary that the above motion be rescinded.

Resolution C071130

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Strang that the above motion of September 24, 2007 be rescinded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Letter of Resignation

The Clerk informed members that Brenard Faye, Property Services Technician, has tendered his resignation effective November 30, 2007.

Resolution C071131

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the resignation received from Brenard Faye be accepted.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C071132

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by E. Nickerson that the vacant position of Property Services Technician be advertised according to Municipal policy.

Motion carried unanimously.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At this time members reviewed existing committee memberships and made changes as required.

Resolution C071133

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the attached list of committees as agreed by Council this evening be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS CELEBRATIONS

The Warden informed members that pamphlets have been prepared for the 2007 Festival of Lights celebration. On Thursday, November 29th, *Turning on the Lights* opening ceremony will take place at the gazebo, at McGray Avenue, in North East Point. Ceremonies will begin at 7:00 p.m. At 8:00 p.m. that same evening a fire works display will be held. On Saturday, December 1st the annual *Christmas Parade of Lights* will be held at 7:00 p.m.

The Warden encouraged residents to pick up a copy of the pamphlet since it contains many other activities and events taking place within the next few weeks.

CLOSED SESSION

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

The Regular Council meeting was then called back to order.

Yearly Increments

Resolution C071134

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that after having received a satisfactory performance evaluation, Shenton Allen be granted his yearly increment in the amount of \$0.40 per hour, effective December 6, 2007.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C071135

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that after having received a satisfactory performance evaluation, Wes Deschamp be granted his yearly increment of \$841.00 per year effective November 20, 2007.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

_____ Warden Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website November 28, 2007.