

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 13, 2007.

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 with the exception of Deputy Warden Nickerson who was expected to arrive shortly:

- Warden Louise Halliday
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Councillor Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor Wilford Smith
- Councillor Larry Stewart
- Councillor Sean Strang
- Deputy Warden Eddie Nickerson (7:05 p.m.)

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

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the minutes of the last meeting of Council held October 22, 2007 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

- Letter from the Department of National Defence.
- Letter from the R.C.M.P.

CORRESPONDENCE

Grey Seal Harvest

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Municipality of East Hants supporting the grey seal harvest. This information was circulated to members for information purposes only.

Industrial Site Survey

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Department of Economic Development advising that the Industrial Site Study completion date has been extended from October 30, 2007 to January 31, 2008.

327 Unicorn Sea Cadets

The Clerk informed members that a letter has been received from the 327 Unicorn Sea Cadets of Barrington thanking Council for their generous support.

Department of National Defence

The Clerk informed members that the Warden has received correspondence from the Department of National Defence regarding wind turbines being placed near National Defence radar infrastructure. The letter advised that the placement of wind turbine structures can potentially negatively impact the operation of their air traffic control radar located at Barrington. In order to ensure the potential impact of a proposed wind turbine project being evaluated, it is requested that each proposed wind turbine project that falls within 60 kilometers of the Barrington air traffic control radar be reviewed by National Defence staff prior to the Municipality providing any approvals.

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the Department of National Defence be advised of the two companies that have expressed an interest in constructing wind turbines in the Municipality of Barrington.

Resolution C071101

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by D. Messenger that the above motion be amended to require the Municipal Clerk to also contact the Municipality of Argyle to determine whether the Pubnico Wind Farm had been evaluated by the Department of National Defence”.

Motion carried unanimously.

The original motion as amended was then put to a vote and carried.

R.C.M.P.

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the R.C.M.P. advising that David Fudge has assumed the position of District Policing Officer for the South West Nova District of the R.C.M.P. Mr. Fudge is replacing Barry Harvey who has been transferred as the Commanding Officer of the Yukon Territory.

NEW BUSINESS

Island Breeze Assisted Living Home

Christine Nickerson of Island Breeze Assisted Living Home appeared before the meeting. She informed members that for some time now she has been attempting to have Island Breeze licenced as a Community Based Option Home.

As an unlicenced home residents are responsible for the full cost of living in a “private home”. Licenced facilities are entitled to a per diem rate paid by the provincial government making it more accessible to residents who do not have the means to pay the full cost.

Much discussion took place regarding this matter.

Resolution C071102

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that arrangements be made for Christine Nickerson to appear before the Continuing Care Steering Committee to discuss her request in detail.

The Warden turned the chair over to the Deputy Warden in order that she could address the motion.

After commenting on the motion, the Warden resumed the Chair.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C071103

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

The Clerk informed members that Sandra Bower of Ohio has expressed an interest in the position of By-Law Enforcement Officer for the Municipality.

The Clerk and Deputy Clerk interviewed Ms. Bower and it is their recommendation that she be hired as By-Law Enforcement Officer.

Resolution C071104

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Sandra Bower of Ohio be appointed By-Law Enforcement Officer for the Municipality of Barrington for By-Law No. 8 “Collection, Storage and Disposal of Waste”, By-Law No. 11 “Animals”, By-Law No. 12 “Dogs”, and the Dangerous and Unsightly Premises Provisions of the Municipal Government Act.

Motion carried unanimously.

C & D LANDFILL POLICY AMENDMENT

Notice was given at the last meeting of Council that consideration will be given to amendments to the Construction & Demolition Landfill Policy. It is proposed that Section 5(a) be amended by adding: "if waste is being transported to site by non resident then resident must be on site when waste is being deposited".

The Clerk informed members that this is the actual practice that is being carried out at the Landfill Site.

Resolution C071105

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by S. Strang that By-Law No. 38 "Construction and Demolition Landfill Policy" be amended as stated above.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden gave a report on her activities since the last meeting of Council. Her report included Tourism, Team Shelburne, UNSM Conference, Remembrance Day services, etc.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor El-Jakl

Councillor El-Jakl informed members that he recently attended a meeting in Wood's Harbour concerning the Wood's Harbour Multi-Purpose Trail project. Mark Townsend from ACOA was present for this meeting and he has indicated that there is no more funding available for this project at this time.

Councillor El-Jakl also informed members that he attended the Remembrance Day Service in Wood's Harbour.

Councillor LeBlanc-Messenger

Councillor LeBlanc-Messenger gave a brief report on the UNSM Conference. During the conference members viewed "An Inconvenient Truth" which is a film on global warming.

Resolution C071106

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality contact Trudy Amirault of the Western Counties Regional Library Board and request her to purchase a copy of "An Inconvenient Truth" on behalf of the Municipality and then we notify the schools that we have the film and encourage schools to show it.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor LeBlanc-Messenger also informed members that she attended the "Support our Troops" parade and rally.

Resolution C071107

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by E. Nickerson that a letter be forwarded to Karen Mattetall and the Royal Canadian Legion congratulating them on a very well organized and successful “Support our Troops” parade and rally.

Motion carried unanimously.

She also gave a brief report on other functions attended since the last meeting of Council.

Councillor Smith

Councillor Smith gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

Councillor Stewart

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Councillor Strang

Committee of the Whole Council

Property at Sherose Island

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality issue a tender to hire an engineer to have an evaluation done of the Sherose Island property in order to provide an estimated cost of determining any specific remedial action that may be required.

Much discussion took place regarding this matter.

The motion was withdrawn.

Seal Island Church Society

Resolution C071108

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the Seal Island Church Society be informed that funding may be available for their organization under the Grants to Organizations Policy of the Municipality, and that an application must be completed prior to March 31st of next year for funding from the Municipality under this policy. Funds are usually not distributed through the Grants to Organizations Policy until the budget is approved in late June of each year. This is the policy under which the request from the Seal Island Church Society qualifies, and they are advised to apply under this policy.

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl
Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Wilford Smith
Larry Stewart
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

Highway 103 Committee

Resolution C071109

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that the Highway 103 Committee be informed that Fred Bower is no longer a councillor of the Municipality and that Council will consider appointing a new member to their committee at a future date.

The Warden turned the Chair over to the Deputy Warden in order that she could comment on this matter. She informed members that she spoke with Councillor Darlene Norman at the UNSM Conference and informed her of the decision of Council.

After making her comments, the Warden resumed the Chair.

The motion was then put to a vote and carried unanimously.

Democracy 250

Resolution C071110

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that an essay contest be offered to Grade 6 students attending schools within the Municipality of Barrington for a 1000 word essay on “What democracy means to me.”.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C071111

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that the following prizes be offered to the winners of the essay contest:

- First prize - \$75.00
- Second prize - \$50.00
- Third prize - \$25.00

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C071112

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that staff research Democracy 250 activities to determine the best time to hold the essay contest and to determine other items available from the provincial government such as plaques, certificates, etc.

It was agreed that this information be gathered and presented before a Committee of the Whole meeting.

The Warden turned the Chair over to the Deputy Warden in order that she could address this motion.

After making her comments, she resumed the Chair.

The motion was then put to a vote and carried unanimously.

Department of Transportation Matters

Resolution C071113

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by E. Nickerson that the Department of Transportation be requested to carry out repairs to The Hawk Point Road by replacing the culvert near the residence of Lionel Atwood.

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the above motion be amended to request the Department of Transportation to assess and carry out the necessary repairs.

Motion carried unanimously.

The original motion as amended was then put to a vote and carried unanimously.

Barrington Passage Post Office

Resolution C071114

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Stewart that the Department of Transportation and Canada Post be informed of the parking problem at the Barrington Passage Post Office due to the increased number of users at the Post Office as a result of the closure of the North East Point Post Office.

Motion carried unanimously.

Property at Sherose Island

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality have an evaluation done of the Sherose Island property in order to provide an estimated cost of determining any specific remedial action that may be required.

AFFIRMATIVE

Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl
Eddie Nickerson
Wilford Smith
Larry Stewart

Motion defeated.

Resolution C071115

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that the property at Sherose Island be referred to the Committee of the Whole Meeting for further discussion.

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl
Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson
Wilford Smith
Larry Stewart

NEGATIVE

Sean Strang

Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Nickerson

Deputy Warden Nickerson gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

He reported on an email he received from Cindy Nickerson of the UFO Incident Society. The Society is experiencing difficulty in being listed in the 2008 Doers and Dreamers Guide. She is requesting assistance from Council.

Resolution C071116

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that Council forward a letter to the representative of the Doers and Dreamers Guide strongly supporting the UFO Incident Society's efforts to be listed in the 2008 Doers and Dreamers Guide, and that a copy of this letter be forwarded to Cindy Nickerson.

Motion carried unanimously.

North East Point Post Office

Councillor Stewart informed members that he has received a petition for the installation of "super mail boxes" to replace the former North East Point Post Office. The petition has been signed by 160 residents.

Resolution C071117

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Messenger that the petition be forwarded to Canada Post.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

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

The Regular Session of Council was called back to order.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by E. Nickerson that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website November 16, 2007.