

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, October 22, 2007.

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 6:35 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

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

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order.

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 Wilford Smith
- Councillor Larry Stewart
- Councillor Sean Strang

- 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 items to the agenda:

- Support Our Troops.
- SWSDA Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by S. Strang that the minutes of the last meeting held October 9, 2007 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

Lynne Crowell Presentation

Lynne Crowell, local musician, appeared before Council. She was inducted in the Nova Scotia Country Music Hall of Fame on September 15, 2007. Warden Louise Halliday presented Ms. Crowell with flowers and a plaque in recognition of her most recent accomplishment and thanked her for her generosity over the years with the giving of her talent.

Ms. Crowell thanked Council and left the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Library Funding

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from Gary Archibald, Chair, Western Counties Regional Library Board. Mr. Archibald is requesting Council to send another letter to the Minister of Education requesting an increase in library funding.

Resolution C071017

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Messenger that the request received from the Western Counties Regional Library be approved, and a letter be forwarded to the Minister of Education requesting a funding increase for the fiscal year 2008/2009.

Motion carried unanimously.

CPR Awareness Month

The Warden informed members that a request has been received from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia requesting Council to proclaim the month of November as CPR Awareness Month.

The proclamation was read by the Warden, and having received no opposition the Warden declared November 2007 as CPR Awareness Month in the Municipality of Barrington.

Tourism Development Workshop

The Clerk informed members that there will be a Tourism Development Workshop held on Thursday, October 25, 2007, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Sandy Point Community Centre.

It was noted that this workshop will be attended by Warden Louise Halliday; Councillor LeBlanc-Messenger; Municipal Clerk, Brian Holland; and VIC Manager, Diane Smith.

Democracy 250

Correspondence has been received from Democracy 250 asking for Council's support in next years celebrations marking the birth of parliamentary democracy in Canada.

Resolution C071018

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Amendments to C & D Landfill Policy

Notice was given by Council that consideration will be given to amendments to the C & D Landfill Policy at the next meeting.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Correspondence has been received from the Municipality of Kings advising Council that they have joined municipal councils across Canada to demonstrate support for our troops on overseas assignments, and have therefore engaged in the following activities:

1. Putting "Support our Troops" stickers on municipal vehicles.
2. Organizing "Support our Troops Fridays" where Council and staff wear red shirts.
3. Working with local military bases on joint initiatives.

Resolution C071019

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTINUATION OF NEW BUSINESS

Diane Smith, VIC Manager

The VIC Manager, Diane Smith, addressed Council and presented the 2007 Barrington Visitor Information Centre Summary.

Diane reported that 2007 was a year of change for the tourism industry and the decline in numbers show a significant decline in visitors to the Barrington area. Although there was a 47% decrease in the visitors that stopped at the VIC over last year, there was a positive increase in the number of visitors wanting information on the local area. There were very few requests for information for other areas such as Lunenburg and Halifax. The main areas for information requests were museums, Cape Sable Island and the UFO Centre. The request for food service was up but the number of visitors that were staying in the area was down over last year. All visitors had seen the "Lobster Capital of Canada" signs on the highway and asked about the availability of lobsters. Total number of visitors for 2007 - 3,988; total number of visitors for 2006 - 7,550.

Diane was thanked for appearing before Council and making her presentation.

Interview Claire Newell Re: Seal Island Church Repairs

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter submitted by Claire Newell requesting funding from Council to assist with repairs to the church on Seal Island. The church was damaged by lightning on September 9, 2007. It is estimated that the total cost of repairs will be approximately \$15,000.00. Mrs. Newell informed members that she was aware that Seal Island was not in the Municipality of Barrington, but 90% of the people using the island are from the Municipality. She indicated that a request for financial assistance will also be forwarded to the Municipality of Argyle. The Town of Clark's Harbour has approved a grant in the amount of \$500.00.

Resolution C071020

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by W. Smith that the financial request received from the Seal Island Church Society be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Municipal Services Division Report

Members were informed that Service Nova Scotia has provided copies of the Municipal Services Division Report. Copies are available at the Office for councillors review.

Building Permit Reports

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of the Quarterly Building Permits Report covering the period July, August and September. Also, members were provided with a report covering April to September 2007. Reports were reviewed by members.

New Lobster Licensing Policy

Correspondence has been received from the South West Shore Development Authority regarding the new Lobster Licensing Policy. The Authority has been asked to provide an opinion on the economic impact of the changes to the Fisheries Licencing Policy instituted by the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans. The Authority is requesting comment from the nine (9) municipal units in our region. In advance to the meeting each member of Council was provided with a copy of the report prepared by Gardner Pinfold Consulting Economists Ltd. which defines some of the issues surrounding this policy change and two DFO issues.

Resolution C071021

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the South West Shore Development Authority be advised that the new licensing policy is an issue between fishermen and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. We have both buyers and fishermen in the area and it is up to them to work out the issues involving the new lobster licensing policy.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

Request from Ronnie Ryer

The Clerk informed members that Ronnie Ryer has expressed an interest in purchasing land in the Oak Park area. Mr. Ryer has been requested to put his proposal in writing to Council, and was informed of the Council policy dealing with the sale of property. To date no written request has been received from Mr. Ryer.

Resolution C071022

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Messenger that the sale of land in the Oak Park area be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Motion carried unanimously.

Walk for a Cause Request

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from The Rosalin Nickerson Care Fund advising that they are in the process of planning next years "Walk for a Cause". They plan to be using the Curling Club facilities next year but would like to request councillors to consider the following:

1. That no hockey schools or tournaments be held the night of the event.
2. That the organization be permitted to use a portion of the Arena's staging.

Resolution C071023

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that the request received from The Rosalin Nickerson Care Fund be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

South West Shore Development Authority

As a result of Council's request for Mr. Frank Anderson to meet with them to discuss economic development in the Municipality of Barrington, Mr. Anderson has suggested a meeting date of October 30, 2007. Since a meeting of the Continuing Care Committee has been scheduled for that date, it was agreed by members that Mr. Anderson be requested to come to the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for October 29, 2007.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Councillor George El-Jakl

Councillor George El-Jakl provided a brief report on the recent meeting of the South West Shore Development Authority and circulated financial reports.

Councillor Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

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

Councillor Wilford Smith

No committees to report

Councillor Larry Stewart

No committees to report

Councillor Sean Strang

Committee of the Whole Council

Victoria Hotel Demolition Order

Resolution C071024

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality waive the tipping fee for the deposit of waste from the Victoria Hotel property being deposited by Mr. David Trefry at the Municipal C & D Landfill Site beginning on Wednesday, October 17, 2007.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C071025

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality defer any action on its Demolition Order on the Victoria Hotel until after Wednesday, October 17, 2007.

Motion carried unanimously.

Integrated Communities Sustainability Plan

Resolution C071026

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the strategic planning which is being done by the Planning Advisory Committee be coordinated with Council in order to incorporate the information and initiatives into the Integrated Communities Sustainability Plan which is required to be done in order to obtain Gas Tax Funds.

Motion carried unanimously.

Municipal Insurance Re: Non Profit Organizations & School Agreement

Resolution C071027

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that Municipal Staff develop a reciprocal agreement for the use of School Board and municipal properties within the Municipality, and that this agreement be forwarded to the School Board for their comments and approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

By-Law Enforcement Officer

Resolution C071028

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that Municipal Staff search for one or more By-Law Enforcement Officers for the Municipality since no response has been received from the advertisement for the position.

Motion carried unanimously.

Loblaws Easement

Resolution C071029

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality enter into an easement agreement with Loblaw Properties Limited for the purpose of maintaining a sanitary sewer line on their property in Barrington Passage.

Motion carried unanimously.

Employee Assistance Program

Resolution C071030

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality renew its current Employee Assistance Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

Planning Advisory Committee

Incentive for Development

Resolution C071031

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality of Barrington provide no subsidy or rebate to the development industry at this time, and that consideration for the encouragement of development be considered as part of the Municipal Planning Strategy review.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Warden Eddie Nickerson

No committees to report.

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

The Clerk-Treasurer gave a brief report outlining activities during the month of September 2007.

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

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 C071032

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by E. Nickerson that after having received satisfactory performance evaluations, Shelley Stoddard, Connie Malone and Donna Deschamp receive their annual increments.

Motion carried unanimously.

Brenard Faye Probationary Period

Resolution C071033

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that Brenard Faye, after having received a satisfactory performance evaluation, be hired full-time as recommended by the Property Services Supervisor.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl
Wilford Smith

Motion carried.

Grievance

Resolution C071034

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the grievance filed by Andrew Goreham be denied based on the recommendation of the Municipal Solicitor.

AFFIRMATIVE

Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson
Wilford Smith
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl
Larry Stewart

Motion carried.

South West Shore Development Authority

Resolution C071035

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that the Chairman of the South West Shore Development Authority, Mr. Rod Rose, be invited to the October 29, 2007 Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss a possible legal matter in Closed Session, and that the Warden contact him directly to make these arrangements.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C071036

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Team Shelburne be requested to request a meeting with the South West Shore Development Authority Executive to discuss the motion of Team Shelburne requesting the Authority to disburse funds to the municipal units and the Shelburne Industrial Commission, and to also discuss correspondence received from the Minister of Economic Development, Richard Hurlburt.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C071037

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality contact Rod Rose and request him, as Chairman of the South West Shore Development Authority Executive, to advise whether there were any funds remaining in the Maintenance Fund for the Youth Centre at the time of its sale, and to advise whether proceeds from the sale are available to be disbursed by Team Shelburne.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed by members that a copy of the above letter be forwarded to all municipal units covered by the South West Shore Development Authority.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by S. Strang that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

____ Secretary for the Meeting

On website October 23, 2007.