

**SPECIAL MEETING OF BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**October 15, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members 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

VICTORIA HOTEL DEMOLITION ORDER

On Friday, October 12, 2007, an email was sent to all members of Council informing them that this matter would be added to the Special Meeting of Council so that members could discuss the Demolition Order of the Victoria Hotel. In the email it was indicated to members that the lawyer for Mansonville Plastics Ltd., who owned the hotel, had been in touch with the Clerk-Treasurer and wished to discuss the Demolition Order with Council and request an extension of time. The lawyer indicated that she would send something, in writing, to request this extension of time.

In the interim, on Monday morning, October 15<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Mario Cormier appeared at the Municipal Office. Mr. Cormier is the owner of Mansonville Plastics which owns the Victoria Hotel. He indicated that he wished to have some extension of time for the purpose of demolishing the hotel. He also indicated that he wished the fees from the Landfill waived if he hired someone outside the Municipality to demolish the hotel building. I informed Mr. Cormier that I did not have the authority to do so. He asked who had the authority and was informed that only Council could do so. He then asked that he be allowed to address Council this evening. Since councillors had already been notified by email on Friday that this matter would be placed on the agenda, I asked him to appear before the meeting at 8:00 p.m. so that he could discuss the matter with Council. During the day Mr. Archie Williamson also phoned indicating that he also wished to attend Council. He was informed that the meetings were open to the public with the exception of closed sessions which were held for the discussion of a personnel matter. Mr. Williamson indicated he would attend the meeting this evening.

Members further discussed whether the interview with Mr. Cormier would be held at the Special meeting of Council or at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by W. Smith that the interview with the owner of the Victoria Hotel be conducted at the Special Meeting of Council.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

George El-Jakl

**NEGATIVE**

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

Motion defeated.

Resolution C071015

**Moved** by W. Smith and seconded by L. Stewart the interview be conducted with Mr. Cormier at the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

<u><b>AFFIRMATIVE</b></u>	<u><b>NEGATIVE</b></u>
George El-Jakl	Sean Strang
Louise Halliday	
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger	
Eddie Nickerson	
Wilford Smith	
Larry Stewart	

Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION RE: PERSONNEL MATTER

Members then retired to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing a grievance received from Andrew Goreham, Building Inspector.

Andrew Goreham attended the meeting at this time and was interviewed by councillors.

At 7:46 p.m. Mr. Goreham retired from the meeting and the meeting entered Open Session.

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that a reply be given to Mr. Goreham's grievance stating what the Municipal Solicitor's advice had been and denying his request.

After much discussion this motion was withdrawn.

Resolution C071016

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that Mr. Goreham be informed that Council wished to further discuss this matter with the Solicitor, and that a response would be provided to him on Tuesday, October 23, 2007, after further discussion with the Municipal Solicitor.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl that having completed the discussion of the grievance, the meeting adjourn.

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website October 16, 2007.**