

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, September 24, 2007.

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:05 p.m.

CHANGE IN AGENDA

The Warden informed members that Lynne Crowell was unavailable to meet with Council this evening. Arrangements have been made for Lynne to appear at the October 22nd Council meeting.

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

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by W. Smith that the minutes of the last meeting held September 10, 2007 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Carpentry Tenders - Summary

As requested by Council, the Municipal Clerk prepared and circulated a summary of the carpentry tenders received. The summary outlined experience, education and training, prices and qualifications for each.

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the lowest tender be accepted.

Motion withdrawn.

The Warden then turned the Chair over to the Deputy Warden in order that she could address the matter.

The Chair was then resumed by the Warden.

Much discussion then took place regarding the tender requirements.

It was the decision of Council to advertise for a certified carpenter. The tender call invited tenders from qualified carpenters, not certified carpenters, as required by Council.

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that all tenders received for carpentry be rejected and that we advertise for a certified carpenter.

Motion withdrawn.

Discussion then took place as to whether or not we need to hire a carpenter for a three year term. It was suggested that we could hire a carpenter on an as needed basis consistent with provisions of the Purchasing Policy.

Resolution C070914

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that all three tenders received for carpentry be rejected since the tender call should have been for certified carpenters, and not qualified carpenters.

Motion carried unanimously.

2005 Atlantic Accord

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities. This letter was in response to our letter addressed to The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, regarding funding for infrastructure improvements for municipalities in Nova Scotia. The letter makes reference to a new Building Canada Plan. The Building Canada Fund includes \$8.8 Billion to support projects in areas including wastewater treatments, highways, public transit and cultural facilities.

C.S.I. Sewer Project

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Program acknowledging receipt of our most recent application for funding of the Cape Sable Island Sewer Project Phase I, Newellton/Centreville/North East Point. The letter advised that the Province is currently negotiating with Ottawa on the "Building Canada Fund" which may be available the next fiscal year. We may be able to access funding under this fund for the C.S.I. Sewer Project.

Grey Seal Harvest Letters

Letters of support for the grey seal harvest have been received from the Town of Lockeport, Municipality of West Hants and the Town of Clark's Harbour.

CORRESPONDENCE

Youth Services Centre

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from Joelle Blades, Youth Services Centre, requesting that the window in their office at the CED Centre be replaced with one that opens.

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that the request from Youth Services Centre to install a window in their office that opens be approved.

The Warden then turned the Chair over to the Deputy Warden in order that she could address the matter.

The Warden resumed the Chair.

Much discussion took place regarding the air conditioning unit in the building.

Resolution C070915

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that the above motion be tabled pending an investigation by staff on the heating and air conditioning situation at the CED Centre, and a report be presented back to Council.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Sean Strang

Motion carried.

Resolution C070916

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that the Property Services Supervisor check the heating and air conditioning systems in place at the CED Centre and provide a report to Council, with recommendations.

Motion carried unanimously.

Wood's Harbour Multi-Purpose Trail

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from Peter and Mary Ramirez. They expressed concern over the possibility of having the old chestnut tree on their property removed in order to accommodate the sidewalk proposed in Wood's Harbour. Pictures of the tree in question were circulated.

Resolution C070917

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the letter from Mr. & Mrs. Ramirez be deferred until later in the meeting when the Wood's Harbour Multi-Purpose Trail will be discussed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Thank You Letters

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Archelaus Smith Historical Society thanking Council for their annual grant of \$500.00, as well as the \$800.00 grant provided from the District 6 Community Grants Fund, and for supplying the museum with a portable toilet this year.

A letter of thank you was also received from Sarah Conrad thanking Council for the lovely accommodations provided to her during her rotation with Dr. Yee.

Restorative Justice Week 2007

Correspondence has been received from Correctional Service Canada requesting Council to declare November 18 - 25, 2007 as Restorative Justice Week.

Having received no opposition from Council, the Warden read the following resolution and proclaimed November 18 - 25, 2007 as Restorative Justice Week in the Municipality of Barrington:

WHEREAS, in the face of crime or conflict, restorative justice offers a philosophy and approach that views these matters principally as harm done to people and relationships; and

WHEREAS, restorative justice approaches strive to provide support and opportunities for the voluntary participation and communication between those affected by crime and conflict (victims, offenders, community) to encourage accountability, reparation and a movement towards understanding, feelings of satisfaction, healing and closure; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme for Restorative Justice Week is "Facing the Questions", it is an opportunity learn, educate and celebrate along with other communities across the country about restorative justice during the week.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Smith

No committees to report.

Councillor LeBlanc-Messenger

Councillor LeBlanc-Messenger informed members that she took part in the Terry Fox Run held in Clark's Harbour.

Councillor El-Jakl

No committees to report.

Deputy Warden Nickerson

No committees to report.

Councillor Strang

Committee of the Whole

Fire Departments

Resolution C070918

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality request a list of fire fighters and their qualifications to be presented at each of the semi-annual meetings held with fire departments.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C070919

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality supply the Fire King Software to the fire departments at the expense of the Municipality, and that the fire departments that have already purchased this software be reimbursed their cost upon providing invoices.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C070920

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the volunteer fire departments in the Municipality review their certifications annually.

Motion carried unanimously.

Activities Fund Policy

Resolution C070921

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl 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 Warden turned the Chair over to the Deputy Warden in order that she could address this matter.

Upon completing her comments, she resumed the Chair.

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

Motion carried.

Industrial Park Study

Resolution C070922

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality provide their 50% share of the Industrial Park Study Funding from Municipal Reserves, up to \$12,500.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Hawk Dayze Monument

Resolution C070923

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the Deputy Warden and the Municipal Clerk meet with representatives of the Hawk Dayze Committee for the purpose of determining the location of the monument to be placed on Municipal property.

Motion carried unanimously.

Engineering Services Proposals

Resolution C070924

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality reject all of the proposals for municipal engineering services which have been received for the provision of municipal engineering services over the next three years, and instead hire engineers on a project by project basis as necessary.

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

Motion carried.

By-Law Enforcement Officer

Resolution C070925

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality again advertise for the employment of By-Law Enforcement Officers for various by-laws.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Stewart

No committees to report.

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

The Clerk-Treasurer gave a brief report on his activities during the month of August.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Proposed Amendments to Grant Policies

Notice was given at the last meeting of Council to deal with amendments to the Grant Policies to require financial statements.

Upon reviewing the policy, it was noted that Grants to Organizations, Policy #49, already contains provision for financial statements.

The Community Grants Policy, Policy #42, will require amendments. It was proposed that the following amendments be made to this policy:

- Add Section 9 (e) "Most recent financial statements of the organization."
- Delete the words "upon request" on the bottom of the application form.

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

After making her comments, the Warden resumed the Chair.

Resolution C070926

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by S. Strang that proposed amendments to Policy #42 to provide for financial statements be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Wood's Harbour Multi-Purpose Trail

In advance to the meeting the Municipal Clerk circulated costs to date relating to the Wood's Harbour Multi-Purpose Trail and Sidewalk. Present total estimates are \$794,370.07. Total financing available \$679,711.00.

Moved by E. Nickerson that Council give authority and responsibility to Municipal Staff, Councillor El-Jakl and the Wood's Harbour Multi-Purpose Trail Committee to carry out the Wood's Harbour Multi-Purpose Trail and Sidewalk at a cost of \$679,711.00.

There being no seconder to this motion, the motion was declared lost.

Resolution C070927

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

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Larry Stewart
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Louise Halliday
Eddie Nickerson
Wilford Smith

Motion carried

Resolution C070928

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that tenderers for the sidewalk construction be advised that Council at the present time cannot award the tender since the total cost of the project currently exceeds funds available.

Motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Advisory Committee

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from our former Recreation Director requesting the Municipal Council to form a Recreation Advisory Committee.

Resolution C070929

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that this matter be tabled until a new Recreation Director is hired.

Motion carried unanimously.

Risk Management

Members were reminded that there will be a Risk Management Meeting held on Thursday, September 27, 2007, in the Conference Room, at 1:30 p.m. The Clerk encouraged as many councillors as possible to attend since questions can be directed to our insurance agent at this time.

Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department - Area Rate

The Municipal Clerk informed members that it is necessary for Council to approve a guarantee and resolution in support of the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department area rate in the amount of \$210,000.00. The Municipality's portion of this guarantee is actually \$115,500.00, and the balance of the guarantee will be the responsibility of the Municipality of Shelburne.

Resolution C070930

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Stewart that the Municipality approve the guarantee and resolution for the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$115,500.00 for the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department area rate.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

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.

REQUEST FROM SHELLY ATWOOD

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that Shelly Atwood be advised that her request for a salary increase will be considered during the salary review which will be held in 2009.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by W. Smith that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website September 26, 2007.