

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

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:00 p.m.

#### MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was held in memory of Gary Saunders, Planner for the Y-A-B District Planning Commission, who passed away suddenly on Saturday, March 24, 2007.

#### 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 declared.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held March 12, 2007 and the Special Council Meeting held March 19, 2007 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

##### Engineer's Selection

The Clerk informed members that the proposals opened by Council at their Special Meeting held March 19, 2007 have now been reviewed. Both proposals met the required specifications of the request for proposals. Proposals received were as follows:

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| - Horner Associates Limited | \$67,528.00, plus H.S.T. |
| - CBCL Limited              | \$90,000.00, plus H.S.T. |

Resolution C070311

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Strang that the proposal received from Horner Associates Limited in the amount of \$67,528,00.00, plus H.S.T., be accepted, being the lowest tender received.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

- District Health Authority Email.
- Forest Ridge Academy.

CORRESPONDENCE

Plowing - The Hawk Road

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has now been received from Benny Acker, Operations Supervisor for the Department of Transportation, regarding the plowing of The Hawk Road.

Mr. Acker advised that The Hawk Road is a side road, and as previously agreed by Council, the Department focused on clearing Route 330 first and then when Route 330 was cleared the side roads were plowed, including The Hawk Road. Mr. Acker indicated in his letter that he would be willing to attend a meeting of Council, if Council wished to discuss this matter in more detail.

Highway 103 Upgrade

The Clerk informed members that a copy of a letter has been received, which was addressed to Warden Paulette Scott, from the Minister of Transportation and Public Works. The letter advised that they understand the importance of having Highway 103 from Sable River to Broad River upgraded, unfortunately they do not have the resources to deal with all sections of the 103. Their focus to date has been on twinning sections of Highway 103 which carries the heaviest volumes of traffic, bypassing sections which operate at lowest levels of service, and rehabilitating sections where pavement has experienced greatest deterioration.

District Health Authority

The Clerk informed members that he has received an email from Melanie Mooney of the South West District Health Authority. She advised that the Authority has recently hired a Nurse Practitioner to work with seniors. Seniors clinics would be set up at various locations throughout the district. The Authority is requesting permission to share the space currently occupied by the V.O.N. and Dr. Chaloner in the Community Health Centre. Initially seniors clinics would be set up one day per week depending on the need.

Resolution C070312

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by W. Smith that the South West District Health Authority be permitted to share space with the V.O.N. and Dr. Chaloner at the Community Health Centre for the purpose of setting up seniors clinics.

Motion carried unanimously.

Forest Ridge Academy

Correspondence has been received from Forest Ridge Academy advising that on Saturday, June 9, 2007, their Home & School Support Group is organizing a fundraiser event called the "Forest Ridge Academy First Annual Barrington River Log Run". In conjunction with the "log run", and as part of the Lobster Festival activities planned for that day, they are requesting permission to set up a barbeque site, craft table and games, on the land beside the river which was formerly occupied by the tourist bureau. The group is requesting permission to use the site from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The group will be responsible for setting up before and cleaning up after the event.

Resolution C070313

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that the request of the FRA Home & School Support Group be permitted to use the former tourist bureau site for the "Forest Ridge Academy First Annual Barrington River Log Run".

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Councillor El-Jakl

Councillor El-Jakl gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

Councillor LeBlanc-Messenger

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

Councillor Smith

None

Councillor Stewart

None

Councillor Strang

Committee of the Whole

Wharf at McGray Avenue

Resolution C070314

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that no demolition order be approved for the demolition of the wharf at McGray Avenue owned by Dwayne Stewart.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

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

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Tri Counties Relay for Life

Resolution C070315

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality pay the postage for the mailing of the invitations for the Tri Counties Relay for Life within the Municipality of Barrington as requested by that organization.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Grant Request

Resolution C070316

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that a Community Grant in the amount of \$800.00 be provided to the Stoney Island Cemetery Club to assist in the purchase of an oil tank for their hall. The estimated cost of the oil tank is \$1,400.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Warden Nickerson

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

The Hawk Days Committee

Deputy Warden Nickerson informed members that The Hawk Days Committee was currently trying to raise funds to erect a monument at The Hawk. The monument would give a short history of the community, to honour those who have established the community and those who have departed, and also those of the community who served in both world wars. It is estimated that the monument will cost \$5,000.00 to \$6,000.00. The committee is requesting financial assistance to help with this project.

Resolution C070317

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that The Hawk Days Committee be granted \$800.00 from the District 7 Community Grants Fund to assist with the cost of the proposed monument to be erected at The Hawk.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Cost of Living Adjustment

The Clerk informed members that in accordance with the Personnel Policy and Policy #8, Council shall annually, not later than the end of March determine whether a cost of living adjustment based on the National Consumer Price Index is to be granted. The Consumer Price Index as at the end of February 2006 was 2.0%.

Resolution C070318

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by G. El-Jakl that staff salaries and councillor's remunerations be increased by the Consumer Price Index of 2.0%, effective April 1, 2007.

Motion carried unanimously.

Poll of Electors

The Clerk informed members that on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, a meeting was held at the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department for the purpose of informing the public of an application being made by the Fire Department for an area rate in District 9. The proposal is to put in place an area rate of 9.8 cents per \$100 of taxable assessment for the purpose of raising funds to purchase a fire truck at the cost of \$210,000.00.

The Clerk informed members that the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department covers District 9 of the Municipality of Barrington as well as a portion of the Municipality of Shelburne. The proposed area tax rate of 9.8 cents per \$100.00 of assessment being considered tonight only relates to properties located within the Municipality of Barrington. If approved this area rate will raise approximately 54% of the cost of the fire truck. The remaining 46% will need to be raised by the Municipality of Shelburne through an area rate or by some other source. On March 20, 2007 at the public meeting held in Port Clyde a Poll of Electors was taken, 46 ballots were cast, 35 in favour, and 11 against. The Poll of Electors consisted of residents and ratepayers of the Municipality of Barrington only.

Resolution C070319

**Moved** by W. Smith and seconded by S. Strang that an area tax rate be put in place for the Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of 9.8 cents per \$100.00 of taxable assessment in District 9 for a ten (10) year period commencing April 1, 2007.

Motion carried unanimously.

Capital Investment Plan

The Capital Investment Plan was presented by the Municipal Clerk and reviewed in detail. The Capital Investment Plan is a requirement of the Canada/Nova Scotia Gas Tax Agreement. During the years 2006 and 2007 the Municipality has received gas tax revenues in the amount of \$220,000.00. The Municipality will receive a total of \$925,000.00.

Resolution C070320

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the document titled “Capital Investment Plan 2007 - 2011” presented to Council at their regular monthly meeting held March 26, 2007 be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

**Moved** by D. Messenger that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Warden

Clerk

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website March 28, 2007.**