

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, December 8, 2008.

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

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported that all six councillors representing Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 of the Municipality were present.

- Warden Louise Halliday
- Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Councillor Cecil O'Donnell
- Councillor Cathy Stoddard
- Councillor Sean Strang

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

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

NEW BUSINESS

Democracy 250 Contest

Deputy Warden Messenger informed members that the Democracy 250 contest was extended to all grade 6 students in the Municipality of Barrington. Students were encouraged to send a poster or essay on "What Democracy Means to Me?" Deadline for entries was Thursday, December 4, 2008, at 12:00 Noon. Twenty (20) entries were received which were reviewed by the Warden and Deputy Warden. First, second and third place winners were selected as follows:

- 1st - Bailey Cameron, Evelyn Richardson Memorial Elementary School
- 2nd - Danika Campbell, Evelyn Richardson Memorial Elementary School
- 3rd - Antonia Dorey, Forest Ridge Academy

Winners were asked to attend Council tonight to receive their prize. Presentations were made to Bailey Cameron and Antonia Dorey. Danika Campbell was absent.

C.S.I. Sewer Presentation

A number of residents from Cape Sable Island were present.

Willard d'Eon and Mike Abbott of CBCL Limited appeared before the meeting. Background information was provided on the C.S.I. sewer project from 2000 to present. In May of 2008 CBCL was selected as project manager for the C.S.I. Sewer Project and in August of 2008 CBCL was retained by the Municipality for the completion of the Cape Sable Island Wastewater Collection and Treatment Pre-Design Investigation.

The draft report of the Pre-Design Investigation has been completed by CBCL and was presented to the C.S.I. Sewer Steering Committee on November 18, 2008. The document outlined 6 options. Options 5 and 6 were briefly discussed.

During the presentation CBCL Limited reported the total length of road on Cape Sable Island to be approximately 32.5 kilometers. The existing number of units within the serviceable area is approximately 713. The average lot frontage has been calculated at 90 meters per unit. Due to the low overall density the cost of servicing is therefore expected to be high.

Option 5 has the lowest capital cost and it is therefore the recommendation of CBCL that Council proceed with servicing Cape Sable Island using Option 5. Option 5 includes the use of grinder pumps, small diameter pressure piping and an SBR wastewater treatment plant located at Clam Point.

Members of the public were permitted to ask questions and express their concerns regarding the C.S.I. sewer project.

A member of the public requested Council to wait until they had a representative from District 5 on Council before making a decision on the C.S.I. sewer.

Resolution C081201

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the C.S.I. sewer project be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion once a representative has been elected for District 5.

Motion carried unanimously.

At the conclusion of the question and answer period, Mr. d'Eon and Mr. Abbott were thanked for appearing before the meeting and making their presentation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Strang that the minutes of the last meeting held on November 24, 2008 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTINUATION OF NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Amendments - Arena Discipline Policy

Notice was given at the last meeting of Council that amendments would be considered tonight to the Arena Discipline Policy.

It was suggested that the Arena Discipline Policy be amended prohibiting smoking in any part of the building and within 4 meters of the entrance to the building. Pursuant to the Smoke Free Places Act, smoking in the Arena, or within 4 meters of the entrance, is illegal. Individuals found to be in violation of the above will be asked to comply. Non compliance will result in the R.C.M.P. being called by staff.

Amendments also prohibit the consumption or possession of alcohol or illegal drugs on Arena premises. Alcohol may be permitted by the Municipality during specified functions for which the required licences are obtained. Pursuant to the Liquor Control Act, the possession of alcohol on Arena premises, except when a special occasion licence is in force, is illegal. Violation of this section will result in the R.C.M.P. being called immediately by staff.

All reference to fines has been deleted.

Resolution C081202

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Strang that the proposed amendments to the Arena Discipline Policy be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Arena staff were invited to attend this portion of the Council meeting to discuss the new Arena Discipline Policy. Arena staff present were as follows:

- Wes Deschamp
- Donna Deschamp
- Connie Malone
- Shelly Atwood
- Bob Watt
- Shelley Stoddard

Staff did not express any concerns regarding the new Arena Discipline Policy.

Question was raised as to whether the R.C.M.P. would be informed of our new policy.

It was agreed that all user groups of the Arena would be notified formally of the new policy.

Arena staff left the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Property Services Supervisor

The Clerk informed members that at the last meeting of Council the following motion was tabled:

Resolution C081203

“Moved by S. Strang and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Arena and Property Services Department be separated into two departments and that there be a Property Services Manager and an Arena Manager to manage these departments.”

It was noted that this matter was further discussed by the Committee of the Whole at their meeting held December 1, 2008.

The motion was then put to a vote and carried.

AFFIRMATIVE

Louise Halliday
Cecil O'Donnell
Cathy Stoddard
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Motion carried.

Resolution C081204

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by C. Stoddard that the job descriptions presented for Property Services Manager and Arena Manager be accepted as presented.

AFFIRMATIVE

Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell
Cathy Stoddard
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Kids Help Phone

The Clerk informed members that Council previously requested the Kids Help Phone to provide statistics on the use of the counseling services within Shelburne County. The Kids Help Phone has advised that in 2007 the Kids Help Phone helped youth from Shelburne County 2,907 times on the phone and on line. This number is up from 445 in 2006.

CORRESPONDENCE

Purple Ribbon Campaign

In advance to the meeting each member of Council was provided with correspondence received from Juniper House regarding the Purple Ribbon Campaign. This is an annual campaign from November 25th to December 10th to remember the 14 women who died in Montreal on December 6, 1989; remember all women who have died violently or continue to live with abuse; raise awareness of the far reaching effects of violence against women; raise funds for organizations providing services to abused women. Juniper House is requesting Council and employees to consider wearing the purple ribbons provided for the length of the campaign. Ribbons were circulated to staff and council members.

Railway Station and Water Tower Identification Project

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with correspondence received from Fred Greenwood, Project Manager, Halifax Southwestern Historical Committee. The committee is currently working on a railway station and water tower identification project. The project will preserve its contributions for future generations and demonstrate and promote the impact that Halifax Southwestern Railroad had on our local communities. The goal of the project is to identify, catalogue and mark the areas in Shelburne County where rail stations, siding water towers, etc. were located. Detailed markers will be established at these sites starting in the west at Wilkin's Siding and going west to Wood's Harbour. Six sites have been identified in the Municipality of Barrington: Port Clyde, Barrington Head, Barrington Passage, Shag Harbour, Wood's Harbour and Upper Wood's Harbour. The group anticipates installing the markers by the summer of 2009.

Resolution C081205

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Council provide support in principle to the Railway Station and Water Tower Identification Project.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

No committees to report.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Cecil O'Donnell

No committees to report.

Councillor George El-Jakl

Councillor El-Jakl attended the Festival of Lights activities.

Councillor Cathy Stoddard

Councillor Stoddard attended the Festival of Lights activities.

Councillor Sean Strang

Committee of the Whole Council

Nominating Committee

Resolution C081206

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Warden continue to be the Municipality's board member on the South West Shore Development Authority, and that Councillor Sean Strang continue to represent the Municipality on the Region 6 Solid Waste Management Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C081207

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by C. O'Donnell that Deputy Warden Messenger be the alternate designated board member for the South West Shore Development Authority.

Motion carried unanimously.

Coastal Financial Credit Union

Resolution C081208

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter of support for the establishment of a branch of the Coastal Financial Credit Union be forwarded to Mr. David Eldridge.

Motion carried unanimously.

C.S.I. Legion Request

Resolution C081209

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality decorate the tree planted in honor of the veterans in front of the Barrington Municipal Library.

Motion carried unanimously.

Circus

Resolution C081210

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality decline the promoters offer to host a circus in the Barrington Municipal Arena.

AFFIRMATIVE

Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell
Cathy Stoddard
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried

Department of Transportation

Resolution C081211

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a letter be sent to the Department of Transportation requesting a hidden driveway sign be placed near civic address #6923 on Highway #3 in Wood's Harbour.

Motion carried unanimously.

Diversion Credits

Resolution C081212

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality forward a letter to the chairman of the Region 6 Solid Waste Management Committee indicating their concerns with Diversion Credits for the 2007/2008 fiscal year, and requesting that the Municipality not be required to repay the Diversion Credits that have already been advanced.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk informed members that he attended a Region 6 Technical Committee meeting today and the Technical Committee was in support of the above request concerning Diversion Credits.

Shelburne Industrial Commission

Councillor Sean Strang informed members that he attended a recent meeting of the Shelburne Industrial Commission. At that meeting Norman Wallet was elected chairperson and Elizabeth Rhuland resigned as a member of the Commission. Mrs. Rhuland will be employed to run the day-to-day operation of the Commission. The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for January 29, 2009 and will be held in Shelburne.

Concern was expressed regarding Mrs. Rhuland being employed by the Shelburne County Industrial Commission. Mrs. Rhuland is a councillor for the Town of Shelburne and question was raised as to whether this would be a conflict.

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipal Solicitor be contacted to determine whether it is possible for Councillor Elizabeth Rhuland to be employed by the Shelburne County Industrial Commission.

Motion withdrawn.

Resolution C081213

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that a letter be forwarded to the Shelburne County Industrial Commission expressing Council's concern regarding Councillor Elizabeth Rhuland being hired by the Shelburne County Industrial Commission and ask that they obtain legal advice on this matter.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Deputy Warden Messenger attended the Festival of Lights activities and informed Council that the Town of Clark's Harbour recently donated \$500.00 to the Western Shelburne County Health Care Charitable Society.

CONTINUATION OF NEW BUSINESS

Infrastructure Project

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a news release from the Premier's Office regarding infrastructure programs. Premier Rodney MacDonald has stated a balanced budget and one of the largest infrastructure programs in Nova Scotia's history that will see the province through the worldwide economic downturn. To stimulate the economy Premier MacDonald said the government will invest in infrastructure programs from one end of the province to the other. The Department of Finance estimates that for each dollar spent on infrastructure, \$1.50 is generated to the economy.

Resolution C081214

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that the province be requested to pave the Villagedale Road and assist with the development of a business park in Barrington Passage through the recently announced infrastructure programs.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resignation

The Clerk informed members that a letter of resignation has been received from Shaun Hatfield resigning from all committees related to, or affiliated with, the Barrington Municipality, effective immediately, quoting his positions as both chairman and member of the Continuing Care Steering Committee.

Resolution C081215

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Strang that the letter of resignation received from Shaun Hatfield be accepted.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C081216

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a thank you letter be forwarded to Shaun Hatfield for his time and commitment to the Continuing Care Steering Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Court Decision Re: District 5 Election

The Clerk informed members that the application made under Section 158 and Section 166 of the Municipal Elections Act was considered by a judge on December 4, 2008. It was the decision of the judge that the election held in District 5 on October 18, 2008 be void, and therefore it is necessary to hold a special election to fill the vacancy in District 5. Council must first wait for the appeal period to expire before proceeding with the special election. It is proposed that a Special Meeting of Council be held on January 5, 2008 to deal with dates for the election. The Special Meeting of Council will commence at 7:00 and the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for that evening will follow.

Resolution C081217

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that a Special Meeting of Council be held on January 5, 2008 prior to the Committee of the Whole Meeting scheduled for that evening. The Special Council Meeting will be held for the purpose of setting dates for the election to be held to fill the vacancy in District 5.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

At this time a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with a potential lease agreement.

The Regular Council Meeting was then called back to order.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by G. El-Jakl that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website December 10, 2008.