

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, November 24, 2008.

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

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported that all councillors representing all districts of the Municipality were present with the exception of representation from District 5 as reported at the last meeting of Council.

- 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the minutes of the Emergency Council Meeting held November 6, 2008 and the Regular Council Meeting held November 10, 2008 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Shelburne County Port Readiness Steering Committee

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with correspondence from the South West Shore Development Authority advising that the Shelburne County Port Readiness Steering Committee hopes to attract cruise ships to Shelburne Harbour over the next few years. The committee is currently comprised of Shelburne and Area Chamber of Commerce, municipal leaders, Discover Shelburne County Tourism Association and other economic development groups. The committee will be hosting a 1 ½ days workshop which will provide information on attracting cruise ships. The workshop will take place in late January or early February and the committee has invited one participant from the Municipality of Barrington.

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

After making her comments, the Warden resumed the Chair.

Resolution C081117

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Councillor O'Donnell attend the workshop to obtain additional information on attracting cruise ships to Shelburne Harbour.

Motion carried unanimously.

Congratulations

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, Jamie Muir, congratulating councillors on their success in the recent municipal election.

Doctor Walter Vanast

Resolution C081118

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that a letter be forwarded to Dr. Walter Vanast advising that space is still available for him at the Community Health Centre should he wish to return, but that he would be responsible for making his own arrangements for secretarial staff, and that we apologize for any confusion which may have arisen from our thank you letter dated September 23, 2008.

Motion carried unanimously.

STEPHEN BANKS - EASTLINK RE: PROPOSED MUNICIPAL ANTENNA SITE

Mr. Stephen Banks of Eastlink appeared before the meeting and advised that Eastlink would be providing rural broadband service to Shelburne County. In order to provide this service it is necessary to install two towers in the Municipality of Barrington. Mr. Banks is suggesting that the time lines contained in Industry Canada's public consultation process be shortened. Industry Canada's Default Public Consultation Process requires the proponent to ensure that notification provides at least thirty (30) days for written public comment. Mr. Banks is suggesting that the Municipal Council adopt a policy to provide for only twenty (20) days for the public to respond.

Under the default process the proponent has sixty (60) days in which to address comments and concerns of the public. Mr. Banks is suggesting that this time line be reduced to twenty (20) days.

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

After making her comments she resumed the Chair.

Resolution C081119

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the time given for public comment of thirty (30) days remain unchanged and that the time provided to Eastlink, the proponent, to address public comments and concerns, be changed from sixty (60) days to twenty (20) days.

Motion carried unanimously.

RAY GREEN - RECREATION CONTRIBUTIONS

It was noted that Mr. Ray Green, former Recreation Director for the Municipality of Barrington, was honored by Recreation Nova Scotia for his outstanding contributions to the growth and development of the profession.

Resolution C081120

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by S. Strang that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to Ray Green on his recent award from Recreation Nova Scotia.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

The Clerk-Treasurer gave a report on activities during the month of October.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Cecil O'Donnell

No committees to report.

Councillor George El-Jakl

Planning Advisory Committee

Councillor George El-Jakl informed members that he was recently elected Chair of the Planning Advisory Committee for the Municipality.

Integrated Community Sustainability Plan Project

Resolution C081121

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the Planning Advisory Committee be appointed the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan Steering Committee as recommend by the Planner.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Cathy Stoddard

Councillor Stoddard gave a brief report on her activities since the last meeting of Council.

Councillor Sean Strang

Committee of the Whole

Kempton Goodwin

Resolution C081122

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality enforce the policy that no liquor is allowed in the Arena, and that Mr. Kempton Goodwin be required to pay the fine imposed upon him before he will again be allowed in the Arena.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C081123

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that Municipal Employees attend a meeting of Council in order to clarify municipal policy regarding alcohol in the Arena.

Motion carried unanimously.

At this time each member of Council was provided with a draft revised Arena Discipline Policy dealing with alcohol, illegal drugs and smoking.

The Clerk informed members that notice is given tonight and Council will consider these amendments at their next meeting.

It was also noted that the draft revised Arena Discipline Policy will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council.

Communications Committee - Destination Southwest Nova Scotia

Resolution C081124

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the V.I.C. Manager no longer be designated to be a member of the Destination Southwest Nova Scotia Communications Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Barrington Good Will Club

Resolution C081125

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that a grant of \$700.00 be provided to the Barrington Good Will Club from the District 3 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Old Farm Cemetery

Resolution C081126

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a grant of \$1,000.00 be provided from the District 2 Community Grants Fund to the Old Farm Cemetery Society.

Motion carried unanimously.

New Newellton Cemetery

Resolution C081127

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that a grant of \$1,000.00 be provided from the District 6 Community Grants Fund to the New Newellton Cemetery.

Motion carried unanimously.

Green Cart Funding Application

Resolution C081128

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality submit a Municipal Approved Program application for the 2009-2010 fiscal year in the amount of \$2,175.00 for the purchase of green carts.

Motion carried unanimously.

Property Services Supervisor

Resolution C081129

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.

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

The Clerk provided explanation on the separation of the two departments. The separation will result in minimal, if any, increase in cost.

It was suggested that the above motion be tabled until after the job descriptions can be reviewed.

The Warden then resumed the Chair.

Resolution C081130

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Strang that the above motion be tabled and that more information be obtained on salaries, etc.

Motion carried unanimously.

Christmas Break

Resolution C081131

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipal Office and Building Inspection Office be closed from 12:00 Noon December 24th, over the Christmas holidays, and reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, January 5, 2009.

Motion carried unanimously.

Staff will be expected to use accumulated vacation time during the Christmas break, totaling 4 ½ days.

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Committee of the Whole Council meet on Monday, December 22, 2008.

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

Resolution C08132

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Strang that the above motion be amended to indicate that the committee will meet providing there are sufficient agenda items to be discussed.

Motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion was then put to a vote as amended.

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl
Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cathy Stoddard
Sean Strang

NEGATIVE

Cecil O'Donnell

Motion carried.

The Warden resumed the Chair.

Essay Judging Contest

Resolution C081133

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Warden and Deputy Warden judge the Democracy 250 poster and essay contest which is being sponsored at the local schools by the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

J. R. Fry Pension

Resolution C081134

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality leave the contributions in the J. R. Fry pension plan that have actually been paid for the current year, and continue to fund the pension plan in the required amount over the next two years until the next actuarial valuation is completed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

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

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

REQUEST FOR ROAD NAME

The Clerk informed members that a petition has been received from residents located on a lane in Stoney Island. The lane only contains two residences, but due to the lack of civic addresses available on the main highway residents have been asked to name the lane and they will receive civic numbering off of that lane. The residents are requesting that their lane be named Camden Lane.

Resolution C081135

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that the petition received from Robbie Newell and Paige Newell requesting that their lane be named Camden Lane be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

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 then called back to order.

YEARLY INCREMENT

Resolution C081136

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Strang that Wes Deschamp, after having received a satisfactory performance evaluation, receive his yearly increment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be dealt with, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website November 26, 2008.