

Minutes of the first meeting of the newly elected Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, November 10, 2008.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Municipal Clerk with the following members present:

- Warden Louise Halliday
- Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Councillor Cecil O'Donnell (left at 7:35 p.m. due to health reasons)
- Councillor Cathy Stoddard
- Councillor Sean Strang

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was held in recognition of Remembrance Day.

OFFICIAL DECLARATION

The Municipal Clerk read the official declaration detailing the results of the general election held on October 18, 2008. A copy of the declaration is attached and forms part of the official proceedings of this meeting.

The Clerk informed members that Mr. Shaun Hatfield's qualifications to run for councillor in District 5 were questioned by an elector. Shaun Hatfield currently serves as the chairperson of the Continuing Care Steering Committee for the Municipality of Barrington. This matter is now in the hands of the courts since an application has been made under Section 158 and Section 166 of the Municipal Elections Act, as instructed by the Municipal Council at an emergency meeting held November 6, 2008. The Municipal Solicitor has advised that the earliest this matter can be addressed by the court would be December 4, 2008.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

The swearing in ceremony took place with the Municipal Clerk individually swearing in each member of Council with the exception of the councillor elected for District 5, which is to be determined.

ELECTION OF WARDEN

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that Louise Halliday be nominated for the position of Warden.

The nomination was accepted by Councillor Halliday.

After calling for nominations three times and having heard no additional nominations, the Clerk declared nominations closed.

Resolution C081102

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Louise Halliday be elected Warden.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Oath of Warden was then administered by the Municipal Clerk.

The chair was then assumed by the Warden.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that Donna LeBlanc-Messenger be nominated for the position of Deputy Warden.

The nomination was accepted by Councillor LeBlanc-Messenger.

Further nominations were called three times.

No further nominations were received.

Resolution C081103

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Strang that Donna LeBlanc-Messenger be elected as Deputy Warden.

Motion carried unanimously.

The oath for Deputy Warden was then administered by Warden Halliday.

BREAK

At this time a short break was held.

Councillor O'Donnell left the meeting at this time due to health reasons.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the minutes of the last meeting held October 6, 2008 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

B.M.H.S. Parking

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Chair of the Tri-County Regional School Board. The letter advised that the Board has reviewed the concerns expressed pertaining to the parking issue at Barrington Municipal High School, and was advised by legal counsel that this is not a Board issue. However, the Board asked staff to look into the matter and bring information forward at their September Board meeting. As a result of that report the Board has asked the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to install “no parking” signs between the school zone signs at Barrington Municipal High School.

It was felt by members that further discussion is required with all parties involved.

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

Resolution C081104

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Strang that the Tri-County Regional School Board, R.C.M.P., and the Principal of B.M.H.S. be requested to meet with the Committee of the Whole Council as soon as possible to discuss this matter further.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Warden resumed the Chair.

Essay Contest Re: Democracy 250

As part of Democracy 250 Celebrations, the Municipal Council offered a 1000 word essay contest to grade 6 students in the Municipality of Barrington. The deadline for submissions was Friday, November 7, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. No response was received. It was felt that the length of the essay deterred students from participating in the contest.

Resolution C081105

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that contact be made with the schools to determine an appropriate contest involving posters, essays, etc. and staff be instructed to proceed accordingly to offer this contest.

Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION - CPR AWARENESS MONTH

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a draft proclamation acknowledging CPR Awareness Month.

The proclamation was read by the Warden, and having received no objections, the Warden declared November 2008 as CPR Awareness Month in the Municipality of Barrington.

CORRESPONDENCE

Kids Help Phone

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of correspondence received from Kids Help Phone requesting financial assistance.

Resolution C081106

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that the Kids Help Phone be informed of the Municipality's grant policy and ask them to provide statistics on usage from Shelburne County.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tourism Development Officer

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Municipality of Shelburne, addressed to the South West Shore Development Authority. The letter advised that the Municipality of Shelburne supports the concept of a Tourism Manager for the County.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor George El-Jakl

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

Councillor Cathy Stoddard

Councillor Stoddard gave a brief report on her activities.

Councillor Sean Strang

Councillor Strang gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Deputy Warden Messenger gave a brief report on her activities since the last meeting of Council. She indicated that the leaf campaign held at Shoppers Drug Mart generated \$1,700.00 for the Western Shelburne County Health Care Charitable Society.

NEW BUSINESS

Dangerous and Unsightly Premises - Rachel & Ryan Atwood

The Clerk informed members that the By-Law Enforcement Officer has been working with Rachel Atwood to address the dangerous and unsightly condition of her property located at #5234 Shag Harbour. To date, 95% of the material has been picked up leaving only 5% to be dealt with. The By-Law Enforcement Officer is recommending that she continue to work with Ms. Atwood to have this matter resolved.

Resolution C081107

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by C. Stoddard that the By-Law Enforcement Officer continue to work with Rachel Atwood to have the dangerous and unsightly condition of her property addressed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Building Code Amendments

In advance to the meeting each member of Council was advised of proposed amendments to the Building Code. These amendments have been reviewed by the Building Inspector. The Building Inspector has advised that the amendments relate mainly to energy conservation requirements and design options.

Canteen Attendant

The Clerk informed members that it is necessary to hire a part-time canteen attendant. The position has already been advertised internally for two weeks with no response. The Clerk informed members that the previous Council gave Municipal Staff the authority to hire all part-time employees for their Council term which expired in October 2008.

Resolution C081108

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Strang that Municipal Staff hire all part-time employees for the current Council's term which is to expire in October 2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

ICSP Coordinator

The Clerk informed members that all municipal units in Nova Scotia receive gas tax monies through the provincial government. In order to receive this money each municipal unit must prepare an ICSP plan. The Y-A-B-C Planning Commission feels that it would be better to hire an ICSP Coordinator, jointly, to prepare the ICSP Plan and review the Municipal Planning Strategies and Land Use By-Laws for each municipal unit. This proposal has already been approved by the Municipality of Clare.

Hiring someone to complete the ICSP for one municipality would cost in the range of \$50,000 to \$65,000, plus expenses, per year. To hire one person to do the same project for all four units in the DPC, the estimated cost is two years salary at \$65,000 per year, plus benefits and expenses. This results in a per unit cost of \$37,500, plus sharing of expenses among the four units. This person could be paid for from gas tax funds.

Resolution 081109

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality participate in the above proposal and hire a Joint ICSP Coordinator for two years at a cost of \$37,500, plus benefits and expenses.

Motion carried unanimously.

B.M.H.S. Beach Sweep

On October 22, 2008 the B.M.H.S. Environment Committee carried out a beach sweep at Daniel's Head Beach, Cape Sable Island. In total, 15 bags of waste was collected.

Resolution C081110

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a letter be forwarded to the B.M.H.S. Environment Committee thanking them for their efforts to keep our beaches clean.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resignation

The Clerk informed members that Brian O'Connor, Property Services Supervisor, has tendered his resignation. Mr. O'Connor's last day of employment with the Municipality will be November 19, 2008. Mr. O'Connor has accepted a position with the Town of Shelburne.

Resolution C081111

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the position of Property Services Supervisor be further discussed at the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Due to there being two members absent from Council this evening it was agreed that only the committees scheduled to meet in the near future be reviewed at this time.

Resolution C081112

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by C. Stoddard that the following committee memberships be put in place:

Hiring Committee: - Cathy Stoddard
 - Sean Strang
 - George El-Jakl

Planning Advisory Committee: - Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
 - Cathy Stoddard
 - George El-Jakl

Shelburne County Industrial Commission: - Sean Strang

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

At this time a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with personnel matters.

The regular council meeting was then called back to order.

Performance Evaluations

Constance Malone

Resolution C081113

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that after having received a satisfactory performance evaluation Constance Malone, Canteen Attendant, receive her annual increment in the amount of \$0.64 per hour, effective October 16, 2008.

Motion carried unanimously.

Donna Deschamp

Resolution C081114

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that after having received a satisfactory performance evaluation Donna Deschamp, Canteen Attendant, receive her annual increment in the amount of \$0.64 per hour, effective October 15, 2008.

Motion carried unanimously.

Glen Muise

Resolution C081115

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by C. Stoddard that Glen Muise, Building Inspector, be hired full-time after having satisfactorily completing the six month probationary period.

Motion carried unanimously.

Anna Kenney

Resolution C081116

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by C. Stoddard that Anna Kenney, Recreation Director, after having received a satisfactory performance evaluation, receive her annual increment in the amount of \$1,038.00 per year, effective October 15, 2008.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by S. Strang that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

_____ Warden _____ Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On Website November 13, 2008.

OFFICIAL DECLARATION

As required by Section 129 of The Municipal Elections Act, I, Brian Holland, Clerk for the Municipality of The District of Barrington do officially declare elected the following members of Municipal Council for a four year term as a result of the elections held on Saturday, October 18, 2008.

POLLING DISTRICT 1 - GEORGE EL-JAKL
POLLING DISTRICT 2 - LOUISE HALLIDAY
POLLING DISTRICT 3 - DONNA LEBLANC-MESSENGER
POLLING DISTRICT 4 - CECIL O'DONNELL
POLLING DISTRICT 5 - APPLICATION MADE TO SUPREME COURT
POLLING DISTRICT 6 - SEAN STRANG
POLLING DISTRICT 7 - CATHY STODDARD

Congratulations to all our newly elected Councillors.

BRIAN HOLLAND
MUNICIPAL CLERK