

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, October 6, 2008.

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Deputy 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

Absent was Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk.

- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by S. Strang that the minutes of the last meeting held September 22, 2008 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Visitor Information Centre

Diane Smith, V.I.C. Manager, appeared before the meeting. In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of the year-end report for the 2008 tourist season. A total of 3,473 visitors stopped at the Centre this year compared to 3,988 in 2007. This was a decrease of 13% over last year mainly due to fewer U.S. visitors.

Diane was thanked for appearing before Council and giving her year-end report.

Recreation Department

Anna Kenney, Recreation Director, appeared before the meeting. Each member of Council was provided with a copy of her report for the month of September 2008. The report was reviewed item by item with councillors.

During her presentation she informed members that correspondence has been received indicating that the Department of Education has determined that the existing School Board liability coverage provides the School Board with the desired protection associated with community access to school facilities. This means that community groups and/or individuals wishing to use the school facilities will no longer need to be channeled through the Municipality.

Anna was thanked for appearing before Council and making her presentation.

Building Inspection Department

Glen Muise, Building Inspector, appeared before the meeting and gave his report for the month of September. He indicated that 10 permits were issued during the month and 36 inspections were carried out.

Glen was thanked for appearing before Council and making his presentation.

Property Services Department

The Property Services Supervisor, Brian O'Connor, appeared before the meeting and provided each member with a written report detailing activities for the month of September 2008. The report was reviewed in detail.

Brian was thanked for appearing before Council and making his presentation.

Department reports were completed at 8:15 p.m.

Deputy Warden Nickerson excused himself from the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Rachel and Ryan Atwood Dangerous & Unsightly Property - Shag Harbour

Rachel Atwood appeared before the meeting.

Members were informed that in May of 2008 a complaint was received regarding the condition of Rachel and Ryan Atwood's property located in Shag Harbour. Numerous attempts had been made by the By-Law Enforcement Officer to have the property owners clean up the property, without success. By letter dated September 17, 2008 the property owner was requested to take steps to clean up the property and failure to do so would result in Council being asked to issued an order at tonight's meeting.

The property was once again investigated by the By-Law Enforcement Officer on today's date and some progress has been made. Rachel Atwood informed members that a dumpster has been placed on her property and steps continue to clean up the property. Ms. Atwood is requesting that she be given until the end of October to finalize the cleanup.

Resolution C081001

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by W. Smith that Rachel and Ryan Atwood be granted an extension to October 31, 2008 to remedy the condition of their property located at 5234 Shag Harbour at which time this matter will be further considered by Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

LOYALIST LANDING 2008 SOCIETY

At this time Jim Mahaney and Al Delaney appeared before Council to thank Council for their support for their year long celebrations to recognize the 225th anniversary of the Loyalist landing in Shelburne. Mr. Delaney gave a brief report on activities the Society has carried out to date. A year end report will be presented to Council at the end of the year.

Deputy Warden Nickerson returned to the meeting.

Mr. Mahaney and Mr. Delaney were thanked for appearing before Council and making their presentation.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter of Resignation

The Deputy Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from Richard A. D. Nickerson resigning from his position on the Continuing Care Steering Committee and the Waterfront Development Committee. Mr. Nickerson will be leaving the area in the near future.

Resolution C081002

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipal Council accept the letter of resignation received from Richard A. D. Nickerson and that he be thanked for his service to the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Online Directory

The Deputy Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Department of Economic Development advising of their new online business and manufacturing directory. This new online directory replaces the provinces printed directory. All Nova Scotia businesses are listed for free and are encouraged to actively update information to ensure that visitors have access to the most comprehensive and accurate data possible.

Steps will be taken by staff to have the Municipality included in the online business directory.

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 Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

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

Councillor Wilford Smith

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

Highway Webcam

Resolution C081003

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by E. Nickerson that the Department of Transportation be requested to install a highway webcam at Exit 30 in Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Larry Stewart

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

Councillor Sean Strang

Committee of the Whole

By-Law No. 8 “Collection, Storage and Disposal of Waste”

Resolution C081004

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that a letter be sent to Mr. Jim Swimm indicating that the by-law was felt to be satisfactory, and that if Mr. Swimm believes there were individuals collecting waste illegally within the Municipality he should send the names of those individuals to the Municipal Office, in writing, so that they can be investigated by the By-Law Enforcement Officer.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. John O’Connor

Resolution C081005

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a letter be sent to Dr. Chris Murphy welcoming him to the Community Health Centre and informing him that Council is very pleased that he is beginning to provide services there.

Motion carried unanimously.

Business Park Access

Resolution C081006

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the South West Shore Development Authority be requested to have a traffic impact study completed and an engineering design completed for the proposed intersection with Highway #3 for access to the proposed business park in Barrington Passage, as required by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

Motion carried unanimously.

Exit 30 Access

Resolution C081007

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the Municipality proceed to obtain the owners unknown property at Exit 30 on Highway 103 as soon as possible.

Motion carried unanimously.

Nurse Practitioner

Moved by S. Strang that a letter be sent to the District Health Authority asking what portion of time is spent by the nurse practitioner in Barrington and will this time still be covered and a new practitioner provided should the current nurse practitioner move to another job.

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

Resolution C081008

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that Jodi Ybarra, District Nurse Practitioner Services Manager, Roseway Hospital, be invited to meet with Council to discuss the position of nurse practitioner.

Motion carried unanimously.

During discussion of this matter members made reference to an email received from the Municipal Clerk which indicated that the District Health Authority pays approximately \$2,600.00 per month in expenses at the Community Health Centre relating to the nurse practitioner.

Resolution C081009

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by W. Smith that further clarification be obtained on the \$2,600.00 monthly expense incurred by the District Health Authority regarding the nurse practitioner.

Motion carried unanimously.

Physician Recruitment Website

Resolution C080910

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the Municipality renew its domain name for the Physician Recruitment website for another year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Department of Transportation

Resolution C081011

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that a letter be sent to the Department of Transportation asking when and if the repairs requested to the Port LaTour Road will be done.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Warden Eddie Nickerson

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.