

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, September 22, 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 Deputy Warden Eddie Nickerson who is expected to join the meeting shortly.

- Warden Louise Halliday
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Councillor Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor Wilford Smith
- Councillor Larry Stewart
- Councillor Sean Strang
- Deputy Warden Eddie Nickerson (7:05 p.m.)

#### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was agreed that the following items be added to the agenda:

- Correspondence from Service Nova Scotia.
- Cape Sable Historical Society.
- Walk to School.
- Nurse Practitioner.

#### DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by W. Smith and seconded by L. Stewart that the minutes of the last meeting of Council held September 8, 2008 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

#### RESTORATIVE JUSTICE WEEK

The Warden informed members that correspondence has been received from Correctional Service of Canada requesting Council to declare Restorative Justice Week 2008.

The Warden read the proclamation and after having received no objection she declared November 15 - 23, 2008 as Restorative Justice Week in the Municipality of Barrington.

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### Thank You Card

The Clerk informed members that a thank you card has been received from the Western Shelburne County Health Care Charitable Society thanking Council for their donation.

#### Department of Transportation Matters

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Department of Transportation advising of the following:

- Roadside drainage near Vernon d'Eon Lobster Plugs in South Side has been referred to the Operations Supervisor for investigation.
- Roadside drainage at #414, The Hawk, has been discussed with the Operations Supervisor and the adjacent property owner has drainage improvements to make to his property in advance of the Department completing ditching along the roadway.
- Villagedale Road. This matter has been referred to the Construction Manager for consideration in next year's capital program.

#### Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations

The Clerk informed members that Stephen Feist, Municipal Advisor, will now be responsible for the Valley and Northern Nova Scotia. Paul Wills will take responsibility for the South Shore area.

#### Cape Sable Historical Society

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Cape Sable Historical Society thanking Council for their grant.

#### Walk to School

The Clerk read correspondence from the Recreation Director inviting councillors to take part in the "Walk to School" event. This will be held on October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Barrington & Area Lions Club.

It was agreed that an email be forwarded to councillors providing additional details on this event.

### REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden gave a brief report on her activities since the last meeting of Council including Discover Shelburne County meeting, the meeting of the South West Shore Development Authority, UNSM Conference, etc.

During the Warden's report she informed members that the South West Shore Development Authority have now decided that it would be left up to the individual councils to appoint their alternate from Council or from the public, whichever they prefer.

During the Warden's report question was raised regarding the Provincial Property Tax Rebate Program.

Resolution C080910

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by L. Stewart that a link be put on the Municipal website providing easy access for residents to the Provincial Tax Rebate Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Deputy Warden Eddie Nickerson

The Deputy Warden gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council including the Semi Annual Meeting with Fire Departments and the C.S.I. Sewer.

Councillor Sean Strang

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Water Hole - Brass Hill

Resolution C080911

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that Municipal Staff carry out the necessary repairs to the water hole located across from the Treatment Plant on Brass Hill.

Motion carried unanimously.

Capital Investment Plan

Resolution C080912

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that the proposed 2008 Capital Investment Plan be approved by Council as required and subsequently forwarded to Service Nova Scotia.

Motion carried unanimously.

Doctor Vanast

Resolution C080913

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a letter of thanks be sent to Dr. Vanast for his services to the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Order of Nova Scotia

Resolution C080914

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality again submit the nomination of Hattie Perry for the Order of Nova Scotia in 2009.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Larry Stewart

Councillor Stewart gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council including the Continuing Care reception held at Bay Side Home, the Semi-Annual Meeting with Fire Departments, the recent PAC meeting, etc.

Councillor Wilford Smith

Councillor Smith gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council including Semi-Annual Meeting with Fire Departments, etc.

Councillor Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Councillor Messenger gave a brief report on her activities since the last meeting of Council including the Terry Fox Run, Tree of Life Program, Brass Hill Playground Fundraiser, etc.

Councillor George El-Jakl

Councillor El-Jakl gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council including the Semi-Annual Meeting with Fire Departments, the recent Planing Advisory Committee Meeting, the Terry Fox Run, Wood's Harbour Sidewalk & Trail Project, etc.

REPORT OF CLERK

The Municipal Clerk gave a brief report on activities for the month of August 2008.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposals Re: Refurbishing Lawn at Library/CED Centre

The Clerk informed members that the two proposals received for refurbishing the lawn at the Library/CED Centre have been reviewed and it is recommended that the proposal received from Gardiner Allen be accepted.

Resolution C080915

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the proposal received from Gardiner Allen to refurbish the lawn at the Library/CED Centre be accepted in the amount of \$13,541.92, including H.S.T.

Motion carried unanimously.

Shag Harbour Incident Society

The Clerk informed members that the Shag Harbour Incident Society is applying for funding from the federal government to assist with the cost of holding a festival next year. Section 5 of the application requires confirmation of support from municipal government. The Society has detailed the municipal contribution as follows:

- plaque for stage drop \$1,000.00 (grant already approved by Council)
- help from Warden and Deputy Warden - \$500.00 in kind donation
- projector and other things borrowed - \$500.00 in kind donation

This results in a total municipal contribution of \$2,000.00

Resolution C080916

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that Council support the application for funding as requested by the Shag Harbour Incident Society.

Motion carried unanimously.

Nurse Practitioner

The Clerk informed members that it has recently been learned that Duana MacDonald, Nurse Practitioner, recently applied for a position in Argyle. She will most likely get the job.

It is anticipated that a new Nurse Practitioner will be hired for Shelburne County. This person will be required to work one day per week in Lockeport and split the rest of her time equally between Barrington and Shelburne. There was concern that this would result in less time being spent in the Barrington Office, which means less service to local residents.

Resolution C080917

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by W. Smith that information be collected on work performed by the Nurse Practitioner at the Community Health Centre and that this matter be discussed at a later date.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

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 - Shelley Stoddard

Resolution C080918

**Moved** by W. Smith and seconded by L. Stewart that Shelley Stoddard be granted her yearly increment effective September 28<sup>th</sup>, subject to her receiving a satisfactory performance evaluation.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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Warden

Clerk

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website September 23, 2008.**