

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 8, 2008.

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The 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

- 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 L. Stewart that the minutes of the last meeting held August 25, 2008 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The Warden informed members that it is necessary to add the following items to the agenda:

- Dairy Industry Credits.
- V.I.C. Manager's Report.
- Health Promotion Grant.
- Cape Sable Lighthouse.
- Minister of Education.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dairy Industry Credits

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from Valda Walsh, Regional Coordinator, advising that the Dairy Industry Credits for the Municipality of Barrington and the Town of Clark's Harbour total \$6,462.00.

V.I.C. Manager's Report

The Clerk reported on the Barrington Visitor Information Centre stats ending August 31, 2008. August stats show a decrease of 8% over last August, but the year still holds an increase of 3% over last year. The number of US visitors dropped for the month of August as well as for the year 2008. The main interest of the visitors are still the fishing communities, beaches, lighthouses and museums.

Health Promotion Grant

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Department of Health Promotion and Protection advising that they will contribute up to 50% of the cost to carry out improvements to the Brass Hill Playground. The total grant to be provided by the Department is \$3,525.00. The Clerk informed members that the Playground Group have received approval from the Municipality for a grant of \$3,500.00. They have raised approximately \$1,700.00 from a yard sale they held this past summer and the group is planning another fundraising event to be held at Wilson's Shopping Centre on September 20, 2008.

Cape Sable Lighthouse

MP Gerald Keddy had previously been asked by Council to seek the necessary funds to have the Cape Sable Lighthouse painted. Mr. Keddy has advised that he has written the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans on a couple of occasions requesting DFO to locate the necessary funds to paint the lighthouse. Mr. Keddy advised that at present it looks as if DFO is not willing to paint the lighthouse. Mr. Keddy indicated that he would revisit the issue with the Minister of Fisheries when the new budget is being drafted.

Minister of Education

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Minister of Education in response to our letter dated July 25th regarding the 2008/2009 funding provided to the Tri-County Regional School Board. The letter advised that the Department provides school boards with the same funding for the same circumstances. The operational circumstances of different schools within the School Board, however, differ considerably across the province in terms of the cost of providing comparable educational opportunities. The funding provided to school boards therefore does, and should, vary to reflect differences in the circumstances and costs associated with providing similar program opportunities for our children. The Minister extended an offer for staff to provide Council with a presentation to provide background on the funding formula.

Resolution C080901

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that the offer made by the Minister for staff to provide Council with a presentation be accepted.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden gave a brief report on her activities since the last meeting of Council. Her report included the recent RDA Meeting.

Report of Councillors.

Councillor George El-Jakl

Councillor El-Jakl gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting. He informed members that the Wood's Harbour Fire Hall has now been completed and the sidewalk is scheduled to be paved very shortly.

Councillor Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

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

Councillor Wilford Smith

No committees to report.

Grant Request

Councillor Smith informed members that the Society for the Preservation of the Greenhill Community Church will be erecting a six foot professionally sculpted fishermen as a memorial to the brave seamen. The Society is requesting financial assistance in the amount of \$500.00.

Resolution C080902

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Stewart that the Society for the Preservation of the Greenhill Community Church be provided a grant in the amount of \$500.00 from the District 4 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Larry Stewart

No committees to report.

Councillor Sean Strang

Committee of the Whole Council

Request from Clark's Harbour PeeWee AA Foggies

Resolution C080903

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the Clark's Harbour PeeWee AA Foggies baseball team be provided a grant of \$100.00 from District 5, \$100.00 from District 6, and \$100.00 from District 7 of the Community Grants Fund, totaling \$300.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve Association

Resolution C080904

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that the Association be provided with a short summary of our past and present sustainability initiatives.

Motion carried unanimously.

Request for Leave

Resolution C080905

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that Councillor Donna LeBlanc-Messenger be granted a leave of absence, as needed, for a family illness.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Warden Eddie Nickerson

No committees to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Playground Funding Policy

The Clerk informed members that Notice of Consideration was given at the August 25, 2008 Council meeting. Council will consider the adoption of the Playground Funding Policy tonight. The purpose of the policy is to provide funding to playground organizations in an organized manner.

Resolution C080906

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Stewart that the proposed Playground Funding Policy be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tenders Re: Fire Escape Old Court House

The Clerk informed members that an advertisement had been placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper inviting tenders for the construction of an exterior fire escape at the Old Court House.

Only one tender was received and that tender was opened by the Warden.

The Warden informed members that the tender was from Knowles Enterprises Ltd., General Contractors of Barrington Passage. The tender was in the amount of \$1,356.00, which included tax.

Resolution C080907

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Stewart that the tender submitted by Knowles Enterprises Ltd. for the construction of a fire escape at the Old Court House be accepted subject to meeting all specifications of the tender call.

Motion carried unanimously.

Proposals Re: Refurbishing Lawn at Library/CED Centre

The Clerk informed members that an advertisement was placed in a local newspaper inviting proposals to refurbish the lawn at the Library/CED Centre. Two proposals were received which were opened by the Warden. The tenders received were as follows:

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| - Spencer's Garden Centre & Landscaping | \$7,610.00, including H.S.T. |
| - Gardiner Allen Excavating Ltd. | \$13,541.92, including H.S.T. |

Resolution C080908

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that Municipal Staff review the proposals received and present a recommendation to Council at their next meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Hawk Beach Road

Deputy Warden Nickerson informed members that The Hawk Beach Road has been graded by the Department of Transportation. Although the grading is appreciated by residents, additional repairs to the road are needed.

Resolution C080909

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that the Department of Transportation be requested to place Type 1 gravel on The Hawk Beach Road, and that the hole at the beginning of the road be filled in. A copy of this letter is to be forwarded to Greg Newell and the Minister of Transportation.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by S. Strang that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website September 9, 2008.