

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, July 14, 2008. The meeting was called to order by 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.

- Louise Halliday, Warden
- 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.)

- 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 129th Annual Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held June 23, 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:

- Benefit Concert.
- Western Counties Regional Library Annual Report.
- Garden Party.
- Care Clown Week.
- Captain Gideon White.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Owners Unknown Property

The Clerk informed members that the motion, to obtain the owners unknown property at Exit 30 off Highway 103 was tabled at the June 23, 2008 Council meeting. This motion was tabled until staff had an opportunity to view the property to determine its suitability.

The Clerk informed members that he is still awaiting information from the Department of Transportation regarding access to the property, and staff have not yet viewed the property for suitability.

This motion will be brought forward at a future meeting of Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

Safe Grad

The Clerk informed members that a thank you letter has been received from the Barrington Municipal High School Safe Grad Committee thanking Council for their financial contribution toward their Safe Grad activities.

Canada Post

Correspondence has been received from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers informing Council that the federal government is conducting a very quick, and potentially damaging review of our public post offices as part of the Canada Post Corporations' Strategic Review. The Canadian Union of Postal Workers is very concerned that the government's review includes an examination of deregulation. Deregulation in other countries has led to post office closures, less service, fewer jobs and higher postal rates for the public and small businesses. The CUPW is requesting Council to consider passing the resolution provided and writing a letter or submission to the Canada Post Strategic Review.

Resolution C080701

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang and carried that:

WHEREAS the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review, which was launched by the federal government on April 21, 2008, is looking at deregulating our public post office (i.e. reducing or removing Canada Post's exclusive privilege on letters).

WHEREAS it will become increasingly difficult for our public post office to provide affordable service to everyone, no matter where they live, if the government erodes or eliminates the very mechanism that funds universal postal service - the exclusive privilege.

WHEREAS postal deregulation in other countries has led to post office closures, less service, fewer jobs and higher postal rates for the public and small businesses.

WHEREAS the government is not holding public hearings as part of its strategic review or adequately consulting with the real owners of the post office - the public.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Municipality of Barrington send a letter or submission to the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review opposing deregulation of Canada Post and insisting that the government hold public hearings and properly consult with the true owners of Canada Post - the public.

Request for Financial Assistance

Correspondence has been received from Courtney Nickerson requesting financial assistance to attend the conference at the World Bank Headquarters in Washington, D.C. The conference “Miracles of Development: Good Governance and Capacity Building” will be held July 8-11, 2008.

Resolution C080702

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by L. Stewart that Courtney Nickerson be advised that Council supports her efforts, but are unable to provide financial assistance since it is not the practice of the Municipality to provide funding to individuals for this type of activity.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tri-County Pregnancy Care Centre

Correspondence has been received from the Tri-County Pregnancy Care Centre thanking Council for their financial contribution.

Request Re: Mail Delivery

Members were advised that correspondence has been received from Ruby Messenger requesting mail delivery to the properties of Bay Vista Apartments and Ken Anthony’s apartments located in Barrington Passage.

Resolution C080703

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the request received from Ruby Messenger be forwarded to Canada Post for their consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tri-County Housing Authority

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Department of Community Services advising that the Municipality’s share of the Tri-County Housing Authority’s budget deficit is \$24,369.00. This amount was included in the audited financial statement.

Shelburne Association Supporting Inclusion

Correspondence has been received from Shelburne Association Supporting Inclusion thanking Council for their financial support.

TCRSB Budget

Correspondence has been received from Andrea Huskison-Newell, concerned parent, FRA School Advisory Committee Chairperson, expressing concern regarding the level of funding provided to the Tri-County Regional School Board and the impact of required cuts. Mrs. Newell is requesting Council to write a letter of support of the TCRSB obtaining more funds.

In her correspondence Mrs. Newell also made reference to the funding allocation for the 2007/2008 fiscal year for the Strait Regional School Board compared to funds provided to the Tri-County Regional School Board.

Resolution C080704

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by W. Smith that a letter be written to the Department of Education requesting an explanation of the difference in funds between two school boards, the Strait Regional School Board and Tri-County Regional School Board, and express Council's concern regarding the funding cuts to the Tri-County Regional School Board and emphasize the affects of the quality of education being provided to our students as a result of these cuts.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C080705

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that a letter be written to the Department of Education requesting more funds for the Tri-County Regional School Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C080706

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded and seconded by D. Messenger that our School Board representative, Robie Atkinson, be invited to attend a Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss funding cuts.

Motion carried unanimously.

Bluenose Coastal Action Foundation

Correspondence has been received from Bluenose Coastal Action Foundation reintroducing the Environmental Home Assessment Program. The Foundation is asking municipalities to include EHAP information in public notices and communications to inform the public of this free program.

Benefit Concert

An email has been received from Amber Malone requesting the use of one of our facilities to host a benefit concert for the Hogg family.

Resolution C080707

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by W. Smith that additional information be obtained by the Clerk, and the use of a municipal facility for a benefit concert be left at the discretion of the Municipal Clerk.

Motion carried unanimously.

Western Counties Regional Library Annual Report

The Clerk advised that the Western Counties Regional Library Annual Report has been received and a copy is available at the Office if anyone should wish to review it.

The Clerk informed members that the Barrington Municipal Library has maintained its increased levels of use. Since the opening of the new branch circulation has been up approximately 30%.

Resolution C080708

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by W. Smith that a letter be sent to the local branch thanking staff and extending our appreciation for their role in making our branch a success.

Motion carried unanimously.

Garden Party

The Shelburne Historical Society, in partnership with the Black Loyalist Heritage Society and the 3rd New Jersey Volunteers, have extended an invitation to Warden and Councillors to attend their annual garden party on Sunday, July 20th.

Care Clown Week

Correspondence has been received from the Care Clown Program requesting Council to join the Province of Nova Scotia in recognizing the first week of August as Care Clown Week.

Captain Gideon White

Nova Scotia Archives and Records Management will hold an official launch of Captain Gideon White Family Papers, on Friday, July 18, 2008.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden provided 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

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Councillor Sean Strang

Committee of the Whole Council

B.M.H.S. Concerns

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that a letter be sent to the Tri-County Regional School Board requesting them to deal with the concerns regarding students in the area of Barrington Municipal High School, and that a copy be sent to the School Board representative.

Resolution C080709

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that the above motion be amended to also send a copy of the letter to Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Ryer.

Motion carried unanimously.

The original motion as amended was then put to a vote and carried unanimously.

Carpentry and Plumbing Tenders

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality hire licenced tradesmen, when, and as required.

Motion defeated.

Resolution C080710

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality tender for plumbing services, by invitation, as per our purchasing policy.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C080711

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality hire carpenters as required, as per our purchasing policy.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Grant Requests

Resolution C080712

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the following Community Grant requests be approved:

- Wood's Harbour Days	\$ 500.00	District 1
- Samuel Wood Historical Society	\$1,000.00	District 1
- Woodside Cemetery	\$ 500.00	District 4
- The Society for the Preservation of the Greenhill Community Church	\$ 500.00	District 4
- Greenhill Senior Citizens Club	\$ 500.00	District 4
- River Dale Cemetery	\$ 600.00	District 3
- Villagedale Cemetery	\$ 600.00	District 3
- Military Museum	\$ 500.00	District 3
- Cape Sable Historical Society	\$ 500.00	District 3
- Barrington Municipal Exhibition (to assist with the cost of installing lighting for the grandstand)	\$ 500.00	District 3
- Barrington Municipal Exhibition	\$ 500.00	District 4
- Barrington Municipal Exhibition	\$ 250.00	District 6
- Chapel Hill Museum	\$1,000.00	District 2
- Shag Harbour Incident Society	\$1,000.00	District 2
- Barrington Municipal Exhibition	\$ 250.00	District 2
- Archelaus Smith Historical Society	\$ 750.00	District 6
- Newellton Community Hall	\$1,000.00	District 6

Motion carried unanimously.

RRFB Application

Resolution C080713

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality make an application for funding to the Resource Recovery Fund Board in the amount of \$61,000.00 for a public sorting station to be located at the C & D Landfill Site.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Warden Eddie Nickerson

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

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

The Clerk-Treasurer presented his report for the month of May.

NEW BUSINESS

Building Permit Report

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a Building Permit Report for the month of April, May and June 2008. The report showed comparative figures for 2000 - 2008.

V.I.C. Stats Report

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a Stats Report for the period ending June 30, 2008. V.I.C. staff have recorded 727 visitors to the Centre for 2008 between May 16th and June 30th. For 2007 for the same period of time 706 visitors were recorded. The slight increase over last year is attributed to the Nova Scotia Nature AGM which was held at the V.I.C.

Notice of Consideration Re: Certificate of Recognition Policy

A new Certificate of Recognition Policy has been drafted for consideration of Council. The policy provides for the issuance of certificates of recognition for 50th anniversaries and above, birthdays of 75 years and above, volunteer fire fighters, volunteer emergency service providers and certificates to individuals or groups within the Municipality who have contributed much to the community, or who has achieved sports and other milestones. Notice was given tonight that the policy will be considered for adoption at the next meeting of Council.

Notice of Consideration Re: Policy No. 17 Repeal

The Clerk informed members that when the newly drafted policy for Certificates of Recognition is approved, then it will be necessary for Policy No. 17 regarding recognition of volunteer fire fighters and volunteer emergency service providers to be repealed. Notice is given this evening and further consideration to repeal this policy will be carried out at the next meeting of Council.

Community Health Centre Roof Tenders

The Clerk informed members that an advertisement has been placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper inviting tenders for the reshingling of the Community Health Centre. Three (3) tenders have been received. The tenders were opened by the Warden and were as follows:

- Knowles Enterprises Ltd. General Contracting	\$20,216.27, including HST
- Marshall Blades	\$18,000.00
- Mike Hennigar	\$24,430.00, plus HST

During discussion of the tenders it was noted that Marshall Blades' tender failed to include the certification from Workers Compensation Board of Nova Scotia as requested in the tender documents, therefore the tender received from Mr. Blades will not be accepted.

Resolution C080714

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the tenders received for the reshingling of the Community Health Centre be reviewed by the Clerk-Treasurer, and that the tender be awarded to the lowest tender meeting all requirements of the tender call.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

At this time a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with acquisition of land, legal matter and personnel matter.

The Regular Council Meeting was called back to order.

Yearly Increment

Resolution C080715

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by S. Strang that Michael Swim be granted his yearly increment after having received a satisfactory performance evaluation.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by S. Strang that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website July 16, 2008.