

Minutes of the 129th Annual Meeting of the Barrington Municipal Council, held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, June 23, 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:

- 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 S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that the minutes of the last meeting held June 9, 2008 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Audited Financial Report

Mr. Doug Drane, of Redding and Drane, appeared before the meeting and presented Audited Financial Statements for the Municipality for the year ending March 31, 2008. Members were also provided with a copy of a Statement of Operations showing comparative figures for the last five years. For the year ended March 31, 2008, the Municipality realized a surplus of \$12,655.00.

Mr. Drane was thanked for appearing before Council and making his presentation.

Resolution C080610

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by S. Strang that the Audited Financial Report as presented by Mr. Doug Drane be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Estimates of Revenues and Expenditures 2008/2009

In advance to the meeting each member of Council was provided with a copy of the proposed budget, as well as a brief summary of the 2008/2009 Operating Budget, for the Municipality of Barrington.

The Municipal Clerk made a power point presentation providing an overview of the budget.

The Municipal Clerk was thanked for making his presentation to Council.

Resolution Setting Tax Rates, Due Dates and Interest

Resolution C080611

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by Wilford Smith that:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of the District of Barrington estimates that the sum required for lawful purposes of the Municipality of the District of Barrington for the year 2008/2009 after crediting the probable revenue from all sources other than the rates for the year, including properties whose tax or grant varies with the tax rate, making due allowance for the current year which may not be collected or collectible, as the sum of Four Million, Five Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand, Fifty-Four Dollars (\$4,587,054.00);

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the levying and collecting of a rate for the current year of Two Dollars and Fifty-Two Cents (\$2.52) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) on the assessed value of the commercial property including business occupancy, and One Dollar and Seven Cents (\$1.07) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) on the assessed value of the residential and resource property in the assessment rolls for the current year, and being the rate the Council deems sufficient to raise the sum required to defray current expenditures of the Municipality for the current year, and deficit from preceding years, but not include area rates, service charges or special assessments.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the rates and taxes for the year 2008/2009 shall become due and payable on July 2, 2008 and after that date rates and taxes may be collected by warrant and:

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that an additional charge of interest at the rate of Eighteen Percent (18%) per annum be charged on all current rates, area rates and special assessments not paid before September 2, 2008.

Motion carried unanimously.

Area Fire Rates

Resolution C080612

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the following area rates be set for 2008/2009 fiscal year:

Woods Harbour Volunteer Fire Department	\$0.12/\$100.00 of assessment
Shag Harbour/Bear Point Volunteer Fire Department	\$0.096/\$100.00 of assessment
Barrington Volunteer Fire Department	\$0.038/\$100.00 of assessment
District 8 Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department	\$0.069/\$100.00 of assessment
Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department	\$0.99/\$100.00 of assessment
Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department	\$0.073/\$100.00 of assessment

Motion carried unanimously.

Sewer Service Charge

Resolution C080613

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that the sewer service charges for the fiscal year 2008/2009 be set at \$300.00 per unit for the Wood's Harbour system, and \$266.00 per unit for the Barrington-Barrington Passage system.

Motion carried unanimously.

Temporary Borrowing Resolution

Resolution C080614

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by S. Strang that:

WHEREAS the combined total of taxes levied by the Municipality and the amounts received or to be received by the Municipality from Her Majesty the Queen in the Right of Canada or in right of the Province of Nova Scotia or from an agency, is estimated to \$4,710,618.00.

AND the aggregate amount of the taxes estimated to be levied for the current year will exceed \$4,587,054.00.

AND it is necessary to borrow the sum of \$1,000,000.00 from the Royal Bank of Canada to defray the current expenditure of the Municipality which was authorized by the Council on the 23rd day of June 2008, until such time as the taxes levied can be collected.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the District of Barrington (hereinafter call the "Corporation").

1ST THAT the Warden, with the Treasurer of the said Corporation, be and they are hereby authorized under the seal of the Corporation, to borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada the sum of \$1,000,000.00 Dollars as the same may be required from time to time for the purpose of defraying the annual current expenditure of the Corporation.

2ND THAT the said Warden, with the Treasurer aforesaid be, and they are hereby authorized to pay or allow to the said Bank, interest on the said sum of \$1,000,000.00 Dollars at the Bank interest rate prevailing by way of discount or otherwise howsoever as they may deem best.

3RD THAT the promissory note or notes of the said Corporation, sealed with the Corporate Seal and signed by the Warden and Treasurer of the said Corporation, be given from time to time as required in security for the amounts borrowed from time to time under the provision of the Resolution.

4TH THAT the said sum of \$1,000,000.00 Dollars so to be borrowed shall be payable on or before the 30th day of September A.D., 2008, and the promissory note or notes of the said Corporation given therefore, which shall be under the seal of the Corporation, and if made payable before the said 30th day of September A.D. 2008, may be renewed by the said Warden and Treasurer from time to time, but no renewal shall fall due later than the 30th day of September next.

5TH THAT the giving of such notes or renewal notes, as aforesaid, shall not be deemed satisfaction to the said Bank of the said advance or interest, but as evidence only of indebtedness.

Motion carried unanimously.

Farm Acreage Tax

Resolution C080615

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that the Farm Acreage Tax for the year 2008/2009 fiscal year be \$2.63 per acre for all land that is assessed as exempt farm land.

Motion carried unanimously.

Application - Rink Revitalization

It is proposed that an application for funding be made to Health Promotion and Protection to assist with the cost of maintenance at the Barrington Municipal Arena. Proposed maintenance will include rain gutters, office floor replacement, deep fryer for canteen, new telephone system, Olympia tires, etc.

Resolution C080616

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by W. Smith that the application for Rink Revitalization be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

2008 Community Litter Clean-up Program

The Clerk informed members that the 2008 Community Litter Clean-up Program has been completed. The program covered 100 kilometers and 14 tons of waste was collected in total.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Fire Truck Annual Service Program

The Clerk informed members that Council previously received three proposals from companies interested in providing the Fire Truck Annual Service Program. Council at that time referred the proposals to the fire chiefs for evaluation and recommendation. It is the recommendation of the fire chiefs that the proposal received from Bernie Kett Fire Truck Specialist, of Centreville, New Brunswick, be accepted.

Resolution C080617

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that the proposal received from Bernie Kett Fire Truck Specialist be accepted to provide the Fire Truck Annual Service Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Scallop Fishery

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Town of Shelburne supporting our efforts to have the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans to meet with representatives of local fishermen to discuss concerns related to lobster habitat.

The Clerk also informed members that correspondence has been received from the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, Loyola Hearn. The letter advised that he is unable to meet with local fishermen as requested. The letter further advised that interactions between various sectors and their potential impact on habitat and other by-catch is always a concern. The letter further advised that there are well established advisory bodies currently in place in both the scallop and lobster sectors in our area and both interests are well represented. He is suggesting that this forum should best serve the interest of both groups.

Resolution C080618

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by S. Strang that copies of both letters be forwarded to the local fishermen representative, P. Wayne Smith, Clam Point.

Motion carried unanimously.

Hawk Dayze Monument

In advance to the meeting members were provided with photographs showing the proposed location for the monument that is being installed at The Hawk by the Hawk Dayze Committee. It is proposed that the monument be installed on municipal property near the water.

Resolution C080619

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that the proposed location for the Hawk Dayze Monument be approved as shown in the pictures.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden gave a brief report on her activities since the last meeting of Council she attended. As part of her report she informed members that she attended the Lieutenant Governors' Awards on June 4, 2008. B.M.H.S. students Brittany Wile and Brock Zinck were this years recipients.

Resolution C080620

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that letters of congratulations be forwarded to Brittany Wile and Brock Zinck.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE CONT'D

Dangerous and Unsightly Premises Complaint

The Warden informed members that she received an anonymous complaint regarding the dangerous and unsightly condition of property owned by Richard Nickerson located on the corner of the #3 Highway and Petticoat Lane, in Barrington.

Resolution C080621

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by W. Smith that the matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further consideration, and in the meantime it be investigated by the By-Law Enforcement Officer.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Larry Stewart

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

Councillor Sean Strang

Committee of the Whole Council

Joelle Nickerson Re: Recreation Summer Staff

Resolution C080622

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Recreation and Personnel Policies be amended to clarify the hiring of summer employees for the Day Camp Councillor positions and that advertising for these positions be done with a deadline no later than the first week of May.

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

She suggested Council may want to set an earlier deadline and suggested April.

After making her comments she resumed the Chair.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discover Shelburne County Tourism Coordinator

Resolution C080623

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter be sent to Discover Shelburne County Tourism Association indicating that the Municipality of Barrington has made its commitment and provided its proposal to the Association. The Municipality will further consider any proposal provided by Discover Shelburne County once the other municipal units have made a commitment to it.

Motion carried unanimously.

Owners Unknown Property

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality obtain the owners unknown property at Exit 30, off Highway 103, and proceed with the required survey of the estimated cost of \$7,000.00.

Resolution C080624

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that the above motion be tabled and staff be requested to view the property to determine its suitability. Upon receipt of the staff report this matter will be further considered by Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

Road Name

Resolution C080624

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the name of Hilltop Drive be approved for a new road in Newellton leading to the property of Douglas and Becky Atwood.

Motion carried unanimously.

Department of Environment Ticket

Resolution C080625

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality have the Municipal Solicitor contest the ticket issued by the Department of Environment which was issued on June 12, 2008 and delivered by Mr. Stephen Doucette.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Warden Eddie Nickerson

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

Resolution C080626

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to Mr. Aaron Nickerson on winning the 2008 Nova Scotia Mid-Am Golf Championship.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Wilford Smith

Councillor Smith 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 George El-Jakl

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

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

The Clerk-Treasurer's Report for the month of May will be presented at the next meeting of Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

____ Secretary for the Meeting

On website June 24, 2008.

