

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, April 28, 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 Donna LeBlanc-Messenger who is away on vacation.

- Warden Louise Halliday
- Deputy Warden Eddie Nickerson
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- 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 S. Strang that the minutes of the last meeting held April 14, 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:

- Sherose Island Tourist Rest Stop.
- Digby-Saint John Ferry.
- B.M.H.S. Safe Grad.
- Closed Session Re: Legal Matter.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Sherose Island Tourist Rest Stop

Correspondence was forwarded to the Department of Transportation requesting permission to establish a tourist rest stop on property owned by the Department on Sherose Island.

Correspondence has now been received from the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal advising that there does not appear to be sufficient room to permit the construction of a tourist rest stop opposite Civic #91 on the Sherose Island Road.

Resolution C080426

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by S. Strang that Joyce Christie of Sherose Island be advised of the response received from the Department of Transportation concerning the proposed tourist rest stop.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Citation for Citizenship

Correspondence has been received from the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration advising that they are now seeking nominations for the prestigious 2008 Citation for Citizenship Award.

Buy-A-Net

Correspondence has been received from Buy-A-Net Malaria Prevention Group encouraging the Municipality and its citizens to get involved in the war on malaria.

Resolution C080427

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that this correspondence be referred to the budget deliberations for consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Guarantee Resolution - Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department

The Clerk informed members that it is necessary for Council to consider a Guarantee Resolution in the amount of \$250,000 for the Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department for the purpose of purchasing a fire truck and construction of a new fire hall.

Resolution C080428

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by W. Smith that the following resolution be approved:

WHEREAS the Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department is registered with the Municipality of the District of Barrington;

AND WHEREAS the Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department has determined to borrow the aggregate principal amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) for the purpose of the purchase of a fire truck (\$80,000) and construction to the fire hall (\$170,000);

AND WHEREAS the Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department has requested a municipality to guarantee the said borrowing;

AND WHEREAS Section 294(6) of the Municipal Government Act provides that a municipality may grant or lend money to, or guarantee a loan for, a registered fire department for operating or capital purposes;

AND WHEREAS Section 88(3) of the Municipal Government Act provided that no guarantee of a borrowing by a municipality shall have effect unless the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations has approved of the proposed borrowing or debenture and of the proposed guarantee;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT the Municipality of the District of Barrington does hereby approve the borrowing by the Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) for the purpose set out above;

THAT subject to the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations of the guarantee, the Municipality unconditionally guarantee repayment of the principal and interest of the borrowing so made;

THAT upon the issue of the debentures, the Warden and Clerk of the Municipality do sign the guarantee attached to each of the debentures and affix thereto the corporate seal of the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Digby/Saint John Ferry

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of an email received from Nathan Blades, Quality Control Manager, Sable Fish Packers (1988) Ltd., expressing concern regarding the possible cancellation of the Digby/Saint John Ferry service.

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

Resolution C080429

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Strang that Mr. Blades be informed that the Warden is a member of the Digby/Saint John Ferry Committee, has attended many meetings, and that the Municipality has contributed financially in the attempts being made to retain this service.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Warden then resumed the Chair.

B.M.H.S. Safe Grad

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Barrington Municipal High School requesting a financial donation towards Safe Grad activities.

Resolution C080430

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipal Council approve \$250.00 for B.M.H.S. Safe Grad activities.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden gave a brief report on her activities since the last meeting of Council.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Sean Strang

Committee of the Whole Council

Lola Sears Interview Re: Recreation Programs

Resolution C080431

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the letter provided by Lola Sears to the Committee of the Whole be addressed with the Municipal Recreation Director in the near future.

Motion carried unanimously.

Insurance Coverage

Resolution C080432

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that there be no changes made to insurance coverage during the 2008/2009 fiscal year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Larry Stewart

Councillor Stewart provided a brief report on the last meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee.

Deputy Warden Eddie Nickerson

Deputy Warden Nickerson informed members that he attended the welcome reception of the Heritage Conference held in Shelburne.

Councillor George El-Jakl

Councillor El-Jakl provided a brief report on the last Planning Advisory Committee meeting.

Councillor Wilford Smith

No committees to report.

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

The Clerk-Treasurer gave a report for the month of March 2008.

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

At this time a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with a legal matter.

The Regular Council meeting was called back to order.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be dealt with, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

_____ Warden Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website April 29, 2008.