

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, August 25, 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 Councillor Donna LeBlanc-Messenger who was absent due to family illness.

- 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 Regular Council Meeting held August 11, 2008 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Strang that the minutes of the last Special Meeting of Council held August 19, 2008 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

##### Shelburne County Early Childhood Development Association

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Shelburne County Early Childhood Development Association thanking Council for their grant of \$500.00 for 2008/2009.

Shelburne Community Business Development Corporation

The Clerk informed members that the Shelburne Community Business Development Corporation has provided a copy of their 2007/2008 Annual Review. This document will be kept on file at the Municipal Office.

Conservation Work Grant

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Department of Tourism, Culture & Heritage advising that the maximum grant available under the Conservation Work Grant has been increased from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 for Municipal Heritage Properties.

Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve Association

Correspondence has been received from the Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve Association advising that they are in the final phase of formulating a new initiative and are planning to host a series of public workshops. The Association is attempting to collect information on all existing sustainability initiatives as well as current planning and zoning processes. They are requesting Council to provide a short summary of our past and present initiatives.

Resolution C080818

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that the letter received from Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve Association be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

The Clerk-Treasurer gave a brief report on his activities during the month of July.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Deputy Warden Eddie Nickerson

Hiring Committee

Deputy Warden Nickerson informed members that the position of Property Services Technician had been advertised internally according to the Municipal Personnel Policy and only one application was received. That application was from Stephen Smith.

Resolution C080819

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that Stephen Smith be hired for the position of Property Services Technician subject to the required probationary period and on condition that he obtain his Grade XII or equivalent certificate within eighteen (18) months of the start of his employment in this position so that he will be eligible for continuing training. Failure to meet this condition will be sufficient reason for termination of employment at the end of the eighteen (18) month period.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Warden Nickerson gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council which included the benefit concert for Lonnie Townsend, The Hawk Dayze Committee Meeting and Barrington Municipal Exhibition. He also updated members on the LFA 34 situation at the Causeway.

The Hawk Beach Road

Deputy Warden Nickerson informed members that Mr. Kent Smith of the The Hawk has expressed concern to him regarding the condition of the The Hawk Beach Road. He has discussed his concerns with the local Department of Transportation staff as well as politicians, and to date no action has been taken.

Resolution C080820

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith and carried unanimously:

**WHEREAS** the road leading to The Hawk Beach is not only travelled by Mr. Kent Smith but tourists and local people that use the beach year round, and it has been neglected by the Department of Transportation for years;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Department of Transportation be requested to have gravel put on the road and to grade it.

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Department of Transportation be requested to check the rock wall that protects the road from the ocean and do the necessary repairs;

Resolution C080821

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that Municipal Staff locate two trash cans and two benches along The Hawk Beach Road.

Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

Deputy Warden Nickerson expressed concern regarding the road near Vernon d'Eon Lobster Plugs Ltd., in South Side, that has been flooding for the past few years in the winter, and recently flooded with the last heavy rain. The section of road in question is located approximately 500 meters before Vernon d'Eon Lobster Plugs Ltd.

Resolution C080822

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that the local Department of Transportation be requested to ditch both sides of the road in this area and install culverts to provide better drainage to allow the water to be carried away from the road, and copies of this letter be forwarded to Greg Newell, Area Manager, and the Minister of Transportation.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C080823

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that a letter be forwarded to the local Department of Transportation Office and ask that ditching be done in front of house #414 at The Hawk, and also down the property line to allow for the water that is crossing the road to not collect in the ditch near a neighboring well, and copies of this letter be forwarded to Greg Newell, Area Manager, and the Minister of Transportation.

Motion carried unanimously.

Cape Light

Resolution C080824

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality write a letter to our MP, Gerald Keddy, and ask that he try and seek the necessary funds that is needed to paint the Cape Sable lighthouse, the tallest in the Maritimes at 109 feet.

Motion carried unanimously.

Bay Side Home

Deputy Warden Nickerson provided members with an update on the expansion to Bay Side Home. He informed members that the expansion project is on schedule.

Councillor Sean Strang

Destination Southwest Nova Scotia Funding and PEP Grant

Resolution C080825

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the Municipality provide a grant of \$2,000.00 to Destination Southwest Nova Scotia Association to fund their operations for the current year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Grants

Resolution C080826

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by E. Nickerson that the Municipality provide a grant of \$3,000.00 toward the construction of a boat ramp by The Hawk Dayze Committee from the District 7 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C080827

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by E. Nickerson that The Hawk Dayze Committee be permitted to erect a flagpole on municipal property at the end of Fish Plant Road at The Hawk. The flagpole will be erected near the monument The Hawk Dayze Committee has erected on the site.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C080828

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by E. Nickerson that a grant of \$500.00 be provided to The Hawk Dayze Committee for the purpose of erecting a flagpole on municipal property at the end of Fish Plant Road at The Hawk from the District 7 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Wood's Harbour Minor Ball Association

Resolution C080829

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality provide a grant of \$250.00 from the District 1 Community Grants Fund to the Wood's Harbour Minor Ball Association for the purpose of ballfield repairs.

Motion carried unanimously.

Department of Transportation Matters

Resolution C080830

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that a letter be sent to the Supervisor of the Department of Transportation requesting notification when the requested improvements to the Villagedale, Port LaTour and Baccaro roads will be completed. The request had been previously sent to the Supervisor asking that shouldering, ditching and cutting back of trees along the road be done in these areas. Further, that a letter be sent to the Supervisor of the Department of Transportation requesting the following:

1. Guardrail be placed at Twinkie's Corner in Shag Harbour.
2. Forbes Point bridge be repaired as previously requested.
3. Shouldering of the road be done between the residences of Clive Hopkins and the Convenience Store in Wood's Harbour on the eastern side of the road.
4. That pavement be repaired and new asphalt be placed at the end of the Cripple Creek Wharf Road in Clam Point.
5. That a guardrail be constructed near the "duck pond" at the sharp turn in Newellton.
6. Signs warning of the sharp turn on Highway #103 near Clement's Pond be installed.
7. That the Clam Point sign near North East Point be replaced.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C080831

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that a letter be sent to Mr. Greg Newell, Area Supervisor, Department of Transportation requesting that the Villagedale Road be paved and repaired and that an answer be provided as soon as possible.

Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Department Training

Resolution C080832

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality pay the cost of HazMat training for 4 local firefighters who would then join the Yarmouth Fire Department HazMat Team.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Larry Stewart

Councillor Stewart provided a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council including the August 21, 2008 PAC meeting.

Wheelchair Ramp - North East Point

Resolution C080833

**Moved** by L. Stewart and seconded by W. Smith that if permission is received from the Department of Natural Resources for the construction of a wheelchair ramp at North East Point Beach, then the Municipality submit an application for an ACCESS-ability Grant.

Motion carried unanimously.

Trash Cans

Due to the large amount of waste scattered around the boardwalk at North East Point Beach it was suggested that signs be posted urging people to use the trash cans.

Resolution C080834

**Moved** by L. Stewart and seconded by E. Nickerson that signage be placed along the boardwalk encouraging the public to use trash cans provided.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor George El-Jakl

Councillor George El-Jakl provided a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council including the recent PAC meeting, the Multi-Purpose Trail & Sidewalk in Wood's Harbour and the Wood's Harbour Fire Hall.

Councillor Wilford Smith

Councillor Smith provided a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council including the benefit dinner for Lonnie Townsend.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY AND LAND USE BY-LAW

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At 8:00 p.m. the Regular Council Meeting was adjourned and a Public Hearing was held to deal with proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law to include "banks and financial institutions" in the list of permitted changes in use by Development Agreement for existing commercial uses listed in Schedule "H" in the Residential General (R1) Zone.

Minutes of the Public Hearing are attached hereto and form part of the minutes.

The Regular Council Meeting was then called back to order.

Resolution C080835

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy Policies and Land Use By-Law Provisions be approved to include banks and financial institutions in the list of permitted changes in use by Development Agreement for existing commercial uses listed in Schedule "H" in the General Residential (R1) Zone.

Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED PLAYGROUND FUNDING POLICY

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of the proposed Playground Funding Policy. Notice is given tonight that consideration will be given to the adoption of this policy at the next meeting of Council.

DESTINATION SOUTHWEST NOVA SCOTIA ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

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The Clerk informed members that on August 13, 2007 Council considered a request from the Destination Southwest Nova Scotia Association to appoint Diane Smith a member of their Communications Committee. This appointment was made for a one (1) year period only, after which time her membership was to be reviewed by Council. The one year period has now passed and Diane has advised that she was not notified of any meetings of this committee.

Resolution C080836

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that a letter be written to Destination Southwest Nova Scotia Association requesting to know whether they have had meetings of the Communications Committee, and if so, request copies of minutes, and question why we were not notified.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden gave a brief report on her activities since the last meeting, including the Municipal Exhibition.

ADJOURNMENT

**Moved** by S. Strang that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Clerk

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website August 27, 2008.**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
RE: BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

**August 25, 2008**

The Public Hearing was called to order by the Warden at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Warden Louise Halliday
- Deputy Warden Eddie Nickerson
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Councillor Wilford Smith
- Councillor Larry Stewart
- Councillor Sean Strang

Councillor Donna LeBlanc-Messenger was absent due to family illness.

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

The Clerk informed members that the Public Hearing was being held to obtain views of the public regarding the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy Policies and Land Use By-Law Provisions to include “banks and financial institutions” in the list of permitted changes in use by Development Agreement for existing commercial uses listed in Schedule “H” in the Residential General (R1) Zone. The Clerk informed members that the required advertisements were placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper notifying the public of the Public Hearing. Notification was also given to adjacent municipal units.

The Warden asked for verbal or written presentations to be made from the public three times. There were no responses to her request.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Public Hearing was adjourned.

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Warden

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Clerk

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website August 27, 2008.**