

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, February 11, 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 with the exception of Deputy Warden Nickerson. No word has been received from Deputy Warden Nickerson and therefore he is expected to arrive shortly.

- Warden Louise Halliday
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Councillor Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor Wilford Smith
- Councillor Larry Stewart
- Councillor Sean Strang
- Deputy Warden Eddie Nickerson (7:07 p.m.)

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
- Lesa Rossetti

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest declared.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

- Letter from Premier.
- AIMS Survey.
- Closed Session of Council Re: Potential Legal Matter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by S. Strang that the minutes of the last meeting of Council held January 28, 2008 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Wind Turbines

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from Major J.D. Tromp advising that each wind turbine project proposal must be reviewed on a case by case basis in order to determine any potential impact on National Defence Radar Infrastructure. Major Tromp advised that it is beneficial for each project proponent to directly contact the National Defence Office responsible for reviewing these proposals.

The Clerk informed members that this correspondence has been forwarded to Schneider Power Inc. and the Building Inspection Department.

Tabled Motion Re: Fire Department Funding

The motion tabled at the January 14, 2008 Council meeting regarding fire department funding was read by the Clerk. The tabled motion is as follows:

“Moved by S. Strang and seconded by E. Nickerson that the Municipality pay the Island and Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department \$59,079.82, and the Barrington Volunteer Fire Department \$18,000.00 as previously indicated in their application to the Emergency Services Provider Fund of the Province of Nova Scotia.”

The above motion was tabled until staff had an opportunity to discuss the current financial requirements of the fire departments.

The original motion was then brought forward again at the January 28, 2008 Council meeting and at that time it was referred to the Committee of the Whole since no response had yet been received from the Barrington Volunteer Fire Department.

As a result of the above motion being considered by the Committee of the Whole, the following motion was brought back to Council:

Resolution C080201

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that a loan to the Barrington Volunteer Fire Department for the purpose of purchasing equipment be extended over a five year period at the appropriate interest rate. The funds for this loan will be taken from Municipal Reserves and repaid to the Municipality by deducting the payments, together with interest, from the Annual Operating Grant paid to the Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Building Inspector

The Clerk informed members that the training of our new Building Inspector has been discussed with Ted Ross of Service Nova Scotia, and with Jack Leedham, Director of Nova Scotia Building Officials Association. They are in agreement that the best way to proceed is to have Glen Muise enrolled in the available courses and have him trained as soon as possible. In the interim, they believe that the Municipality should continue to have Carl Smith act as Building and Fire Inspector and have Glen Muise appointed as assistant until he is certified.

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that Glen Muise be appointed Development Officer/By-Law Enforcement Officer for the Municipality of Barrington.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that the above motion be tabled until after further discussion of the appointment of Building Inspector/Fire Inspector.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C080202

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that Glen Muise be appointed Building Inspector/Fire Inspector for the Municipality of Barrington and be placed at the bottom of the salary scale.

<u>AFFIRMATIVE</u>	<u>NEGATIVE</u>
Louise Halliday	George El-Jakl
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger	Eddie Nickerson
Wilford Smith	Larry Stewart
Sean Strang	

Motion carried.

The above tabled motion was then brought forward.

Resolution C080203

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that Glen Muise be appointed Development Officer/By-Law Enforcement Officer for the Municipality of Barrington.

<u>AFFIRMATIVE</u>	<u>NEGATIVE</u>
Louise Halliday	George El-Jakl
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger	Eddie Nickerson
Wilford Smith	Larry Stewart
Sean Strang	

Motion carried.

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

After making her comments, the Warden resumed the Chair.

C.S.I. Causeway

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of an email received from MLA Sterling Belliveau regarding the C.S.I. Causeway. Mr. Belliveau also provided copies of correspondence back and forth between his office and the office of The Honourable Mark Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour.

The Municipal Clerk also informed members that correspondence has been forwarded to Mr. Eric Hundert, Environment Canada, regarding the fecal coliform tests which have been carried out in Barrington Bay and Barrington Passage on the western side of Cape Sable Island. No response to this letter has yet been received.

After much discussion the following motion was made:

Resolution C080204

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by E. Nickerson that the above matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Second Annual Mini Log Run - FRA

In advance to the meeting each member of Council was provided with a copy of a request received from Forest Ridge Academy. The Principal of Forest Ridge Academy is requesting permission to hold their Second Annual Mini Log Run fundraiser at the former Tourist Bureau site in Barrington. This fundraiser will be held during Lobster Festival. Mr. Smith has advised that the school has applied for a certificate of insurance.

Resolution C080205

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by S. Strang that Forest Ridge Academy be permitted to hold their Second Annual Mini Log Run fundraiser, on June 7th, at the former Tourist Bureau site in Barrington, subject to the required certificate of insurance being provided.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

The Warden informed members that B.M.H.S. is looking for judges for the upcoming science fair. Any councillor interested in participating is asked to contact the Warden.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Deputy Warden Nickerson

Deputy Warden Nickerson provided a brief report on a recent meeting of the Woodland Multi-Use Trail Association. He informed members that the Association will be traveling the former railway right of way in Doctor's Cove to Wood's Harbour to carry out an assessment of this section of abandoned railway. The Association is requesting permission to travel on the Barrington Bay Trail in order to gain access to this section of the right of way. They would like to have permission to enter the Trail on the western end in the Doctor's Cove area.

Resolution C080206

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that the Woodland Multi-Use Trail Association be permitted to access the Barrington Bay Trail on the western end, in the Doctor's Cove area, to carry out an assessment of the CNR right of way from Doctor's Cove to the county line.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Sean Strang

Committee of the Whole Council

Returning Officer Applications

Resolution C080207

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that Catherine Clark be hired as Returning Officer for the 2008 Municipal and School Board Elections.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Litter Clean-up Program

Resolution C080208

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that \$10,000.00 be included in the Municipal Budget for the fiscal year 2008/2009 for the purpose of a Community Litter Clean-up Program and that this program begin as soon as can be arranged by Municipal Staff.

Motion carried unanimously.

RM GREENWOOD Request

Resolution C080209

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality rent the former telephone office building to RM GREENWOOD TELECOMMUNICATIONS for the regular amount of rent for a period of one year only.

AFFIRMATIVE

Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Eddie Nickerson
Wilford Smith
Larry Stewart

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl
Sean Strang

Motion carried.

Resolution C080210

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality accept the antique switchboard that Mrs. Lillian Perry has found and store it for a period of three years, after which, if it is not used, it will revert back to Mrs. Perry for her use.

Motion carried unanimously.

UNSM Resolution Re: Insurance

Resolution C080211

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the following proposed resolution for Municipal insurance coverage be forwarded to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities for consideration at the Fall Conference.

WHEREAS all municipalities in the Province, together with all municipal sponsored service providers such as volunteer fire departments, are required to have adequate liability and other insurance coverages;

AND WHEREAS the cost of insurance premiums to provide adequate protection to municipal taxpayers is a very significant cost to the municipalities;

AND WHEREAS all municipalities wish to obtain the best value for their taxpayers dollar:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities complete a study of insurance coverages that will include:

1. Determining the total premiums paid by all municipal units and their service providers such as volunteer fire departments in the province for liability and other insurance coverages.
2. An assessment be made of the most cost efficient method of providing adequate insurance coverage for municipalities within the province.
3. A recommendation be made to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities for the best possible solution for providing adequate insurance coverage across the province, which may include the establishment of a municipally owned insurance company for the purpose of self insuring, or the province wide tender of municipal insurance coverages in order to obtain the best possible value for municipal taxpayers.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tree in Honour of Veterans

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that an appropriate type of tree be planted at the Library in Barrington Passage in honour of veterans of the Municipality, and that a plaque also be installed adjacent to this tree indicating the purpose for which it has been planted.

Resolution C080212

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that the above motion be amended to include a tree planting ceremony and an invitation be extended to Legion members to attend.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

South West Shore Development Authority Alternate Board Member

Resolution C080213

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that Deputy Warden Nickerson remain as the alternate board member for the South West Shore Development Authority Board of Directors.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tourism DVD

Resolution C080214

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that Municipal Staff complete the promotional DVD and prepare it for subsequent release at a cost not to exceed the amounts included in this years' budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

Sherose Island Rest Stop

Resolution C080215

Moved by S. Strang and seconded D. Messenger that Municipal Staff determine from the Department of Transportation whether or not access is available for the location of a tourist rest stop along the Sherose Island Road.

Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chiefs Meeting

Resolution C080216

Moved by S. Strang and seconded L. Stewart that Municipal Staff determine if it is advantageous to have all volunteer fire departments dispatched through the Town of Yarmouth.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that this request is being forwarded for information purposes only.

Resolution C080217

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the Municipality accept the budget suggestion from the fire chiefs, and request all of the volunteer fire departments to submit a budget not later than March 31, 2008 for the coming fiscal year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that the request of the fire chiefs regarding the provision of fire hydrants over the next several years be referred to the budget process and that the fire chiefs be requested to provide a list of fire hydrant requests.

Resolution C080218

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that the above motion be amended to require the list for fire hydrants to be indicated in order of priority, and that the list be provided to Council prior to March 31, 2008.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Department of Transportation

Resolution C080219

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by W. Smith that correspondence be sent to the Department of Transportation requesting that tree branches hanging over the road on the Port LaTour Road after snow storms be removed by the department.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Grant Request

Resolution C080220

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by L. Stewart that the remaining \$3,700.00 in the District 5 Community Grants Fund be allocated to the Stoney Island Community Club for the purpose of repairs to the cemetery.

Motion carried unanimously.

Clyde River Sign

Resolution C080221

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality of Barrington install a stylized community identification sign at the western end of Clyde River.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Larry Stewart

No committees to report.

Councillor Wilford Smith

No committees to report.

Councillor Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Community Health Care Advisory Committee

Survey of Patients and Doctors

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by E. Nickerson that the Municipality place a survey on the Municipal website and that a promotional video of Dr. O'Connor also be placed on the website for the purpose of attracting physicians to the area.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that the above motion be amended to ask Dr. O'Connor if he would be willing to participate in a promotional video to be placed on the Municipal website.

Resolution C080223

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by W. Smith that the above motion be amended to indicate that we commence with Dr. O'Connor.

Motion carried unanimously.

The amendment as amended was then put to a vote and carried.

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

The approved motion now reads as follows:

Resolution C080224

“...that the Municipality place a survey on the Municipal website and that a promotional video also be placed on the website for the purpose of attracting physicians to the area and that the Municipality commence with contacting Dr. O'Connor to determine if he would be willing to participate in a promotional video to be placed on the municipal website.”

Councillor George El-Jakl

No committees to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Fire Response and Emergency Services Policy #54

The Clerk informed members that notice was given at the last meeting of Council that the consideration of the adoption of Policy #54, "Fire Response and Emergency Services Policy" would be considered tonight. The policy deals with mutual aid providers, loan guarantees, grants and loans, requirements and procedures for registration, insurance, etc.

Resolution C080225

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Fire Response and Emergency Services Policy, #54, be adopted as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

LETTER FROM PREMIER RE: TEAM SHELBURNE

Each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Premier as a result of Team Shelburne County's request for a meeting with the Premier to clarify access by Team Shelburne County to funds associated with the maintenance and sale of the former Youth Centre property in Shelburne. The letter stated that the funds in question are to be administered by the Authority as directed by members of Team Shelburne County. These funds were to be used to undertake economic development projects that would not be the normal responsibility of the municipal unit in which the activity would occur. The Premier offered the support of the Economic Development Department to work with the RDA and Team Shelburne County to identify the activities we wish to undertake to support the growth of the local economy through use of the available funds.

The Warden informed members that this matter will be further discussed by Team Shelburne at their upcoming meeting.

The Warden then turned the chair over to the Deputy Warden in order that she could address the matter.

After making her comments, the Warden resumed the Chair.

AIMS SURVEY

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the President of the UNSM regarding the AIMS Survey. The President advised that the AIMS "report card" is something that is not being done at the request of UNSM or with its assistance. The President advised that they do not know the intent of the report, the methodology to be used, or the format the final report will take. The letter advised that the UNSM had not changed its position and do not support municipal involvement in this survey. The final decision, however, is that of the municipal unit. Municipal units planning to participate have been requested to advise the UNSM Office.

It was the general consensus of Council members that the UNSM deal with the AIMS request.

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

At this time a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with a potential legal 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 9:42 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website February 13, 2008.