

Minutes of the 130<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, June 22, 2009.

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 District 6 which is currently vacant. A special election will be held in this district on July 18, 2009 to fill this vacancy.

- Warden Louise Halliday
- Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Councillor Shaun Hatfield
- Councillor Cecil O'Donnell
- Councillor Cathy Stoddard
  
- 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 C. O'Donnell and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the minutes of the last meeting held June 8, 2009 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, 2009. Members were also provided with a copy of a statement of operations showing comparative figures for the last five years. For the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009, the Municipality realized a surplus of \$309,232.00 in the General Operating Fund. This surplus was transferred as per direction of Council to the Special Reserve Fund Operating.

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

#### Estimates of Revenues and Expenditures 2009/2010

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 2009/2010 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.

Setting Tax Rates, Due Dates and Interest for 2009/2010

Resolution C090610

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell 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 2009/2010 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 Seven Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars (\$4,751,948.00);

**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 Sixty-Three Cents (\$2.63) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) on the assessed value of the commercial property including business occupancy, and One Dollar and Six Cents (\$1.06) 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 total rates and taxes for the year 2009/2010 shall become due and payable on October 7, 2009 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 total current rates, area rates and special assessments not paid before November 15, 2009.

Motion carried unanimously.

Setting of Fire Rates for 2009/2010

Resolution C090611

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the following area rates be set for 2009/2010 fiscal year:

Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department	\$0.12/\$100;00 of assessment
Shag Harbour/Bear Point Volunteer Fire Department	\$0.095/\$100.00 of assessment
Barrington Volunteer Fire Department	\$0.033/\$100.00 of assessment
District 8 Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department	\$0.063/\$100.00 of assessment
Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department	\$0.082/\$100.00 of assessment
Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department	\$0.068/\$100.00 of assessment

Motion carried unanimously.

Sewer Service Charge

Resolution C090612

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the sewer service charges for the fiscal year 2009/2010 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

The Clerk informed members that it is no longer necessary to put in place a Temporary Borrowing Resolution due to the revenues generated by the Interim Tax Bills mailed in April of 2009.

Farm Acreage Tax

Resolution C090613

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Farm Acreage Tax for the year 2009/2010 fiscal year be \$2.69 per acre for all land that is assessed as exempt farm land.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

- Lighthouse Road.
- Roseway Charitable Foundation.
- Seven Wonders of Nature.

CORRESPONDENCE

Community Development Trust Fund

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Minister of Economic and Rural Development, Murray K. Scott. The letter was in response to our application for Community Development Trust Funding for the proposed Barrington Business Park. The letter advised that the Business Park Development is not a priority of the Department of Economic and Rural Development or the Community Development Trust. The letter further advised that in the proposal put forward it is not evident how the proposed Business Park may address economic challenges that may be facing the community of Barrington Passage. In closing, the Minister suggested that we may wish to explore other potential funding sources for our project through ACOA, etc.

Resolution C090614

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that a new letter be forwarded to the new minister of Economic and Rural Development, the Honourable Percy Paris, once again requesting funding from the Community Development Trust Fund for the proposed Barrington Business Park.

Motion carried unanimously.

C.S.I. Schools

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Minister of Education, Judy Stretch. The letter advised that in July 2008 the Tri-County Regional School Board originally submitted a request for a renovation project at Cape Sable Island Elementary School. During the School Capital Construction Committee's review process in the fall of 2008, the Board requested that this project be modified to renovate Clark's Harbour Elementary School instead.

The letter further advised that given that the closure of one of the schools would be the result of this project, the Board would need to follow the provincial policy regarding school review. Should the Tri-County Regional School Board decide to change their priorities again, the Department of Education is willing to enter into discussion with them in order to ensure that the best possible solution is found to serve the students and communities of the area.

Resolution C090615

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter be forwarded to the new Minister informing him of this matter and a copy of this letter be forwarded to MLA Sterling Belliveau and the Tri-County Regional School Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

C.S.I. Sewer Project

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from Marvin MacDonald, Director of Grants and Programs, Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations. The letter was in response to our letter to the Honourable Richard Hurlburt requesting additional funding for the Cape Sable Island sewer project. Mr. MacDonald advised in his letter that they do not have program budgets in place at this time and are therefore unable to commit funding to the project. He advised that our letter will be kept on file for consideration when the budget is finalized and funding requests are reviewed.

Bill C-319 to amend Motor Vehicle Safety Act

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with correspondence received from the Honourable Jim Karygiannis, MP, regarding Bill C-319, an act to amend the Motor Vehicle Safety Act (speed limiters). Mr. Karygiannis is seeking Council's support for Private Members Bill C-319 which received first reading in the House of Commons on February 12, 2009. Bill C-319 will amend the Motor Vehicle Safety Act to include prohibitions against the manufacturer, importation, sale, lease, operation and release after repair of motor vehicles manufactured after January 1, 2010, if they are not equipped with a speed limiter that is engaged and set to a maximum speed that is not greater than 150 kilometres per hour.

Resolution C090616

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipal Council forward a letter of support for Bill C-319.

Motion carried unanimously.

LIGHTHOUSE ROAD

Correspondence has been received from the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, Brooke Taylor, in response to our letter dated May 27, 2009 regarding the Lighthouse Road at Baccaro Point and the need for a sea wall. Mr. Taylor has advised that Department staff will be asked to study the request and make recommendations.

Resolution C090617

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Hatfield that a letter be forwarded to the new Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure renewal requesting a sea wall be installed to protect the Lighthouse Road at Baccaro Point, and that Benny Acker of the Department of Transportation in Shelburne be requested to put gravel on the road.

Motion carried unanimously.

ROSEWAY HOSPITAL CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

It was reported that the Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation has advised that they have passed a motion to forgive the remaining \$20,000 of the loan granted to the Municipality to purchase the Community Health Centre in Barrington Passage.

Resolution C090618

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that a letter of thanks be forwarded to the Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation for the forgiveness of the total loan in the amount of \$100,000.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C090619

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Doctor Recruitment Incentive Policy be placed on the agenda for the next Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

SEVEN WONDERS OF NATURE

It was reported that correspondence has been received from Destination Southwest Nova Tourism Association requesting municipal units to help promote the Bay of Fundy by voting for the Bay of Fundy in the new Seven Wonders of Nature contest.

It was agreed that a copy of the request be forwarded to all councillors.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Cecil O'Donnell

Councillor O'Donnell gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

Councillor O'Donnell extended congratulations to MLA Sterling Belliveau on recently being appointed Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture and the Minister of Environment.

Councillor George El-Jakl

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

Councillor Cathy Stoddard

Councillor Stoddard gave a brief report on her activities since the last meeting of Council.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

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

Resolution C090620

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to MLA Sterling Belliveau and that he be informed that the Municipality will be copying all correspondence to him forwarded to the Provincial Government in order to keep him up to date on Council concerns.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Shaun Hatfield

Councillor Hatfield provided a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

Committee of the Whole

Councillor George El-Jakl reported on the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole.

Bursary

Resolution C090621

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that the municipal bursary for 2009 be awarded to Dayna Cunningham.

Motion carried unanimously.

Cape Sable Island Schools

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality contact our MLA and express Council's concern with:

- a) the lack of due process in making the decision to renovate the Clark's Harbour Elementary School;
- b) the validity of the decision itself;

and that a copy of this letter be forwarded to the Tri-County Regional School Board and the Minister of Education, and that the two councillors from Cape Sable Island attend as soon as possible a Tri-County Regional School Board meeting to address this matter with the Board, and that the Municipality pay the expenses of any councillors wishing to attend the School Board meeting in Yarmouth.

Resolution C090622

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that the above motion be amended by deleting the words "two councillors from Cape Sable Island" and inserting the words "any two councillors".

Motion carried unanimously.

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

The original motion as amended now reads:

"...that the Municipality contact our MLA and express Council's concern with:

- a) the lack of due process in making the decision to renovate the Clark's Harbour Elementary School;
- b) the validity of the decision itself;

and that a copy of this letter be forwarded to the Tri-County Regional School Board and the Minister of Education, and that any two councillors attend as soon as possible a Tri-County Regional School Board meeting to address this matter with the Board, and that the Municipality pay the expenses of any councillors wishing to attend the School Board meeting in Yarmouth.

TAX REDUCTION

Resolution C090623

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that a reduction in taxes in proportion to the reduction in assessment as provided by the Property Valuation Services Corporation be approved for Assessment Account #01740822 in the name of Elizabeth A. Nickerson at 6664, No. 3 Highway, Lower Wood's Harbour.

Motion carried unanimously.

SAFE GRAD REQUEST

Resolution C090624

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that a grant of \$300.00 be provided to Safe Grad from District 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 7 Community Grants Funds in equal proportions of \$50.00 each.

Motion carried unanimously.

Hill Road

Resolution C090625

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality enter into an agreement with the Department of Transportation for the paving of Hill Road providing that the four residents on Hill Road agree to pay 25% of the total cost including the net amount of H.S.T. The 50% required to be paid by the Municipality and the residents will be paid for from Municipal Reserves with half of that amount being recouped from the residents over a period of ten years.

Motion carried unanimously.

Completion of Wood's Harbour Trail

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality apply for funding from other sources and commit its portion of the funding required from Municipal Reserves in order to complete the sidewalk portion of the Wood's Harbour Multi-Purpose Trail.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

George El-Jakl  
Louise Halliday  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

**NEGATIVE**

Shaun Hatfield  
Cecil O'Donnell  
Cathy Stoddard

The Warden declared the motion defeated.



Indoor Pool

Resolution C090626

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality inform the Shelburne County Recreation Society that it is not the time for the Municipality to fund a Feasibility Study for this project. A Feasibility Study will be done, if necessary, when it is determined that the construction of an indoor pool is the top priority on the Municipality's Capital Investment Plan.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

George El-Jakl  
Louise Halliday  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Cecil O'Donnell  
Cathy Stoddard

**NEGATIVE**

Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried.

Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Resolution C090627

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality request the FCM to serve lobster as the main course during the Sunday night supper at their annual conference to be held in Halifax in 2011 as the fishing industry is the seconded largest industry in the province and a major contributor to the economy of the entire province.

Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER**

It was agreed that the Clerk-Treasurer present his report at the next meeting of Council.

**CLOSED SESSION**

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

The Regular Council Meeting was called back to order.

Yearly Increment

Resolution C090628

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that Michael Swim receive his yearly increment effective June 27, 2009.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

**Moved** by C. O'Donnell that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Warden

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Clerk

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\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary for the Meeting

**On website June 24, 2009.**