

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, June 8, 2009.

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported that the following councillors were present:

- Warden Louise Halliday
 - Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
 - Councillor Shaun Hatfield
 - Councillor Cecil O'Donnell
- Councillors El-Jakl and Stoddard are attending the FCM Conference in Whistler, B.C. and there is currently a vacancy in District 6.
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
 - Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

At this time Donna LeBlanc-Messenger informed members that she will be declaring conflict of interest when dealing with the matter involving the furniture auction held at the Barrington Municipal Arena on June 6, 2009. Deputy Warden Messenger consults on credit matters at Wilson's Shopping Centre.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Hatfield that the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held May 19, 2009 and the Regular Meeting of Council held May 25, 2009 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Property Valuation Services Corporation

Debi Karrel and Trish Blakeney of Property Valuation Services Corporation appeared before the meeting.

Debi Karrel addressed Council and provided information on the Property Valuation Services Corporation. She provided information on the legislative mandate, operational activity and the capped assessment program. In closing, she provided a provincial/municipal overview.

Ms. Karrel and Ms. Blakeney were both thanked for appearing before Council and making their presentation.

FURNITURE AUCTION - BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL ARENA

Conflict of Interest

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger declared conflict of interest, vacated her seat and proceeded to the spectator area.

Paul Smith of Wilson's Shopping Centre; Dorothy Goreham of Causeway Interiors, and Wendy McGill of the Barrington & Area Chamber of Commerce appeared before Council, individually, and expressed concern regarding the recent furniture auction held at the Barrington Municipal Arena. All expressed opposition to the Municipality allowing an outside business to rent space from the Municipality to carry out a furniture auction which was in direct competition with local businesses. Local businesses in the area are currently having a difficult time due to the current economy. Businesses are respectively requesting a change in municipal policy to prevent outside commercial businesses from holding these types of events on public property.

During discussion of this matter reference was made to the Commercial Enterprise Policy and By-Law #34 "Commercial Activity on Municipal Property By-Law". It was explained that neither the policy nor the by-law relate to this type of rental.

Mr. Smith, Mrs. Goreham and Ms. McGill were thanked for appearing before Council and expressing their concerns.

It was agreed that this matter be referred to the next Committee of the Whole Meeting for further discussion.

Deputy Warden Messenger returned to her seat.

Resolution C090601

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality not rent municipal properties for this type of purpose until all relative policies and by-laws of the Municipality have been reviewed and clarification provided.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Year of the Lobster

The Clerk informed members that to date sixteen (16) letters of support have been received from various municipal units supporting the designation of year/month of the lobster.

It was suggested that the newly elected or re-elected MLA for Shelburne County be asked to pursue year/month of the lobster designation for the Municipality.

It was also suggested that this matter be further discussed by the Committee of the Whole at their next meeting.

Resolution C090602

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that a letter be sent to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, Gail Shea, requesting a response to our request to have 2009 declared *Year of the Lobster* as forwarded to her by the Department of Canadian Heritage.

Motion carried unanimously.

Flyer Distribution

The Clerk informed members that he has been in conversation with Dave Sarginson of Fundy Distribution regarding the delivery of flyers in our area. Mr. Sarginson has advised that there are two people in our area who distribute the flyers. Questions may be directed to Mr. Sarginson at 749-2511.

The Clerk also informed members that Cindy Acker is responsible for the flyers distributed for the Halifax Herald. Concerns can be forwarded to Ms. Acker at 745-1137 or 874-1334 (cell phone).

Both companies have advised that they will stop delivery of flyers upon request.

Both companies were asked to contribute to the Community Litter Clean-up Program. Ms. Cindy Acker has advised that our request has been forwarded to the Halifax Herald. No response on this request has been received from Fundy Distribution.

Highway Webcam

Previously Council requested the Department of Transportation to install a highway webcam at Exit 30 in Barrington.

The Clerk advised that he has been in conversation with Greg Newell of the Department of Transportation who has advised that highway webcams were part of the Salt Management Plan that was required to be submitted to the Federal Government by the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation. Part of the Salt Management Plan was the installation of cameras to keep D.O.T. up to date on highway conditions in certain areas. It is not anticipated that additional cameras will be installed, however, if they are they will be installed for operational reasons. If additional cameras were to be installed in Shelburne County they may be put somewhere between Birchtown and Barrington, or somewhere on the 9 mile stretch between Sable River and Jordan Falls. These are two areas that are somewhat distant from the operational bases where weather conditions will be different and require additional monitoring.

CORRESPONDENCE

Tourism Development Project

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the South West Shore Development Authority advising that ACOA is requesting a current approval of the budget prepared for the proposed Shelburne County Tourism Manager. It is therefore necessary for the Municipality to confirm their commitment to the Tourism Development Project.

Resolution C090603

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality renew its commitment to provide \$15,000 each year for the first five (5) years for the Shelburne County Tourism Manager.

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 Shaun Hatfield

Councillor Hatfield gave a brief report on his 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. During her report she suggested that the Municipal Council invite the MLA for Shelburne County to meet with them three (3) times per year to discuss matters of concern.

Resolution C090604

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality invite the MLA for Shelburne County to meet with Council three (3) times per year to discuss matters of concern.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Cecil O'Donnell

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

Committee of the Whole

Deputy Warden Messenger reported on the Committee of the Whole Meeting held June 1, 2009.

Fines

Resolution C090605

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that By-Law No. 8 "Collection, Storage and Disposal of Waste" be amended to increase the fines under this by-law to \$1,000.00 for the first offence, \$2,000.00 for a second offence and \$5,000.00 for a third offence.

Motion carried unanimously.

C & D. Landfill

Correspondence has been received from the Nova Scotia Department of Environment regarding the operation of the Municipality's C & D Landfill at Goose Lake. In this correspondence the Department states that there are three deficiencies at the Landfill:

1. Structural deficiencies ie. no ditching/settling ponds.
2. Non C & D wastes are being received.
3. Lack of site control.

The Department of Environment also suggests that the Municipality has four options in regards to the C & D Site. These options are:

- a) Continue to operate under the current approval as a C & D Site.
- b) Operate under a new approval as C & D Site and Transfer Station for municipal solid waste and all recyclables.
- c) Operate without approval as transfer point for C & D debris only with no burial on site.
- d) Cease operations entirely.

Resolution C090606

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality continue to operate the Construction and Demolition Debris Landfill Site under Option B which would be to include a transfer station for municipal solid waste and/or recyclables and to obtain the required approvals from the Department of Environment, subject to the cost of doing so being approved by Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

Nova Scotia Community College Graduation

Resolution C090607

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that the expenses of the Warden be paid for the Warden's attendance at the NSCC Graduation on June 11, 2009.

Motion carried unanimously.

Audit Committee Meeting

Resolution C090608

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. O'Donnell that any surplus arising out of this year's operation be transferred to the Special Reserve Fund Operating for future use of the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Litter Clean-up Program

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a summary of this year's Community Litter Clean-up Program as well as a summary for the last six years. The summary provided is as follows:

YEAR	WEIGHT	KMS
2009	15,753. Kg. = 16 tons	100.7
2008	14,043. Kg. = 14 tons	100
2007	15,010. Kg. = 15 tons	69.7
2006	7,570. Kg. = 8 tons	114
2005	10,790. Kg. = 11 tons	103
2004	34,960. Kg. = 35 tons	133.45
TOTALS:	98,126. Kg. = 99 tons	620.85

Resolution C090609

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that a letter be forwarded to McDonalds Restaurant requesting a financial contribution towards the Community Litter Clean-up Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

At this time a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with a personnel matter being the annual performance evaluation of Thelma Ross, Secretary to the Building Inspector.

The Regular Council Meeting was called back to order.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

_____ Warden Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website June 9, 2009.

