

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Monday, May 25, 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 representation from District 6. This vacancy will be filled at a Special Election to be held on July 18, 2009.

- 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 May 11, 2009 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

- Wood's Harbour Wesleyan Church.
- Tri-County Regional School Board Response Re: C.S.I. Schools
- Department of Education Response Re: School Board Funding
- VON Letter.

NEW BUSINESS

Provincial Election Candidates Re: Physician Recruitment

Each provincial election candidate was invited to attend Council to discuss Physician Recruitment. Each candidate appeared before the meeting, individually, in the following order:

- Sterling Belliveau, New Democratic Party
- Darian Huskison, Liberal Party
- Eddie Nickerson, Progressive Conservative Party

Each candidate was asked the following question:

Please explain what your party can or will do for physician recruitment in Shelburne County, if elected?

Each candidate was given an allotted amount of time to answer the question and Council members were given an opportunity to ask questions of the candidate.

NDP Party Summary

- will work to keep ER rooms open and cut down wait times
- hire more Nurse Practitioners
- will provide options to seniors to stay in their homes and communities longer
- \$3,000,000 has been identified for the Emergency Department Protection Fund to hire needed doctors and keep ERs running

Liberal Party Summary

- pay full tuitions for 20 medical students each year for the next five years to work in underserved areas
- will create rural incentives to attract doctors

Progressive Conservative Party

- significant amount of budget already allotted to health care
- current government committed to improving health care
- candidate will meet with all stakeholders to recruit doctors to area and work towards improving health care
- candidate will work towards obtaining funding to improve Roseway
- candidate will work with doctors to improve scheduling at Roseway ER

After making their presentation, each candidate was thanked for appearing before Council.

MONICA MALONE RE: V.I.C.

The Clerk informed members that Monica Malone cancelled her appointment to address Council this evening.

PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE

The Warden informed members that a request has been received from a medical student, Tyler Green. He is requesting that funding be provided to him in the amount of \$25,000.00 for his education costs for the next four years in return for four years of service.

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the request received from Tyler Green be supported on a per capita basis if he agrees to spend 4 days per week in the Barrington area and the remainder of his time in the ER at Roseway.

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl
Cecil O'Donnell

NEGATIVE

Louise Halliday
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cathy Stoddard

Motion defeated.

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Municipality support the request received from Tyler Green in the amount of \$6,250.00 which is 25% of the requested amount, each year for the next four years, in return for 4 years of service..

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by S. Hatfield that the above motion be amended to provide for \$5,000.00 per year for the next four years.

AFFIRMATIVE

Louise Halliday
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

The amended motion now reads as follows:

Resolution C090522

“...that the Municipality support the request received from Tyler Green in the amount of \$5,000.00 per year for the next four years in return for 4 years of service.”

AFFIRMATIVE

Louise Halliday
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

The amended motion was put to a vote and carried.

Resolution C090523

Moved by C. Stoddard and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter be forwarded to Bob Legere, Shelburne County Physician Recruitment Committee, advising him of the decision of Council to fund the request of Tyler Green.

Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION

Child Care Awareness Days

The Warden informed members that she has received correspondence from Child Care Connection Nova Scotia requesting Council to declare the month of June 2009 as Child Care Awareness Days. A draft proclamation was read. After having received no opposition, the Warden declared the month of June 2009 as Child Care Awareness Days in the Municipality of Barrington.

CORRESPONDENCE

Request from Wood's Harbour Wesleyan Church

A letter was received which advised that every year World Vision hosts an event called the "30 Hour Famine" in which they challenge people to participate in a fundraising, eye opening, 30 hour fast. The official date for this event was April 5th and 6th. The Wood's Harbour Wesleyan Church plan to hold their event on June 19th and 20th. They are requesting to use the Library grounds on Friday, June 19th. Students will gather at the Library around 4:00 p.m. They will set up shelter using cardboard boxes and duct tape. Friday morning, June 20th, they will clean up the property and conclude their event at Noon with a meal together.

Resolution C090524

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Wood's Harbour Wesleyan Church be permitted to use the Library property for their event to be held June 19th and 20th, 2009, subject to approval from the Library, entering into the required lease agreement, insurance coverage, etc.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tri-County Regional School Board Response Re: C.S.I. Schools

Municipal Council once again requested the Tri-County Regional School Board to meet with them to discuss the Cape Sable Island Schools. The School Board has replied once again advising that Council may make a presentation to the School Board.

The letter further advised that the Board has recommended to the Department of Education that Clark's Harbour Elementary School be the preferred site for a retrofit if it meets all criteria for an alteration/addition project. If the Board decides on the closure of one of the schools on Cape Sable Island a review process will be followed where there will be public consultation. The letter further advised that the public would be notified of that process once it is determined.

Resolution C090525

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that a letter be forwarded to the Tri-County Regional School Board requesting to know upon what criteria is the Board making a recommendation to the Department of Education to have the Clark's Harbour school chosen for retrofit.

Motion carried unanimously.

Department of Education Response Re: Funding

On May 16, 2009 a letter was forwarded to the Minister of Education requesting additional funding for the 2009/2010 budget for the Tri-County Regional School Board in the amount of 4.5%. A response has now been received advising that from 2000 to 2009 funding to School Boards increased by \$273,000,000, or 36.6%. The Minister advised that this represents a significant investment in our education system, and the budget tabled for 2009/2010 continues that commitment.

Resolution C090526

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that a letter be forwarded to the Minister of Education inquiring as to how funding came about for the retrofit for the Clark's Harbour School with no due process or public consultation.

Motion carried unanimously.

VON TRI-COUNTY

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from VON Tri-County advising that they along with Janes Fund and South West Shore Seniors Health Services and local recreation departments will be meeting with seniors to offer a social community road show. They will be gathering information that seniors identify as their needs. This information will help them plan future programs and to revise current ones to meet the needs of our senior population. They are asking each council member to encourage the members of their communities to attend the social community road show.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden gave a brief report on her activities since the last meeting of Council. During her report she made reference to the Annual Review recently held by the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets Corps 327 Unicorn.

Resolution C090527

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. Stoddard that a letter of thanks be forwarded to the officials of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps, 327 Unicorn.

Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Councillor Cecil O'Donnell

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

Councillor George El-Jakl

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

Committee of the Whole Council

Councillor El-Jakl reported on the recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Meeting held May 19, 2009.

Angus Atkinson Matter

Resolution C090528

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter of response be sent to Mr. Atkinson thanking him for bringing his concerns to Council and indicating to him how they are being dealt with.

Motion carried unanimously.

Shelburne County Recreation Society

Resolution C090529

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that consideration of the construction of an indoor pool be included in the annual Capital Investment Plan Review for the Municipality, and that this matter be brought up for further consideration during budget discussions and also that a letter of response be sent to the Society indicating that the Municipality will be considering this matter further.

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl
Louise Halliday
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell

NEGATIVE

Cathy Stoddard

Motion carried.

Lighthouse Road

Resolution C090530

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that a letter be sent to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting that a rock wall be constructed along the edge of Lighthouse Road at Baccaro Point in order to prevent further damage caused from the ocean.

Motion carried unanimously.

Cleveland Brannen Property Assessment

Resolution C090531

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that a reduction in the taxes for the property of Cleveland and Sandra Brannen at 6938 Central Wood's Harbour be provided for the period from January 18, 2009 to May 31, 2009 as a result of destruction of the property by fire, and that the proportional reduction be based on the assessment values provided by the Property Valuation Services Corporation.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Adjustment Fund

Resolution C090532

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the South West Shore Development Authority make application to the Community Adjustment Fund indicating that the Municipal share of the funding for the Business Park project under the Fund would be \$315,000.00, if necessary.

Motion carried unanimously.

CHAMBA Request

Resolution C090533

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. Stoddard that the Clark's Harbour & Area Minor Ball Association be allowed use of the canteen facilities at the municipally owned Centreville ball field providing they sign the appropriate usage agreement and provide the required insurance coverage, etc.

Motion carried unanimously.

Environmental Advisory Committee

Resolution C090534

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that since there has been a lack of response to the advertised request for expressions of interest for an Environmental Advisory Committee that setting up this committee be no longer pursued by Municipality at this time.

Motion carried unanimously.

Flyer Distribution

Resolution C090535

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that both of the companies who are distributing flyers in the area and contributing to the litter problem in the Municipality, be requested to contribute to the Community Litter Clean-up Program administered by the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

George Salisbury Matter Re: Private Ways Act

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter be sent to Mr. George Salisbury indicating that after having sought and received independent legal advice, it was now the decision of Council that they do not wish to grant Mr. Salisbury's request under the Private Ways Act and that no further consideration will be undertaken in this matter.

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the above motion be amended by deleting "and that no further consideration will be undertaken in this matter".

AFFIRMATIVE

Shaun Hatfield
Cecil O'Donnell

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl
Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cathy Stoddard

Motion defeated.

The original motion was then put to a vote.

Resolution C090536

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl
Louise Halliday
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

Shaun Hatfield
Cecil O'Donnell

Motion carried

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.

Councillor Shaun Hatfield

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

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

Due to the lateness of the hour it was agreed that the Clerk-Treasurer's report be emailed to all councillors.

CONTINUATION OF NEW BUSINESS

Solid Waste Collection Summary

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a summary showing solid waste collection figures for the last five years.

RFP - C.S.I. Sewer Project

The Clerk informed members that a Request for Proposals was called for the engineering services for planning, design and construction of a wastewater collection and treatment system for Cape Sable Island. The deadline for submissions was Monday, May 25, 2009 at 4:00. Two Request for Proposals were received and were as follows:

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| - Dillon Consulting Limited | \$554,193.00, including H.S.T. |
| - ABL Environmental Consultants Ltd. | \$616,146.00, including H.S.T. |

Concern was raised that the RFP received from Dillion Consulting Limited was not in a sealed envelope.

Resolution C090537

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Clerk seek legal advice from the Municipal Solicitor to determine whether or not we can consider the RFP received from Dillon Consulting Limited since it was not in a sealed envelope. Once this is determined qualifying RFPs can be referred to the Project Manager for review and recommendation to Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website May 27, 2009.