

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Tuesday, April 14, 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 Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger who attended the Provincial Volunteer Banquet in Halifax earlier today. She is expected to arrive shortly.

- Warden Louise Halliday
- Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger (7:35 p.m.)
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Councillor Shaun Hatfield
- Councillor Cecil O'Donnell
- Councillor Cathy Stoddard
- Councillor Sean Strang
  
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

### DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor O'Donnell indicated that he would be declaring Conflict of Interest when dealing with the salary for the position of Deputy Clerk.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the minutes of the last meeting held March 23, 2009 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

- Nova Scotia Liquor Commission Request.
- Enumeration.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

#### Model Volunteer Community Award

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from Recreation Nova Scotia acknowledging our submission for the Model Volunteer Community Award and advising that our nomination was not selected this year.

Eastlink Broadband Towers

The Municipal Clerk informed members that Eastlink Wireless plans to install two broadband towers in the Municipality of Barrington. One tower is to be located in the Blanche area and the other tower is to be located in the Shag Harbour area. Eastlink will hold public meetings regarding the placement of these towers.

It was noted that the final decision for the location of these towers will be made by Industry Canada.

2009 Year of the Lobster

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from MP Gerald Keddy concerning our request to have the year 2009 declared the *Year of the Lobster*. Mr. Keddy has advised that his role as Parliamentary Secretary prevents him from tabling a Private Members Bill in the House of Commons. Our request has been forwarded to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans for consideration.

It was noted that letters of support for the designation have been received from the Municipality of Clare, Town of Shelburne, Municipality of Colchester, Municipality of Chester, etc.

C.S.I. Sewer Survey Results

Each member was provided with the results of the C.S.I. Sewer Survey. A breakdown of the results is as follows:

DISTRICT 5		DISTRICT 6		DISTRICT 7		TOTALS	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
225	140	159	98	119	117	503	355

The Clerk informed members that 1,527 surveys were sent out, 22 were undeliverable, 57% have been returned completed.

Members were also provided with copies of comments provided by property owners on Cape Sable Island.

Resolution C090401

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by C. Stoddart that the results of the C.S.I. Sewer Survey be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATIONS

VON Week

The Warden informed members that correspondence has been received from VON Tri-County requesting Council to declare May 17 - 23, 2009 as VON Week.

There being no objections received, the Warden declared May 17 - 23, 2009 as VON Week in the Municipality of Barrington.

North American Occupational Safety and Health Week

The Warden informed members that correspondence has been received requesting Council to proclaim May 3 - 9, 2009 as North American Occupational Safety & Health Week.

There being no objections to this request, the Warden declared May 3 - 9, 2009 as North American Occupational Safety & Health Week in the Municipality of Barrington.

Resolution C040902

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by S. Strang that the Committee of the Whole consider a procedure or policy to be followed when making proclamations.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Black Loyalist Heritage Society

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Black Loyalist Heritage Society requesting Council to provide a letter of support for the Birchtown Interpretive Centre.

Resolution C090403

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a letter of support be forwarded to the Black Loyalist Heritage Society as requested in support of the Birchtown Interpretive Centre.

Motion carried unanimously.

Lieutenant Governor's Medal

Correspondence has been received advising that presentations of the Lieutenant Governor's Medals will take place on May 27, 2009 at the Island Consolidated School in Freeport. An invitation has been extended to the Warden to attend this ceremony.

Resolution C090404

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality pay the expenses of one council representative to attend the presentation of the Lieutenant Governor's medals ceremony if anyone wishes, and that letters of congratulations be forwarded to the B.M.H.S. recipients.

Motion carried unanimously.

Bay Side Home Expansion

It was reported that a letter has been received from the Minister of Health advising that Bay Side Home will be able to proceed with groundbreaking and excavation as soon as the weather conditions improve.

Deputy Warden LeBlanc-Messenger arrived at 7:35 p.m.

Request for Funding - Shelburne County Physician Recruitment Committee

Correspondence has been received from the Chairman of the Physician Recruitment Committee advising that South West Health has paid for conceptual drawings of the new clinic by an architect, and provided the services of their project manager to assess the clinic site and provide feedback, including a cost estimate. Based on the drawings, estimated cost of construction will be in the vicinity of \$500,000.00. The committee is now requesting the Municipality to cost share in the design study. It is estimated that this study will cost approximately \$20,000.00.

It was noted that Anthony Muise of the District Health Authority will be providing information to the next meeting of the Physician Recruitment Committee on funding deficits of the Clinic's operation.

Resolution C090405

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that the request received from the Shelburne County Physician Recruitment Committee be deferred until information is obtained regarding the estimated funding deficit of the Clinic's operation.

Motion carried unanimously.

Request for Funding - Western Counties Regional Library Annual Conference

Correspondence has been received from the Western Counties Regional Library advising that they will be hosting the annual conference of the Library Board Association of Nova Scotia at the Grand Hotel on October 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The Board is requesting a donation of \$50.00 to help defer the cost of the refreshment breaks during the conference.

Resolution C090406

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang that a \$50.00 donation be made to the Western Counties Regional Library Board to assist with the cost of refreshment breaks during their annual conference.

Motion carried unanimously.

Request for Advance - Arena Fundraising Committee

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Barrington Arena Fundraising Committee. The Committee is requesting an advance in the amount of \$5,000.00 for start-up costs associated with organizing an Arena dance. The dance is scheduled to be held on Saturday, May 9, 2009. The advance will be returned following the event. The Committee is also requesting a councillor to be appointed to their group as a liaison with Council.

Resolution C090407

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that an advance in the amount of \$5,000.00 be provided to the Barrington Arena Fundraising Committee for start-up costs, and that Councillor George El-Jakl be appointed to serve as the liaison for the Committee and the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Nova Scotia Liquor Commission Request

The Clerk informed members that a request has been received from the Manager of the Barrington Nova Scotia Liquor Commission store advising that a group from the NSLC will be participating in Earth Day by planting trees in the area and are looking for suggested locations.

Resolution C090408

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Strang that the NSLC group be advised that 5-6 trees may be planted at the CED Centre/Library, trees could be planted at the Brass Hill Playground, and trees could also be handed out to their patrons.

Motion carried unanimously.

By-Election Enumeration

It was suggested by staff that an enumeration be carried out for the boundary between electoral districts 5 and 6 to ensure that electors are listed on the proper list of electors for their district. It is proposed that the enumeration be carried out from Daley Road to Jed Goodwin's driveway in North East Point.

Resolution C090409

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by S. Strang that steps be taken to determine if it is legally possible to enumerate electors in the vicinity of the boundary between Districts 5 and 6.

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 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 report on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

Ocean First Task Force

Councillor El-Jakl informed members that a draft work plan for 2009/2010 for offshore energy research officers has been prepared, a copy of which has been forwarded to councillors for comment. Comments may be directed to the Municipal Clerk or Councillor El-Jakl.

Councillor El-Jakl informed members that a link will be created on the South West Shore Development Authority's website to the Ocean First Task Force website.

Councillor Cathy Stoddard

Councillor Stoddard gave a brief update 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.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

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

Councillor Sean Strang

Committee of the Whole

Semi-Annual Meeting with Fire Departments

Resolution C090410

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the cost of two fire holes to be constructed in the Port Clyde and Port LaTour area, and the Shag Harbour area, be included in the 2009/2010 budget, if possible.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C090411

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the fire holes also be completed in the Oak Park and Villagedale areas in the coming fiscal year, if possible.

Motion carried unanimously.

Business Park

Resolution C090412

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by S. Hatfield that a letter be written to the Minister of Economic Development, Mr. Murray Scott, asking what action has been taken on the Municipality's application for funding under the Community Development Trust Program for funding for the Barrington Passage Business Park.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C090413

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality submit an application to the Building Canada Fund to obtain funding for the construction of the business park in Barrington Passage.

Motion carried unanimously.

Salary Review

Resolution C090414

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the Visitor Information Centre Manager's salary be raised to \$12.00 per hour.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

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

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

The Clerk reported that the following motion was deferred at the last meeting of Council:

*"Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the salary range for the Secretary to the Building Inspector be increased by \$2,000.00 and that the current Secretary be paid at the maximum scale at the new range."*

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by S. Hatfield that the motion to change the salary range for the Secretary to the Building Inspector be amended to remove the amount \$2,000.00 and insert \$1,000.00.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Louise Halliday  
Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Cathy Stoddard

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl  
Cecil O'Donnell  
Sean Strang

Motion carried.

The original motion as amended now reads as follows:

Resolution C090415

*“...that the salary range for the Secretary to the Building Inspector be increased by \$1,000.00 and that the current Secretary be paid at the maximum scale at the new range.”*

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Louise Halliday  
Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Cathy Stoddard

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl  
Cecil O'Donnell  
Sean Strang

Motion carried.

The Clerk reported that the following motion was deferred at the last meeting of Council:

*“Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that all wages of municipal employees receive an increase equivalent to the Consumer Price Index as determined by Statistics Canada for the period indicated in the Municipal Personnel Policy.”*

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by S. Hatfield that the motion increasing wages of municipal employees by the increase in the Consumer Price Index be amended to indicate that salaries of employees be increased by the Consumer Price Index of 1.4% for all employees who have not received other increases in the current review or whose wages have been established at current levels within the last six months.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

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

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.



The original motion as amended now reads as follows:

Resolution C090416

*“...that salaries of municipal employees be increased by the Consumer Price Index of 1.4% for all employees who have not received other increases in the current review or whose wages have been established at current levels within the last six months.”*

**AFFIRMATIVE**

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

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

The Clerk reported that the following motion was deferred at the last meeting of Council:

*“Moved by S. Strang and seconded by S. Hatfield that the range of the Accountant's salary be increased by \$2,000.00 and that the current Accountant be paid at the maximum scale on the new range.”*

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded C. Stoddard that the motion to change the range of the Accountant's salary have the amount \$2,000.00 removed and replaced by the amount \$1,000.00.”

Motion carried.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Louise Halliday  
Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Cathy Stoddard

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl  
Cecil O'Donnell  
Sean Strang

Motion carried.

The original motion as amended now reads as follows:

Resolution C090417

*“...that the range of the Accountant’s salary be increased by \$1,000.00 and that the current Accountant be paid at the maximum scale on the new range.”*

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Louise Halliday  
Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Cathy Stoddard

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl  
Cecil O’Donnell  
Sean Strang

Motion carried.

Conflict of Interest

Councillor O’Donnell declared conflict of interest, vacated his seat and left the meeting room.

The Clerk reported that the following motion was deferred at the last meeting of Council:

*“Moved by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the Deputy Clerk’s salary range be increased by \$3,000.00 in all ranges and that the current Deputy Clerk be paid at the maximum scale on the new range.”*

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by S. Hatfield that the motion changing the Deputy Clerk’s salary range have the amount \$3,000.00 removed and the amount \$1,500.00 inserted.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Louise Halliday  
Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Cathy Stoddard

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl  
Sean Strang

Motion carried.

The original motion now reads as follows:

Resolution C090418

*“...that the Deputy Clerk’s salary range be increased by \$1,500.00 in all ranges and that the current Deputy Clerk be paid at the maximum scale on the new range.”*

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Louise Halliday  
Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Cathy Stoddard

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl  
Sean Strang

Motion carried.

Councillor O’Donnell returned to the meeting.

The Clerk reported that the following motion was deferred at the last meeting of Council:

*“Moved by S. Strang and seconded by C. O’Donnell that the Clerk-Treasurer’s salary range be increased by \$5,000.00 and that the current Clerk-Treasurer be paid at the maximum scale on the new range.”*

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by C. Stoddard that the motion changing the Clerk-Treasurer’s salary range be amended by deleting the amount \$5,000.00 and inserting the amount \$2,000.00.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Louise Halliday  
Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Cathy Stoddard

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl  
Cecil O’Donnell  
Sean Strang

Motion carried.

The original motion as amended now reads:

Resolution C090419

*“... that the Clerk-Treasurer’s salary range be increased by \$2,000.00 and that the current Clerk-Treasurer be paid at the maximum scale on the new range.”*

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Louise Halliday  
Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Cathy Stoddard

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl  
Cecil O’Donnell  
Sean Strang

Motion carried.

Yarmouth-Argyle-Barrington-Clare District Planning Commission Budget

Resolution C090420

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the District Planning Commission be requested to review its budget and attempt to reduce costs contained in the budget wherever possible and then to resubmit it to municipal units for approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

Employee Satisfaction Survey

Resolution C090421

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality complete an employee satisfaction survey.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Louise Halliday  
Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Cathy Stoddard  
Sean Strang

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl  
Cecil O’Donnell

Motion carried.

Grant Request - White Lily Cemetery

Resolution C090422

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by C. Stoddard that a grant of \$150.00 be provided to the White Lily Cemetery from the District 7 Community Grants Fund for the purpose of defraying the cost of installing new fencing.

Motion carried unanimously.

Department of Transportation

Resolution C090423

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Department of Transportation be informed that the signs at Cemetery Road and Post Office Road in Wood's Harbour have been knocked down and are in need of replacement.

Motion carried unanimously.

Barrington Municipal Arena

Resolution C090424

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that a letter of congratulations be sent to the Barrington Sea Star Ice Dogs congratulating them for winning the Maritime Hockey North 2009 Championship, and also that a letter be sent to the Shelburne County Minor Hockey Association congratulating the Bantam "A" hockey team for winning the 2009 Nova Scotia Provincials.

Motion carried unanimously.

Shelburne County Longboat Society

Resolution C090425

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that a letter be sent to the Shelburne Longboat Society thanking them for their invitation for any municipal councillor to become a dedicated rower for the longboats, and responding that the schedule of councillors for the coming year does not allow for the time for them to commit to this obligation.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ocean First Task Force

Resolution C090426

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that George El-Jakl be designated the Municipality's member on the Ocean First Task Force and attend their meetings.

Motion carried unanimously.

Environmental Advisory Committee

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that the concept of an Environmental Advisory Committee be presented to the public by advertising in the local paper to determine if any public members are interested in such a committee, and that they make their interest known by contacting the Municipal Office.

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by C. Stoddard that the above motion be amended to state that the purpose of the committee is to be a pro-active body toward fostering environmental awareness, initiatives, enhancements and protection.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Cecil O'Donnell  
Cathy Stoddard  
Sean Strang

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl  
Louise Halliday

Motion carried.

The original motion as amended now reads:

Resolution C090427

“...that the concept of an Environmental Advisory Committee be presented to the public by advertising in the local paper to determine if any public members are interested in such a committee and that they make their interest known by contacting the Municipal Office. The purpose of the committee is to be a pro-active body toward fostering environmental awareness initiatives, enhancements and protection.”

**AFFIRMATIVE**

Shaun Hatfield  
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger  
Cecil O'Donnell  
Cathy Stoddard  
Sean Strang

**NEGATIVE**

George El-Jakl  
Louise Halliday

Motion carried.

Shelburne County Industrial Commission

Resolution C090428

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the responses to the Shelburne County Industrial Commission suggested in the report prepared for councillors be approved and sent to the Chair of the Commission.

Motion carried unanimously.

By-Election

It was noted that the following recommendation from Council was dealt with earlier.

**Moved** by S. Strang that those residents who will be moved from the improper electoral district in District 5 to the proper district in District 6 be notified as soon as possible so they are aware of who their councillor is and that they are listed in the proper electoral district.

There being no seconder the motion was declared lost.

Stoney Island Beach

Resolution C090429

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by S. Hatfield that Municipal Staff contact the Department of Natural Resources requesting permission to place “No Dumping” signs, together with the amount of the appropriate related fine, at both ends of the Stoney Island Beach, and that Municipal Staff further investigate the possibility of increasing the fines under By-Law No. 8.

Motion carried unanimously.

Purchasing Agreement

Resolution C090430

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by C. O’Donnell that;

**WHEREAS** proposals have been received from both Pepsi Maritimes and Coca Cola Bottling Co. Ltd. for the supply of soft drinks at the Barrington Municipal Arena for the next five (5) years;

**AND WHEREAS** it is deemed that the proposal from Coca Cola Bottling Co. Ltd. is the most economically advantageous to the Municipality;

**THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED** that Council accept the proposal from Coca Cola Bottling Co. Ltd. for the next five (5) years for the supply of soft drinks and refreshments to the Barrington Municipal Arena.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Transit - Rural Incentive Program

The Clerk reported that information has been received from Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations advising that the Province is pleased to provide an initial payment under the Nova Scotia Transit - Rural Incentive Program. This funding is intended to support the development of new and improved public transit services in rural and small centres in Nova Scotia. The 2008/2009 funding will be distributed using a base amount of \$5,000.00 and the balance on a per capita basis. The Municipality of Barrington's 2008/2009 allocation was \$6,806.00. The guidelines for the fund are still being developed by the Province. The funding may be placed in a segregated reserve account to be coupled with anticipated future funding for this program in 2009/2010 and beyond. Reporting on the use of the 2008/2009 allocation will be required for any future allocations under the program.

Resolution C090431

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by S. Hatfield that the money received from the Nova Scotia Transit - Rural Incentive Program in the amount of \$6,806.00 be placed in the Special Reserve Fund Capital.

Motion carried unanimously.

Appeal Repeal for the 2009 Appeal Year

In advance to the meeting each member of Council was provided with a Residential/Commercial Appeal Report for the 2009 Appeal Year.

Tri-County Regional School Board Funding

Correspondence has been received from the B.M.H.S. School Advisory Council advising that if the upcoming provincial budget does not provide adequate funding to maintain present programs and services, then B.M.H.S. would be detrimentally affected for years to come as will all other schools in the district and province. The letter indicated that the Tri-County Regional School Board will need at least slightly more than a 4.5% increase to sustain the programs and services presently being offered to our students.

Resolution C090432

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by S. Strang that a letter be written to the Department of Education requesting that the 2009/2010 funding provided to the Tri-County Regional School Board be increased by 4.5% in order to sustain the programs and services presently being offered to our students.

Motion carried unanimously.



Resolution C090433

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the Tri-County Regional School Board be questioned regarding the funding ratio provided to the Barrington Municipal High School as compared to other schools in the Tri-County Regional School Board District. Questions to be raised are as follows:

1. Is the Barrington Municipal High School receiving equal funding?
2. Question how music funding is determined at B.M.H.S.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be dealt with, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

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Warden

Clerk

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website April 16, 2009.**