

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 23, 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.

- Warden Louise Halliday
- Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- 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

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Strang that the minutes of the last meeting of Council held February 9, 2009 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Students in Business

Jocelyn Nickerson, Outreach Facilitator for the Community Business Development Corporation, appeared before the meeting and explained the Students in Business Program offered by the CBDC. The Students in Business Program provides an interest free loan of up to \$5,000.00, training, mentorship and rebate to eligible students ages 15 - 35. Ms. Nickerson also informed members that as part of the program, a social enterprise project is offered in the high schools to help students develop their ideas and become more familiar with the Students in Business Program.

CORRESPONDENCE

Inter-Municipal Co-operation

The Clerk informed members that Team Shelburne County recently discussed the continued development of inter-municipal co-operation among the municipal units in Shelburne County. Team Shelburne County is inviting CAOs and Clerks of all five municipal units in the County to meet and develop a list of a few areas where additional co-operation may be developed among the municipal units.

Resolution C090221

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by S. Strang that the Clerk-Treasurer attend the meeting to discuss co-operation among municipal units in Shelburne County.

Motion carried unanimously.

Provincial Championship

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Shelburne County Minor Hockey Association advising that the Nova Scotia Provincial Midget B Championships will be held in Barrington on March 13 - 15. They would like to know whether the Municipality would be willing to include a message in their provincial booklet and take out an ad.

Resolution C090222

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Strang the Municipality take out a full page ad in the provincial booklet and include a welcoming message at a cost of \$200.00 and that we offer the Association the use of our municipal flag during the championships.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden gave a brief report on her activities since the last meeting which included:

- the results of the 2009 S.W.S.D.A. Strategic Planning Session
- the Shelburne County Recreation Society Meeting
- the Tri-County Local Food Systems Meeting
- Special Olympics

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillor Cecil O'Donnell

No committees to report.

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.

Councillor Sean Strang

Committee of the Whole

Councillor's Liability

Resolution C090223

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality request proof of insurance coverage for both councillors and employees who are appointed to outside boards and committees by Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C090224

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality determine what coverage is provided for public members on committees of council.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Meetings

Resolution C090225

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by S. Hatfield that Committee of the Whole meetings be held in Wood's Harbour, Barrington, Port Clyde and Cape Sable Island areas four times in the next year at the discretion of Council in order to obtain community input into municipal business.

Motion carried unanimously.

Nominating Committee

Resolution C090226

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by C. Stoddard that a list of committees attached to the minutes be approved for the coming year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C090227

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by C. O'Donnell that Councillor Hatfield also be appointed as the alternate on the Western Counties Regional Library Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

Saltscapes Expo

Resolution C090228

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by D. Messenger that an expenditure of \$500.00 to cover the cost of the Municipality's participation in the Saltscapes Expo in Halifax be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Department of Transportation Traffic Count

Resolution C090229

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by C. O'Donnell that no traffic counts be requested from the Department of Transportation for the coming year.

Motion carried unanimously.

North East Point Beach

Resolution C090230

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality further investigate gaining access to the North East Point Beach area by extending the boardwalk from McGray Avenue down the former D.O.T. right of way towards the beach, at municipal expense.

Motion carried unanimously.

Union Cemetery Request

Resolution C090231

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by C. O'Donnell that a grant of \$1,000.00 be provided from the District 4 Community Grants Fund to the Union Cemetery in Smithsville for the purpose of repairs to the cemetery.

Motion carried unanimously.

Shag Harbour Incident Society Request

Resolution C090232

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by S. Hatfield that a grant of \$750.00 from the District 2 Community Grants Fund be approved for the Shag Harbour Incident Society for the purpose of providing brochures for the museum, and having documents and pictures enlarged and made into wall plaques.

Motion carried unanimously.

New Horizons for Seniors Program

Resolution C090233

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Municipality pay the expenses of members wishing to attend the New Horizons for Seniors Program meeting in Yarmouth.

Motion carried unanimously.

Volunteer of the Year

Resolution C090234

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by C. Stoddard that Shelley d'Eon be recognized as the Volunteer of the Year for the Municipality of Barrington for 2009.

Motion carried unanimously.

Rock Wall at Lighthouse Road in Baccaro

Resolution C090235

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by C. O'Donnell that a request be made to the appropriate government department to have a rock wall constructed along the edge of the Lighthouse Road at Baccaro Point in order to prevent further damage from the ocean.

Motion carried unanimously.

Strategic Planning

Resolution C090236

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by C. O'Donnell that the Municipality pay the expenses of members wishing to attend the Strategic Planning Workshops at Dalhousie University in either April or May.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ice Time Donation

**Moved** by S. Strang and seconded by C. O'Donnell that a donation equivalent to the cost of ice time for the fundraising event being held for the Melissa Nickerson Memorial Bursary Fund be provided, 50% from the District 4 Community Grants Fund, and 50% from the District 6 Community Grants Fund.

Councillor LeBlanc-Messenger informed members that someone from the public has paid the cost of ice time for this fundraising event.

Motion withdrawn.

Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Deputy Warden Messenger gave a brief report on her activities since the last meeting of Council which included the Shelburne County Recreation Society meeting, Tri-County Food Systems Workshop and the Special Olympics held in Yarmouth. She informed members that the curling team from Shelburne County placed 1<sup>st</sup> winning a gold medal, and the floor hockey team from Shelburne County placed 4<sup>th</sup>.

Curling Team: Evan Crowell, Tabitha Williams, Toby Krafve, Wendy Stoddard, Andrew Hicks

Floor Hockey Team: Dale Roache, Martin Fudge, David Wiles, Dale Stewart, Gillian Harris

Resolution C090237

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by C. Stoddard that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to both teams.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Shaun Hatfield

Councillor Hatfield gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council which included expansion of Bay Side Home and the C.S.I. Sewer. He indicated that at the C.S.I. Sewer Committee meeting it was agreed that there would be an open house session held for residents to ask questions relating to financial, technical, environmental issues etc. It was suggested that the RFP could be completed in early March or mid March.

C.S.I. Sewer Project

At this time the Municipal Clerk provided a power point presentation regarding the C.S.I. Sewer Project. The presentation included CBCL study findings, wastewater discharge requirements, collection of servicing options, financial comparison of options, sewer system funding, financial impact on Municipality and action required.

Resolution C090238

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipality proceed with Option 5 identified by CBCL and identify a treatment plant site in Stoney Island.

**AFFIRMATIVE**

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

**NEGATIVE**

Cathy Stoddard

Motion carried.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that Council at their meeting held August 13, 2007 passed the following motion:

*"...that the Municipality contribute from General Tax Revenues towards any sewer project in any district the equivalent of the commitment made by a previous Council to the Wood's Harbour sewer system. The contribution from General Tax Revenues will be up to \$300.00 per sewer unit per year in any area."*

Resolution C090239

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that this matter be further discussed at the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Clerk-Treasurer gave a report outlining activities during the month of January 2009.

**CONTINUATION OF NEW BUSINESS**

**Consideration of Repealing Policy 45**

The Clerk informed members that Notice of Consideration was given at the last meeting of Council to consider repealing Policy No. 45 "Community Health Care Advisory Committee". Contents of this policy are now covered under Policy No. 59 "Committees of Council".

Resolution C090240

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Strang that Policy No. 45 “Community Health Care Advisory Committee” be repealed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Bay Side Home Support Letter

Councillor Hatfield requested Council to consider a letter of support asking the appropriate Department of Health authority to take steps to have the groundwork and excavation started in early spring for the expansion of Bay Side Home.

Resolution C090241

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by S. Strang that a letter be forwarded to the Minister of Health; Deputy Minister of Health; Michael Harvey, Department of Health and Shelley Arsenault, Department of Health, requesting that there be no delay in tendering for groundwork and excavation work at the site for the Bay Side Home Expansion, and that steps be taken to have the sitework carried out in late March/early April, 2009. Copies of this letter are to be forwarded to Premier MacDonald, the MLA for Shelburne County, Dean Gale (ADI), Kendall Taylor (ADI), and Greg Moir (MHPM Project Manager).

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

At this time a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with personnel matters, being review of annual performance of Sharon Brannen and Luella Belliveau.

The Regular Council Meeting was called back to order.

ADJOURNMENT

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

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Warden

Clerk

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Secretary for the Meeting

**On website February 25, 2009.**