

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

January 5, 2009

The meeting was called to order by the Warden, at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Warden Louise Halliday
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Councillor Cecil O'Donnell
- Councillor Cathy Stoddard
- Councillor Sean Strang

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

Absent was Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger due to family illness.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of this Special Council Meeting was to organize the By-Election in District 5 for the election of a councillor. Members were informed that the Municipal Solicitor has informed the Clerk-Treasurer that there have been no appeals to the court decision that was issued on December 4, 2008 regarding the previous election. As a result the Municipality may now proceed to conduct an election for a councillor in District 5.

RETURNING OFFICER FEE

During the previous Council's term there were two special elections due to the resignation of councillors. The Returning Officer for each of these special elections was paid a fee of \$2,000.00. It is proposed that this fee be continued for the special election to be held in District 5.

Resolution C090101

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the Returning Officer's fee for the special election to be held to elect a councillor in District 5 be established at \$2,000.00, plus expenses.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER

Members were informed that the Municipal Clerk has called Catherine Clark who acted as Returning Officer during the October 2008 municipal election. Mrs. Clark has agreed to accept the position of Returning Officer for the special election in District 5 and it is recommended that she be appointed.

Resolution C090102

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Strang that Catherine Clark be appointed Returning Officer for the special election to be conducted in District 5, and that the Municipal Clerk be appointed Returning Officer in the case that Mrs. Clark is unable to perform the duties of Returning Officer.

Motion carried unanimously.

ELECTION AND ADVANCE POLL DATES

The special election must be held within eleven (11) weeks. It is proposed that the special election be held on Saturday, February 28, 2009, and that advance polls be held on Saturday, February 21st and Tuesday, February 24th, 2009.

Resolution C090103

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the special election be conducted on February 28, 2009 with the advance polls on February 21st and February 24th, 2009.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by G. El-Jakl that having completed the business of the meeting, the meeting be adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

_____ Warden

Secretary for the Meeting

On website January 6, 2009.