

The Municipality of the District of **BARRINGTON**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Barrington Municipal Council, held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Wednesday, February 9, 2000.

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present:

- Warden Sterling Belliveau
- Deputy Warden Fred Bower
- Councillor Angus Atkinson
- Councillor Eddie Nickerson
- Councillor Wayne Smith
- Councillor Steven Stoddart
- Councillor Tina Wickens

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Correspondence from Shelb. Co. Ministerial Assoc. Re: long-term care nursing facility.
- Withdrawal from Special Reserve Fund Capital Re: Wood's Harbour sewer.
- Request from Gary Black - 45 and over group.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by W. Smith that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by S. Stoddart and seconded by A. Atkinson that the minutes of the last meeting held January 26, 2000, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

INTERVIEW - SERGEANT MICHAEL LEIGHTON

Sergeant Leighton informed Councillors that Constable Santarella is being transferred to Ontario, but will remain at the Barrington Detachment until approximately the end of March.

His replacement has already arrived, Constable Dwayne Doyle, and therefore at the present time, the detachment has one (1) extra man on staff, at no cost to the municipality.

Sergeant Leighton advised that the detachment's priorities for the year 2000 are drugs and impaired driving. He invited Councillors to make him aware of any concerns or issues which they may have.

Sergeant Leighton advised that his yearly report will be available at the end of April and will make a presentation to Council at that time.

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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Bay Side Home Corporation - Line of Credit

The Clerk was requested to provide an update on the matter concerning the guarantee for the line of credit requested by Bay Side Home Corporation. The Clerk advised that the matter has been researched and a letter has been sent to the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs requesting his approval for the municipality to guarantee a line of credit for Bay Side Home Corporation in the amount of \$50,000.00.

MAYOR/WARDEN SURVEY

The Clerk reported that a motion was passed at the last Council Meeting which served Notice of Intent to reconsider the motion to elect a Mayor at large.

The motion to be reconsidered is as follows:

"Moved by F. Bower and seconded by T. Wickens that the Municipality of Barrington elect a Mayor at large at the upcoming Municipal Elections to be held in October, 2000, consistent with the results of the survey."

Motion defeated.

Upon the request of two (2) Councillors, the division was recorded.

FOR AGAINST

Warden Sterling Belliveau	Councillor Angus Atkinson
Deputy Warden Fred Bower	Councillor Eddie Nickerson
Councillor Tina Wickens	Councillor Wayne Smith
Councillor Steven Stoddart	

CORRESPONDENCE

Heritage Day 2000

It was reported that a letter has been received from the Federation of Nova Scotia Heritage, requesting Council to declare February 21st as Heritage Day 2000.

There being no objections to the proclamation, the Warden officially declared February 21st as Heritage Day 2000, in the Municipality of the District of Barrington.

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Kids Fair Play FUNd

It was reported that a letter has been received from Marilyn Johnston, Recreation Coordinator for the Municipality of the District of Shelburne, requesting a financial contribution of \$200.00 for the Kids Fair Play FUNd.

Moved by T. Wickens and seconded by S. Stoddart that the request for financial assistance for the Kids Fair Play FUNd, be referred to the Finance and Administration Committee for consideration during budget deliberations.

Motion carried.

Lobster Festival

It was reported that a letter has been received from Marilyn Johnston, Secretary for the 2000 Shelburne County Lobster Festival, requesting financial assistance in the amount of \$200.00, to promote the festival and the County.

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by W. Smith that that request from the Shelburne County Lobster Festival Committee be referred to the Finance and Administration Committee, to be considered during budget preparations.

Motion carried.

Cape Sable Island Sewer

The Clerk reported that a letter was sent to the Department of Housing and Municipal Affairs on January 18, 2000, requesting funding for the Cape Sable Island Sewer Study. A response has now been received which advised that the department is not in a position to commit funding to this project at this time.

Preserving Records - Electronic Format

It was reported that a fax was sent to the Department of Housing and Municipal Affairs on January 18, 2000, seeking funding to assist the municipality in preserving records in an electronic format. A response has now been received which advised that no such grant programs exist at this time.

During discussion of this matter, it was agreed that the Clerk contact HRDC to determine whether funding may be available through their department.

Long-Term Nursing Care Facility

It was reported that a copy of a letter has been received from the Shelburne County Ministerial Association, addressed to Mr. Bill Hondas, Western Regional Director of the Department of Health.

The letter requests the department's attention to the urgent need for a long-term nursing care facility in the western part of Shelburne County, specifically in the Municipality of Barrington.

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Moved by F. Bower and seconded by W. Smith that a letter be written to the Minister of Health expressing Council's support of the letter received from the Shelburne County Ministerial Association, regarding the establishment of a long-term nursing care facility to be located within the Municipality of Barrington and that a copy of this letter be forwarded to Dean Hirtle, Department of Health, Cecil O'Donnell, MLA and Gerald Keddy, MP.

Motion carried.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by T. Wickens that Mr. Bill Hondas, Western Regional Director for the Department of Health, be invited to attend an upcoming meeting of Council to discuss the establishment of a long-term nursing care facility in the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried.

WARDEN'S REPORT

The Warden reported on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

- January 28, 2000 Attended a meeting of Shelburne County Black Heritage Society.
The Society has received four (4) grants totalling \$207,325.00.
- January 31, 2000 Attended a Waste Check Meeting with Councillor Nickerson and Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk. Concerns of Council were brought up, dealing with the surplus and transportation equalization. At that meeting, members were informed by Waste Check to deal with the budget and put concerns of Council in writing.
- February 1, 2000 Attended a meeting of the Shag Harbour/Bear Point Volunteer Fire Department, at which a poll of electors was held, dealing with a 3.5 cent area rate.
- February 3, 2000 Attended a meeting dealing with the five (5) year Strategic Action Plan of the South West Shore Development Authority. One matter discussed at this meeting was a marine research training facility. Terry Thibodeau and Frank Anderson are presently working on a symposium or conference, dealing with a marine research training facility. Councillor Smith suggested that Council identify locations for such a facility.

Moved by T. Wickens and seconded by W. Smith that the matter of a marine research training facility be referred to the next Finance and Administration Committee Meeting for further discussion.

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

RADAC Meeting

Councillor Smith reported on the RADAC Meeting which was recently held. The meeting was chaired by Terry Thibodeau.

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Hospital Charitable Foundation/Tidal View Manor

Deputy Warden Bower reported on a recent meeting of the Hospital Charitable Foundation, as well as a meeting of Tidal View Manor. Minutes of the previous meetings were provided to the Clerk for circulation to members.

Library

Deputy Warden Bower asked the Clerk whether the cost of renovations has been determined to move the Library from its current location, to the annex school.

The Clerk reported that he has not yet had an opportunity to meet with Trudy Amirault and a carpenter to discuss renovations at the school.

Recreation and Facilities Management Committee

User Group Interview Re: Gate Receipts

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by T. Wickens that the Gate Receipts Policy for the Barrington Municipal Arena be amended to provide that the user groups receive 100% of all gate receipts during both the regular season and the playoffs and that those groups be responsible for all related expenses including ticket takers, security, referees, linesmen, ice rental, time keepers, goal judges, etc., effective immediately.

Motion carried.

Barrington Regional Curling Club

WHEREAS members believe it is necessary to confirm the commitment of the Barrington Regional Curling Club to operate the facility;

THEREFORE it is moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by F. Bower that a letter be sent to the Barrington Regional Curling Club requesting that they confirm that the club is willing to sign a lease agreement ensuring that they will pay the mortgage costs of the facility over the term of the debenture financing its construction and will be responsible for the operation and cost of operation of the facility during this period.

Motion carried.

The Clerk reported that he has been in conversation with Dwayne Harvey, Vaughan Engineering, and an estimate has been provided for revising the proposal documents. The proposal documents can be revised at a cost of \$9,000.00.

Moved by S. Stoddart and seconded by T. Wickens that all costs approved by Council, associated with the establishment of a curling club, be part of the \$687,950.00 previously committed by Council.

Motion carried.

Moved by T. Wickens and seconded by F. Bower that Vaughan Engineering be engaged to revise the proposal documents for the construction of a curling club, at the estimated cost of \$9,000.00.

Motion carried.

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March Break Program

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by T. Wickens that the Recreation and Facilities Manager and the Municipal Clerk hire an individual to assist Shelly Atwood with the March Break Children's Program.

Motion carried.

Request for Ice Time

The request Mr. Gary Black made to the Recreation and Facilities Management Committee was considered by Council, since no decision was made by the Recreation and Facilities Management Committee at their meeting held February 7, 2000.

Mr. Black is requesting that the 45 and over group be permitted to rent one to one and one-half hours of ice time at 8:30 p.m., on Sunday evenings.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by T. Wickens that the request received from Gary Black be denied, since the ice is not available at that time.

Motion carried.

Moved by S. Stoddart and seconded by T. Wickens that Mr. Black be notified that his letter is being forwarded to the Arena Manager and if ice time should become available, he will be advised and that he will be invited to attend the meeting in the Spring, dealing with scheduling of ice time for the upcoming season.

Motion carried.

LOW INCOME TAX EXEMPTION POLICY

Notice was given at the last meeting of Council that amendments will be considered to the Low Income Tax Exemption Policy at this meeting.

Much discussion took place regarding the Low Income Tax Exemption Policy. The Warden turned the chair over to the Deputy Warden, in order that he may express his concerns. After expressing his concerns, the chair was resumed by the Warden.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by T. Wickens that the Low Income Tax Exemption Policy be amended to require a sworn affidavit.

Motion carried.

WHEREAS members believe that the requirement for a copy of the prior year's income tax return may create undue difficulty for applicants;

THEREFORE it is moved by T. Wickens and seconded by F. Bower that the requirement for a copy of the prior year's income tax return to accompany the application, be deleted.

Motion carried.

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PAC APPOINTMENTS

The Clerk reported that the terms of the two (2) Non-Council Members serving on the Planning Advisory Committee expired January, 2000.

Moved by S. Stoddart and seconded by T. Wickens that an advertisement be placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper for expressions of interest of individuals wishing to serve on the Planning Advisory Committee.

Motion carried.

WASTE CHECK - OPERATING PLAN AND BUDGET

As reported earlier in the meeting, the two (2) concerns expressed by the Finance and Administration Committee were taken to the Waste Check Meeting held January 31, 2000. At that time, members were advised to deal with the budget and put their concerns in writing regarding the surplus and transportation equalization.

Moved by T. Wickens and seconded by F. Bower that a letter be written to Waste Check requesting that they hold another budget meeting, to address the concerns of the Municipal Council dealing with the surplus and transportation equalization.

Motion carried.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by T. Wickens that the Waste Check Budget be rejected as presented.

Moved by T. Wickens and seconded by S. Stoddart that the above motion be amended until such time as matters concerning the surplus and transportation equalization formula are finalized.

Motion carried.

The original motion as amended was then put to a vote and carried.

POLL OF ELECTORS

A poll of electors was held on February 1, 2000, by the Shag Harbour/Bear Point Volunteer Fire Department. The poll of electors was held to deal with a proposal of the fire department to impose an area rate, amounting to \$40,000.00, for the purpose for purchasing an emergency response vehicle. This would result in an area rate of 3.5 cents per \$100.00 of assessment.

The Clerk reported that all requirements contained in Policy No. 18 have been met and a Declaration of Compliance had been signed by the Fire Chief, Ricky Banks. The results of the poll were eighteen (18) in favour and zero (0) opposed.

Moved by T. Wickens and seconded by A. Atkinson that the result of the vote of electors in the fire district for the Shag Harbour/Bear Point Volunteer Fire Department be accepted by Council and that commencing in 2000, and for a seven (7) year period, there be a further 3.5 cent area rate for fire, levied on all taxable properties in Municipal District 5E, which shall be in addition to the existing area rate, bringing the total to approximately 10 cents per \$100.00 of assessment.

Motion carried.

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YEARLY INCREMENT - RAY GREEN

The Clerk reported that Ray Green, Recreation and Facilities Manager, has received a satisfactory performance evaluation.

Moved by T. Wickens and seconded by E. Nickerson that Ray Green's yearly increment in the amount of \$1,000.00, be approved and is effective February 3, 2000.

Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF MATRONS

As a result of an advertisement placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper, four (4) applications have been received for the position of Matron.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by W. Smith that Carla Nickerson and Francine Roy be

appointed Matrons to the Barrington Municipal Lock-up, subject to the required police checks being carried out.

Motion carried.

WITHDRAWAL FROM SPECIAL RESERVE
FUND CAPITAL - WOOD'S HARBOUR SEWER

Moved by T. Wickens and seconded by S. Stoddart and carried;

WHEREAS Section 99(4) of the Municipal Government Act provides that a withdrawal from the Special Reserve Fund Capital shall be authorized by Council resolution;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of the District of Barrington deems it necessary to withdraw a sum not exceeding Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for the purpose of repaying the principal portion of the approved capital debt for the Wood's Harbour sewer system;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED,

THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Barrington withdraw from the Special Reserve Fund Capital, a sum not exceeding Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for the purpose set out above.

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by E. Nickerson that the meeting adjourn at 10:00 p.m.

Motion carried.