

# The Municipality of the District of **BARRINGTON**

Minutes of the first meeting of the newly elected Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Wednesday, November 8, 2000.

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

- Councillor Angus Atkinson
- Councillor Sterling Belliveau
- Councillor Frederick Bower
- Councillor Louise Halliday
- Councillor Dwayne Hunt
- Councillor Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- Councillor Peter (Wayne) Smith
  
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

## OFFICIAL DECLARATION

The Municipal Clerk read the Official Declaration detailing the results of the general election held on October 21, 2000.

A copy of the declaration is attached and forms part of the official proceedings of this meeting.

## SWEARING IN CEREMONY

The Municipal Clerk then individually swore in each member of Council.

## ELECTION OF WARDEN

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Halliday that Sterling Belliveau be nominated for the position of Warden.

The nomination was accepted by Councillor Belliveau.

There being no further nominations, after a call of three (3) times, Sterling Belliveau was declared elected Warden.

Warden Belliveau then assumed his chair at the head of the table.

## ELECTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Halliday that Eddie Nickerson be nominated for the position of Deputy Warden.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that Fred Bower be nominated for the position of Deputy Warden.

There being no further nominations, after a call of three (3) times, it was declared by the Warden that nominations cease.

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It was agreed that the election of Deputy Warden will be determined by secret ballot and that former councillors Tina Wickens and Steven Stoddart act as scrutineers.

Eddie Nickerson was declared elected Deputy Warden as he received the majority of votes.

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by L. Halliday that the ballots be destroyed.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

The Warden presented Certificates of Recognition to former council members, Tina Wickens and Steven Stoddart.

#### PHOTO SESSION

A short break was held in order to have a group photo taken of the newly elected Council.

#### MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was held in recognition of Remembrance Day.

#### COUNCIL PROCEDURE

The Warden reported that it has been suggested that each council member stand when addressing Council issues as a number of people have expressed concern that individuals sitting in the spectator area are unable to hear what council members are saying. This change in council procedure will be in effect until February 2001 at which time the matter will be reconsidered.

#### INTERVIEW - NICOLLE BACKMAN - SHELBURNE COUNTY YOUTH RESOURCE CENTRE

Ms. Nicolle Backman, Youth Navigator for the Shelburne County Youth Resource Centre, appeared before the meeting. She informed members that the Centre provides youth, ages 15 - 30, with employment related information. The Centre promotes life-long learning experience and education. It also provides services and resources to employers in Shelburne County.

The program is sponsored by the H.R.D.C. and is administered through the Shelburne County Development Commission. Ms. Backman advised that there is still money available to promote a Youth Services Learning Program in the Municipality of Barrington and any suggestions would be appreciated.

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#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by A. Atkinson that the minutes of the last meeting held October 11, 2000 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

##### Fort St. Louis Site

The Clerk reported that he has been in contact with Mr. Lamont Lovitt, who is the owner of the Fort St. Louis site located in Port LaTour. Mr. Lovitt has indicated that he is not willing to lease the land to the municipality for the purpose of reconstruction of the fort.

Councillor Bower advised members that he has been in discussion with Mr. Lovitt and he has indicated a willingness to allow the municipality to install interpretive panels at the site.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt that this matter be referred to the Finance Committee for further discussion.

Motion carried.

##### C.S.I. Sewer Study Report

Councillor Smith expressed concern that Phase II and Phase III of the C.S.I. Sewer Study Report indicate that the Pressure Sewer Collection System does not include the cost of septic tanks as this cost is carried in the Treatment System Costs.

The Clerk advised that if Council decides to proceed with that system then those items will be further discussed at that time.

Question was raised regarding communication with the Town of Clark's Harbour as it relates to the use of their present sewage system. The Clerk advised that no official response has yet been received from the Town.

## PROCLAMATION 2000 WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN

The Warden reported that a letter has been received from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities regarding the White Ribbon Campaign. They are requesting that the Municipality of Barrington declare November 25 - December 6, 2000 as "White Ribbon Week".

There being no objections expressed by members, the Warden declared November 25 - December 6, 2000 as "White Ribbon Week" in the Municipality of Barrington and adopted the proposed proclamation:

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WHEREAS the majority of women and men in our community are deeply concerned about the pressing problem of violence against women;

AND WHEREAS the White Ribbon Campaign believes that most men want to make a positive contribution to ending this violence;

AND WHEREAS our municipality wants to take tangible steps to raise awareness, along with other municipalities across the country;

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That November 25-December 6, 2000 be proclaimed WHITE RIBBON WEEK in the Municipality of Barrington.
2. That all members of council and all municipal employees, particularly men, are encouraged to wear the 'white ribbon' during White Ribbon Week.
3. That the White ribbon Poster be displayed at the Municipal Offices in such a location that it can be seen, and be signed, by councillors and visitors alike.
4. That white ribbons will be available to all visitors to the Municipal Offices during White Ribbon Week.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### Federal Gas Tax

The Clerk reported that a copy of a letter has been received from the Municipality of Colchester, addressed to Mr. Bill Casey, MP Cumberland-Colchester. The Municipality of Colchester is questioning why the Federal Government keeps 98% of the federal gas tax money that Nova Scotians pay at the pumps. The purpose of collecting this tax is to have funds available for the upkeep of the roads within the province. The condition of roads in the Province of Nova Scotia is deplorable and, therefore, the Municipality of Colchester is requesting a change to the formula

that returns only 2% of the gas tax to the province. The Municipality of Colchester is asking for support from municipal units to their request for a greater share of the gas tax money paid by Nova Scotians.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by A. Atkinson that the Municipality of Barrington support the letter received from the Municipality of Colchester regarding a greater share of the gas tax money and that our support be forwarded to the Prime Minister and our local MP.

Motion carried.

## CONTINGENCY FUND

### Barrington Riverdale Cemetery Association Request

The Clerk reported that four (4) letters have been received requesting funding from the Contingency Fund.

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The Clerk read a letter received from the Barrington Riverdale Cemetery Association requesting a grant of \$2,500.00 to assist with the development of its cemetery.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by E. Nickerson that the request received from the Barrington Riverdale Cemetery Association be referred to the Finance Committee for further consideration.

Motion carried.

### Birch Hill Cemetery Association Request

The Clerk reported that a letter has also been received from the Birch Hill Cemetery Association requesting funding in the amount of \$1,500.00.

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by W. Smith that the request received from the Birch Hill Cemetery Association be referred to the Finance Committee for further consideration.

Motion carried.

### Doctor's Cove United Baptist Church Request

A letter has been received from the Doctor's Cove United Baptist Church which requests funding in the amount of \$500.00 to assist with maintenance of their property.

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by W. Smith that the request received from the Doctor's Cove United Baptist Church be referred to the Finance Committee.

Motion carried.

## Centreville United Baptist Church Request

The Clerk reported that an estimate has been received from Francis Atkinson for repairs and renovations to the former Centreville United Baptist Church building which is now being preserved by the people of the community. The total estimate for repairs and renovations is \$12,428.00.

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by E. Nickerson that the Centreville Church Preservation Society be granted \$1,000.00 from the Contingency Fund to assist with renovations and repairs to the former Centreville United Baptist Church building.

Motion carried.

## Yarmouth Hospital Charitable Foundation

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from the Yarmouth Hospital Charitable Foundation requesting that each council appoint one (1) member to serve on the Yarmouth Hospital Charitable Foundation.

It was agreed that this matter be considered during the Nomination Committee Meeting.

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## Barrington Consolidated and Port LaTour Schools

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from the Southwest Regional School Board advising the schools will become the property of the Municipality on November 17, 2000. The Clerk reported that both of these schools have been inspected and a summary of those inspections has been forwarded to councillors by memo.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt that this matter be referred to the Finance Committee to determine ways to best utilize these schools for the community.

Motion carried.

## Vacancy on Waterfront Development Committee

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from Clyde Nickerson asking that he be appointed to the Waterfront Development Committee. Mr. Nickerson was a member of the committee in the past but vacated his seat to run in the municipal election.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday that Clyde Nickerson be appointed to serve on the Waterfront Development Committee.

Motion carried.

The Clerk also informed members that he has received a letter of resignation from Lillian Perry resigning from her position on the Waterfront Committee.

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by W. Smith that the Letter of resignation received from Lillian Perry be accepted.

Motion carried.

## REPORT OF WARDEN

No reports to be made by the Warden.

## SWEARING IN CEREMONY

At this time in the meeting Sterling Belliveau was sworn in as Warden and Eddie Nickerson was sworn in as Deputy Warden.

## COMMITTEE AND BOARDS REPORTS

### Waterfront Development Committee

Councillor Smith provided a brief report of the October 19, 2000 Waterfront Development Committee Meeting. He informed members that it was the decision of the Committee to re-tender for the construction of Walking Trail.

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Their next meeting is scheduled to be held on November 14, 2000. Councillor Smith also advised that it is the recommendation of the Committee that Jean Raymond be appointed to serve on the Waterfront Development Committee.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that Jean Raymond be appointed to serve on the Waterfront Development Committee.

Motion carried.

### UNSM Conference

Councillor Smith provided a brief report on the UNSM Conference held recently.

### Crown Land Management Plan

Councillor Smith provided a report on a meeting held September 14, 2000 dealing with the Resource Management Plan for Crown land.

## FINANCE

### Employee Increments

WHEREAS the following seven employees have completed another year's employment with the Municipality at the Barrington Municipal Arena and have received satisfactory performance evaluations;

THEREFORE it is moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that the following employees: Gary Jeschke, Jeanne Ossinger, Robert Watt, Holly Symonds, Shelley Atwood, Laura Lee Greenwood and David Nickerson, all receive their wage increments for the coming year.

Motion carried unanimously.

### Family Violence Program

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that a letter be sent to the Minister of Justice informing him that Council has done some research and finds there are discrepancies between information provided by Sergeant Leighton and the information provided by the Minister and request that these discrepancies be addressed by the Minister.

Motion carried.

### Planning Advisory Committee

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### Salvage Yard Definition Amendment

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by A. Atkinson that the municipality proceed with the public hearing to amend the definition of "salvage yard" contained in the Land Use By-Law so that it will be consistent with the definition used by the Nova Scotia Department of Environment. The definition of salvage yard is: "Salvage yard means an area of land, or lot, including any building or structure used for the receipt, storage, sale, re-sale and processing of waste or surplus automobiles, transportation vehicles or industrial equipment, including any parts or pieces that have been removed but does not include a scrap yard or recycling depot".

Motion carried.

### Other Uses on Municipal Properties

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by E. Nickerson that a public hearing be held in order to amend the Land Use By-Law in order to include other and miscellaneous uses on Municipal Properties. These amendments will include:

- Page 29- Part 12 - Rural Developments (RD) Zones, Section 8 is amended as follows.

1. The header is deleted and replaced with the following:

One Main Building or Use on a Lot

2. A new clause (d) is added to read as follows:

d) uses permitted in the RD Zone on municipally owned lands.

- Page 35- Part 15 - Residential, General, R1 Zone, Section 7 is amended as follows:

1. The header is deleted and replaced with the following:

One Main Building or Use on a Lot.

2. A new clause (d) is added to read as follows:

d) emergency service uses permitted in the R1 Zone on municipally owned lands.

#### Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law Amendments Re: Sewer Definition in Municipal Government Act

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that a public hearing be held in order to amend the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law in order to make definitions for sewers consistent with the Municipal Government Act and to amend the wording for sanitary sewer requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

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#### Requirements for Sewer Lines in Public Highways

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by F. Bower that a letter be sent to Mr. Ken Anthony indicating that:

1. A video inspection of the sewer line, in order to determine its condition, be done at the expense of the owner and that this video be examined by an independent engineer chosen by the Municipality prior to any approval of takeover of the sewer line.

2. The Department of Environment approval documentation for the current sewer line and any portion of the sewer line being taken over by the Municipality be provided by Mr. Ken Anthony prior to any approval being given for takeover. Once this information is provided the Committee will be able to make a decision regarding takeover of the sewer line.

Motion carried unanimously.

RONALD FRY - WRITTEN PRESENTATION RE: BEACHES

In advance to the meeting, each member of Council was provided with a copy of the written presentation submitted by Ron Fry. Mr. Fry is suggesting the promotion and preservation of our local tourist sites; such as, North East Point Beach, Stoney Island Beach, South Side Beach, the Hawk Beach, the Drowned Forest, etc.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that the presentation received from Mr. Ron Fry be referred to the Public Works Committee for additional consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

## PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT

The Clerk reported that a response has been received from the Department of Health advising that it is not possible for the department to provide overhead payments. The Department is suggesting that physicians should approach Dr. Blair to see what kind of a deal can be worked out amongst themselves.

Dr. John O'Connor recently visited the area and he has indicated that he would like to return to practice in Dr. Blair's office as soon as possible.

The Clerk reported that Dr. Blair's suspension will expire July 2001 and Dr. Jamal Aboujamra is due to leave the area on November 20, 2000. A representative of Dr. Blair's office has indicated that the overhead costs will be a minimum of \$4,100.00 per month.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality pay the overhead costs at Dr. Blair's office, to a maximum of \$4,100.00 per month, from December 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001, during the time physicians from Yarmouth and Shelburne counties are taking turns providing medical services to the Municipality of Barrington or until another doctor assumes practice out of this office.

Motion carried.

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Councillor Atkinson requested breakdown of the overhead costs.

## RESULTS OF YARD SALE

The Municipal Clerk reported that a Yard Sale was held on October 14, 2000 to dispose of surplus equipment. \$340.00 was generated from this sale and items remaining were donated to the Barrington Regional Curling Club for their auction to raise money for the club.

## RED MAPLE

Mrs. Annie Reynolds has been in contact with the office and advised that the Senior Citizens Community Club planted a red maple at the Port LaTour School. Since the school has now closed, Mrs. Reynolds is requesting that the tree be replanted on municipal property close to the

cenotaph.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by A. Atkinson that Mrs. Reynolds be contacted and advised that her request will be dealt with prior to the disposal of the Port LaTour Elementary School Property.

Motion carried.

#### REMEMBRANCE DAY WREATHS

It was agreed that the following lay wreaths at the Remembrance Day Ceremonies on behalf of the Municipality of Barrington:

- Sterling Belliveau, Wood's Harbour
- Angus Atkinson, Clark's Harbour
- Wayne Smith, Stoney Island
- Dwayne Hunt, Barrington

It was further agreed that Louise Halliday would attend the B.M.H.S. Remembrance Day Services to be held on Friday, November 10, 2000 at 1:00 and 2:00 p.m.

#### USE OF TENNIS COURT - STREET HOCKEY

The Clerk reported that the agreement to permit street hockey at the tennis court located on Sherose Island will expire November 2000.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that the agreement to permit street hockey at the tennis court located at Sherose Island be extended for a one (1) year period.

Motion carried.

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#### GUARANTEE LINE OF CREDIT - BAY SIDE HOME

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by F. Bower that a letter be written to Joanne Rose, Administrator for Bay Side Home, requesting that she re-submit the proposal for the Municipality to guarantee a line of credit for Bay Side Home Corporation, if needed it in the future.

Motion carried.

#### WATER QUALITY CONTROL - SHEROSE ISLAND

The Clerk reported that the water supply at Sherose Island has been deemed a public water

supply due to the number of people we serve at the Recreation Centre and the Arena. Since it has been designated a public water supply, it is necessary for the Municipality to test the water supply four (4) times per month.

We have been carrying out weekly tests and during the summer months coliform counts have been detected. We have now received results from four (4) consecutive tests which indicate no coliform count. The Clerk reported that it would be advisable for the Municipal Council to install an ultraviolet light to prevent this problem from reoccurring.

The following is a list of companies contacted for a quote:

- Brian L. Lamrock, Plumbing & Appliance Repair - \$8,280.00, to supply and install
- R. & S. Clear Water Specialists - not interested in providing a quote
- Sparkling Spring Waters - deal in water distribution sales and coolers only
- Clear Choice Water Shop - \$14,555.94 - to supply and install

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt that the ultraviolet light system be purchased from Brian Lamrock, Plumbing & Appliance Repair, being the lowest quote received, in the amount of \$8,280.00.

Motion carried.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. in order that the Nominating committee could meet.

#### MEETING RECONVENED

The Council meeting was called back to order at 10:05 p.m.

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#### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by F. Bower that the report of the Nominating Committee be approved and that the appointments to the various boards, committees and organizations be ratified and that the minutes of the meeting of the Nominating Committee form part of the official proceedings of this meeting and be attached hereto.

Motion carried.

#### CLOSED SESSION RE: SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY

The meeting was adjourned briefly to go in Closed Session to deal with sale of Municipal

Property.

The meeting was called back to order.

Former Gilbert Trask Property

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality re-list the Gilbert Trask property with East Bay Realty and the asking price be set at \$10,000.00 and also all reasonable offers are to be considered.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by F. Bower that there being no further business to be dealt with that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

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