

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, November 22, 2000.

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

- Warden Sterling Belliveau
- Councillor Angus Atkinson
- Councillor Fred Bower
- Councillor Louise Halliday
- Councillor Dwayne Hunt
- Councillor Wayne Smith
- Deputy Warden Eddie Nickerson (7:08)

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

EMERGENCY ITEMS

It was agreed that a "Closed Session" of Council be added to the Council agenda to deal with possible litigation and the sale of municipal property.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by A. Atkinson that the minutes of the last meeting held November 8, 2000 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Barrington Post Office Hours

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from Canada Post regarding Council's request to have the Post Office remain open during the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. The letter advised that full postal services are available in two (2) nearby postal outlets, both within five (5) kilometers of the Barrington Post Office. The two (2) outlets are Crowell's Store and the Barrington Passage Post Office. Therefore, the Barrington Post Office will continue to close so that the Post Master may break for lunch.

Highway Concerns

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from Mr. Gerard Chisholm of the Department of Transportation regarding highway concerns expressed by Council. The letter advised that the shoulder of the highway near Vernon d'Eon's on the Centreville/South Side Road has been shouldered.

In regards to centre line painting, Mr. Chisholm advised that the department's practice in Shelburne County has been to paint one hundred (100) series and trunk roads every year and secondary and collector roads every second year. The reason for this is primarily budget related.

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Mr. Chisholm's response, regarding the matter of bush cutting along the Port LaTour Road, was that the grader mounted bush whacker is shared with Yarmouth County and due to time restraints they are only able to cut most roads in the county every second year.

C.S.I. Sewer

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from the Town of Clark's Harbour concerning our request to include the Clark's Harbour Treatment Plant in our proposed sewer project for Cape Sable Island. The letter advised that the Town Council will be receptive to a proposal from the Municipality of Barrington on this matter.

The letter further advised that the suggestion of a combined application under the Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Works Program is a point of contention. Town Council has identified a number of projects that will be a direct benefit to the citizens of Clark's Harbour and they may wish to pursue funding for those projects under this program.

A brief discussion took place regarding the C.S.I. Sewer Proposal and it was agreed that this matter be tabled and further discussed during the interview with Mr. Kent Blades.

Powell's Beach and Crow's Neck Beach

Councillor Bower raised question regarding the acquisition of land at Powell's Beach and Crow's Neck Beach.

The Clerk advised that this matter was still being researched.

PROCLAMATION - AIDS AWARENESS WEEK AND WORLD AIDS DAY

The Warden reported that information has been received from the Canadian Public Health Association requesting Council to proclaim November 27th - December 1st, 2000 as AIDS Awareness Week and December 1, 2000 as World AIDS Day.

No opposition was forthcoming and therefore the Warden declared Aids Awareness Week November 27th - December 1st, 2000 in the Municipality of Barrington and December 1, 2000 as World Aids Day. The Proclamation is as follows:

WHEREAS the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) estimates that more

than 34 million people are infected with the Human Immuno-deficiency Virus (HIV) world-wide;

WHEREAS UNAIDS has called upon governments, organizations and individuals to recognize 1 December 2000 as World AIDS Day with the theme "AIDS: Men Make a Difference" which focuses on involving men more fully in the effort against AIDS to:

- * Raise awareness of the relationship between men's behavior and HIV;
- * Encourage men and adolescent boys to make a strong commitment to preventing the spread of HIV and caring for those affected;
- * Promote programmes that respond to the needs of both men and women.

WHEREAS Health Canada estimates that 40,100 Canadians are currently living with HIV/AIDS and more than 11,000 have died from AIDS-related illnesses since the beginning of the epidemic;

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WHEREAS the number of Canadians living with HIV/AIDS continues to increase with approximately 4,200 new infections each year;

WHEREAS in the absence of a cure or vaccine, education is our only defense against AIDS;

AND WHEREAS World AIDS Day offers an opportunity to enhance tolerance and understanding while communicating prevention information about the epidemic;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Warden of the Municipality of Barrington does hereby proclaim 1 December 2000 World AIDS Day for the Municipality of the District of Barrington.

CORRESPONDENCE

Halloween Curfew

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from Gertrude Nickerson expressing concern that Halloween Night has become very terrorizing to people in her community. She is requesting that Council consider putting in place a curfew.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Halliday that the letter from Gertrude Nickerson be referred to the Public Works Committee for further discussion.

Motion carried.

Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Program

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations regarding the Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Program. The letter advised that an information package on the program will be sent out by the end of November. The letter further

requested that Council give consideration to which infrastructure projects will be a priority to our municipal unit over the next six (6) years.

It was agreed that a priority list be prepared by the Clerk for consideration by Council.

Thank You Letter

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from the Green Hill Senior Citizens Club thanking Council for their grant of \$1,200.00.

Crosswalk

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from Reverend Shaun Hatfield requesting that a crosswalk be installed in Barrington Passage near the Barrington Municipal High School. He is further requesting that a crosswalk be installed across the highway from Shoppers Drug Mart parking lot to the Causeway Quik Mart parking lot.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by F. Bower that the request from Reverend Shaun Hatfield regarding crosswalks be referred to the Public Works Committee for further discussion.

Motion carried.

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Annual Christmas Carole Concert

The Clerk reported that an invitation has been received inviting councillors to attend the annual Christmas Carole Concert at the Old Meeting House Museum, December 16, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.

Shelburne County Community Health Board

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from Patty Pippy, Shelburne County Community Health Board, advising that the Board has recently completed a Resource Directory for Shelburne County. Ms. Pippy is inviting a representative from the Barrington Municipal Council to attend a reception to learn about the directory and to take a copy. The Reception will take place on November 29, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at the Barrington Municipal Conference Room. Councillors interested in attending were requested to contact the Clerk.

INTERVIEW - KENT BLADES - RE: C.S.I. SEWER

Mr. Kent Blades appeared before the meeting and requested Council to very seriously consider holding a public information meeting for residents of Cape Sable Island to discuss the proposal to install a public sewer system. Mr. Blades suggested to councillors that residents probably have many questions regarding the proposed sewer system; such as, "Who is expected to hook up to the system?", "How much will this cost the householder?", "Is there going to be ongoing costs?", "How much did the sewer study cost?", etc.

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by W. Smith that the possibility of holding a public meeting regarding the Cape Sable Island Sewer be further discussed by the Finance Committee.

Motion carried.

Mr. Kent Blades was then thanked for appearing before Council and expressing his concerns.

INTERVIEW MARSHALL NICKERSON RE: NOISE BY-LAW

Mr. Marshall Nickerson of Centreville appeared before the meeting. He expressed concern regarding a lobster trap operation which is taking place on the property next to his. Mr. Dedrick has built a building on the property and is now constructing lobster traps. He starts working at 6:00 a.m. and continues through until approximately 9:00 or 10:00 p.m. The noise is very loud and disturbing to Mr. Nickerson.

The Noise By-law of the Municipality was briefly referred to.

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipal Solicitor be contacted to determine what can be done regarding this matter.

Motion carried.

Mr. Nickerson was then thanked for appearing before the meeting and expressing his concerns.

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VARIANCE APPEAL- NORDSEA LTD.

The Clerk reported that an application for a variance from the requirements of the Municipality's Land Use By-law has been received from David Hollett, Nordsea Ltd., for the commercial property occupied by them at Civic #3597 Barrington Passage.

Mr. Hollett is requesting that the side yard on the east, Pete's Marine side, be reduced from ten (10) feet to three (3) feet, the side yard on the west, D.M. Snow Contracting side, be reduced from ten (10) feet to five (5) feet and the rear yard requirement on the south, Department of Natural Resources, be reduced from twenty-five (25) to zero (0) feet.

The original application to the Municipal Development Officer was rejected and the Municipal Government Act provides for appeal of the decision of the Development Officer directly to the Municipal Council.

The Clerk reported that all property owners located within thirty (30) meters of the proposed variance have been notified of the public hearing being held tonight. No written opposition has been received.

The Warden then asked if anyone from the audience would like to address this matter. Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Nickerson came before the meeting. Mr. Nickerson questioned whether the approval of this variance would affect his property next door, Pete's Marine, if he should decide to expand his business in future. He was informed that he would have the same opportunity to apply for a variance. He was also informed that variance requests are dealt with on an individual basis.

During discussion with Mr. & Mrs. Nickerson, question was raised regarding a brook which is located on their property. Mr. & Mrs. Nickerson were questioned as to whether they objected to this variance. Mr. Nickerson replied by saying that if it is not going to affect him, he does not object, but if it is going to affect him then he does object.

Much discussion then took place regarding the brook located on the property.

Moved by F. Bower that the variance appeal submitted by Nordsea Ltd. be approved.

There being no seconder, the motion was declared lost.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that the variance appeal submitted by Nordsea Ltd. be referred to the Public Works Committee and that prior to the next meeting of the committee the Building Inspector gather information on the brook.

Motion carried.

It was the consensus of members that a representative from the Department of Environment be invited to attend this meeting to discuss matters concerning the brook.

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TAXI BY-LAW

Bill and Grace Adams, Brass Hill, appeared before the meeting and once again requested Council to consider the adoption of a taxi by-law for the Municipality of Barrington. They felt that the adoption of such a by-law would protect residents and require all taxi operators to conduct their business under the same rules and regulations. Letters of support for their taxi service were supplied by Mrs. Grace Adams. Letters were received from Isaline Wilson, Barrington Passage; the Old School House Restaurant, Barrington Passage; and Dooley's, Barrington Passage.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the request from Bill and Grace Adams for a taxi by-law be referred to the Finance Committee.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by E. Nickerson that the above motion be amended to refer the matter to the January Finance Meeting.

Motion carried.

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

It was agreed that Mr. & Mrs. Adams would be invited to attend the January Finance Meeting, at which time this matter would be discussed.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden provided a report on his activities for the month of November.

The Warden advised that he will be unable to attend the next R.D.A. meeting, which is scheduled to be held on December 20, 2000. Councillor Louise Halliday and Municipal Clerk, Brian Holland, will attend this meeting in his place.

VARIANCE APPEAL - NORDSEA LTD.

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by W. Smith that the variance appeal submitted by Nordsea Ltd. be denied.

Motion defeated.

Upon request of two councillors, the division was recorded:

FOR	AGAINST
Angus Atkinson	Sterling Belliveau
Wayne Smith	Fred Bower
	Louise Halliday
	Dwayne Hunt
	Eddie Nickerson

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

Planning Advisory Committee

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Instruments of Subdivision

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Dwayne Hunt declared conflict of interest, vacated his seat and proceeded to the spectator area.

It is being proposed that the Subdivision By-law be amended to provide for Instruments of Subdivision.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality provide for Instruments of Subdivision to be included in its Subdivision By-law.

Motion carried.

First reading of amendments to the Subdivision By-law to provide for Instruments of Subdivision will be held at the next meeting of Council.

Councillor Hunt then returned to the table.

Waterfront Development Committee

Councillor Wayne Smith reported on the Waterfront Development Committee.

He advised that the Election of Officers took place at the last meeting of the Committee. Clyde Nickerson has been elected the Chairperson. Member Ron Fry has resigned from the Committee and a letter will be forthcoming.

Waterfront Development Committee Membership

A letter has been received from the Chairman of the Waterfront Development Committee advising that at their last meeting Mr. Ron Fry verbally tendered his resignation from the Committee. The Chairman further advised that the Committee needs the benefit of a full slate of officers at this crucial time and is requesting that a replacement member be appointed at the earliest possible date.

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by W. Smith that Rhonda Stoddard be appointed to serve as a member on the Waterfront Development Committee.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday that the above motion be tabled and dealt with after the resignation of Ron Fry.

Motion carried.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by W. Smith that the resignation of Ron Fry from the Waterfront Development Committee be accepted with regret.

Motion carried.

The above tabled motion was then discussed. The motion reads as follows:

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Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by W. Smith that Rhonda Stoddard be appointed to serve as a member on the Waterfront Development Committee.

Motion carried.

Goodwin Property

The Clerk reported that the purchase of the Goodwin Property will be finalized in the very near future. The Municipal Solicitor is currently awaiting a letter from the surveyor and once it is received, the matter will be finalized.

Public Works Committee Meeting

Barrington Regional Curling Club

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by F. Bower that the Barrington Regional Curling Club be permitted to purchase fuel and electricity through the Municipality in order to obtain the best possible pricing for fuel oil and in order that it will not have to make a \$2,000.00 security deposit with Nova Scotia Power Inc.

Motion carried.

Insurance Coverage

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that insurance coverages on municipal properties be increased to the limits suggested by Cowan Insurance Company.

Motion carried.

A representative of the Cowan Group recently completed an audit of municipal properties to determine the optimum insurable values.

School Insurance

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that insurance coverage of \$100,000.00 each, be placed on the two (2) public schools received from the Southwest Regional School Board on November 17, 2000.

Motion carried.

"Child Playing" Sign

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by E. Nickerson that the Department of Transportation be requested to place a "Child Playing" sign on Cox/Penney Road in South Side.

Motion carried.

Finance and Administration Committee

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Family Violence Program

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the Barrington Municipal Council contact the other four (4) municipal units in Shelburne County to organize a meeting to discuss the funding of the Family Violence Program.

Motion carried.

Discussion then took place regarding funding arrangements. It was noted that Council had made a decision previously that funding be shared on an equal basis.

Barrington/Port LaTour Elementary Schools

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by F. Bower that the Municipality advertise for expressions of

interest from private sector developers, non-profit community organizations and other organizations for the purchase and/or redevelopment of the two elementary schools located in Barrington and Port LaTour, which are being returned from the Southwest Regional School Board to the Municipality.

Motion carried.

It was agreed that the deadline be set sixty (60) days from the date of the first publication.

Contingency Fund Requests

Riverdale Cemetery

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that a grant of \$1,000.00 be provided from the District 3 Contingency Fund to the Riverdale Cemetery.

Doctor's Cove United Baptist Church

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by A. Atkinson that a grant of \$500.00 be provided to the Doctor's Cove United Baptist Church from the District 2 Contingency Fund.

Motion carried.

Birch Hill Cemetery Association

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Louise Halliday declared conflict of interest, vacated her seat and proceeded to the spectator area.

Councillor Halliday informed members that her brother-in-law has submitted a quotation for the work to be carried out by the Cemetery Association.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that a grant of \$1,500.00 be provided from the District 2 Contingency Fund to the Birch Hill Cemetery Association.

Motion carried.

Councillor Louise Halliday then returned to the meeting.

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Chapel Hill Museum

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that a grant of \$700.00 from the District 2 Contingency Fund be given to the Chapel Hill Historical Society.

Motion carried unanimously.

Long Term Nursing Care Facility

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipality write all seven (7) applicants informing them that a meeting of the committee will be convened and that two (2) councillors will be placed on the committee as representatives of the Barrington Municipal Council.

Motion carried.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that Councillor Louise Halliday and Deputy Warden Eddie Nickerson serve on the Long Term Nursing Care Facility Committee.

Motion carried.

It was the consensus of members that the first meeting of the Long Term Nursing Care Facility Committee be held in January.

Widow's Compensation Benefits

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by A. Atkinson that a letter be sent to Premier Hamm supporting the position of the widows as stated by Mrs. Bauman, that they are entitled to back payment of compensation benefits which were taken away upon remarriage and asking Mr. Hamm to drop his appeal of the decision of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia providing this appeal hearing has not yet been held.

Motion carried.

It was noted that the appeal hearing is scheduled to be held on February 9, 2001.

Tax Write-Offs

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by E. Nickerson that the balance of the account for business occupancy taxes in the name of Walter Ross, pertaining to Ross's Convenience Store be written off. The approximate value of these taxes is \$485.00.

Motion carried.

Heliport Landing Site

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by E. Nickerson that the Municipality pay the monthly charge of \$17.49 to the Nova Scotia Power Inc. for the floodlight at the Heliport Landing Site.

Motion carried.

Barrington Regional Curling Club

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Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the term of the lease for the Barrington Regional Curling Club be changed to twenty-five (25) years, in order to be consistent with the terms of the debenture financing on the Club.

Motion carried.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by F. Bower that the proposal of Rikjak Projects Inc. for a donation to the Barrington Regional Curling Club of \$32,483.00, plus H.S.T., of goods and services, in kind, be accepted by the Municipality.

Motion carried.

The Clerk reported that the Municipal Solicitor and the Municipal Auditor have both been contacted to determine whether this type of a donation would be acceptable and neither have expressed any concerns regarding the acceptance of this type of a gift.

Employee Increments

WHEREAS Shannon O'Connell has completed another year of service as Deputy Keeper of Lock-up and has received a satisfactory performance evaluation;

THEREFORE it is moved by D. Hunt and seconded by E. Nickerson that Shannon O'Connell receive his annual increment in the amount of \$0.50/hr.

Motion carried.

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Angus Atkinson declared conflict of interest, vacated his seat and proceeded to the spectator area.

Blair Atkinson is Angus Atkinson's son.

WHEREAS Blair Atkinson has completed another year of service as Ice Maker at the Barrington Municipal Arena and has received a satisfactory performance evaluation;

THEREFORE it is moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that Blair Atkinson receive his annual increment in the amount of \$0.50/hr.

Motion carried.

Councillor Angus Atkinson then returned to the meeting.

Proposal from Dr. Blair

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by A. Atkinson that the Municipality respond to Dr. Blair's proposal by informing him that the Municipality is not, at the present time, interested in purchasing his medical clinic and will contact him, in future, should any interest be developed.

Motion carried.

Sale of Municipal Property

It was reported that an offer has been received from Mr. Robert Kenney for the purchase of the Municipality's one quarter (1/4) interest in property formerly owned by the Estate of Seth Nickerson. Mr. Kenney has offered to pay \$600.00 for the purchase of this property.

WHEREAS members believe the Municipality should recover its cost in purchasing the property formerly assessed to the Estate of Seth Nickerson;

THEREFORE it is moved by D. Hunt and seconded by E. Nickerson that the Municipality offer to sell their one quarter (1/4) interest in the property formerly owned by the Estate of Seth Nickerson to Robert Kenney in the amount of \$700.00.

Motion carried.

Review and Inspection of Invoices

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by A. Atkinson that a second meeting of the Finance Committee be held each month.

Motion carried.

It was the consensus of members that Finance Meetings will be held twice a month starting in January.

DEVELOPMENT OF RECREATION TRAIL

The Clerk reported that a Letter of Authority has been received from the Department of Natural Resources granting authority to the Municipality to construct, maintain and operate a Recreational Trail and related facilities on 3.5 kilometers of the abandoned rail corridor located in Barrington Passage. To signify acceptance of the terms and conditions of the letter, the Department of Natural Resources is requesting that the letter be signed by the authorized officers of the Municipality of Barrington and returned to their department. Copies of the above referred to letter were distributed to council members in advance to the meeting. It was noted that by accepting the terms and conditions of the letter, the Municipality is obligated to maintain the trail and put in place the proper insurance coverage.

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality of Barrington enter into agreement with the Department of Natural Resources for the construction, maintenance and operation of the Recreational Trail proposed on the abandoned railway located in Barrington Passage.

Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT TO SHELBURNE COUNTY SHELTERED WORKSHOP BOARD

It was reported that the Shelburne County Sheltered Workshop Board hold its meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. This is the same night that Planning Advisory Committee

meetings are held.

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Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that an appointment be made to the Shelburne County Sheltered Workshop Board and that members attend on a rotational basis since meetings are held the same evening as Planning Advisory Committee meetings.

Motion withdrawn.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by E. Nickerson that Councillor Angus Atkinson be appointed to serve on the Shelburne County Sheltered Workshop Board.

Motion carried.

It was further agreed that Councillor Fred Bower be designated the alternate.

PROCLAMATIONS

WHEREAS all Canadians should be equal and treated equally in the Country;

AND WHEREAS singling out any one ethnic group causes dislike and disharmony among citizens;

THEREFORE it is moved by W. Smith and seconded by E. Nickerson that the Municipality promote a more compassionate co-existence in our communities and that Council make no proclamations directed at any one single ethnic group.

Much discussion took place regarding the above motion.

The Warden turned his Chair over to the Deputy Warden in order that he may address the motion. After his comments were made the Chair was resumed by the Warden.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that the above motion be amended to include "all proclamations".

Motion defeated.

The original motion was then put to a vote and the motion was defeated.

PETITION RE: HIGHWAY NO. 103

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from Mrs. Shelley Nickerson, South Side, expressing concern on behalf of the residents of the Municipality of Barrington. Mrs. Nickerson is requesting that Council support their efforts to have the Department of Transportation revert back to the use of salt on a section of the 103 Highway in the communities of Oak Park and Riverhead. She advised that this is a busy section of highway used by all emergency vehicles

and school buses, as well as individuals from all areas and, therefore, should be kept clear in the winter months, which can be better achieved by the use of salt. Mrs. Nickerson also provided copies of a petition containing 274 signatures of residents of the Municipality in support of the use of salt on the section of Highway 103 in the communities of Oak Part and Riverhead.

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Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that a letter of support for the use of salt on the section of Highway 103, in the communities of Oak Park and Riverhead, be forwarded to the Department of Transportation.

Motion carried.

FISHERIES RESOLUTIONS

At this time the Warden turned the Chair over to the Deputy Warden.

WHEREAS the Nova Scotia Fisheries Loan Board was first authorized by an Order in Council, in 1936, to provide loan guarantees for the fishing industry in order to encourage the orderly replacement of the fishing fleet, particularly in the inshore and "near shore" sectors;

AND WHEREAS current Fisheries Loan Board policy does not recognize a fishing licence as an asset;

AND WHEREAS coastal communities depend on family owned fishing enterprises to form the economic base for their residents;

THEREFORE it is moved by S. Belliveau and seconded by W. Smith that the Nova Scotia Fisheries Loan Board be requested to revise its lending policy to recognize fishing licences are an asset to be used as collateral for loans and loan guarantees so that it will provide for the orderly transfer of family owned fishing enterprises to the next generation of fishermen.

Motion carried.

It was agreed that copies of the letter to the Nova Scotia Fisheries Loan Board be forwarded to municipal units in Yarmouth, Digby, Shelburne and Queen's counties, the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries, the MP for the South Shore and MLA for Shelburne County.

WHEREAS the Canadian courts have indicated in a number of cases that the Mi'kmaq people must prove the "historical attachment" of native bands to their traditional fishing grounds;

AND WHEREAS the economies of every municipal unit in Shelburne, Yarmouth and Digby counties are heavily dependent on a stable and prosperous lobster fishery;

THEREFORE it is moved by S. Belliveau and seconded by W. Smith that the municipal units in Shelburne, Yarmouth and Digby counties fund, or assist in the funding, of research to determine the "historical attachment" of native bands to their traditional lobster fishing grounds.

This motion was discussed in detail.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the above motion be amended to state that we enter into discussions with the other municipal units in the Tri Counties regarding the possible funding or assisting in the funding of research.

Motion carried.

After further discussion on the amended motion, the motion was withdrawn.

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Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by S. Belliveau that the Municipality enter into discussions with the other municipal units in the Tri Counties regarding the possibility of funding or assisting with funding of research to determine the "historical attachment" of native bands to their traditional lobster fishing grounds.

Motion carried.

The Warden then resumed his Chair.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Council Meeting be extended to 11:10 p.m. in order to deal with all items on the agenda.

Motion defeated.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular Council Meeting was then adjourned in order that members could go in a Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

A Closed Session of Council was held to deal with possible litigation and the sale of Municipal property.

COUNCIL MEETING RECONVENED

The Council Meeting was called back to order at 10:56 p.m. to deal with items dealt with in the Closed Session.

FORMER GILBERT TRASK PROPERTY

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that the offer received from Ian and Wendy Townsend for the purchase of the former Gilbert Trask property, in the amount of \$10,100.00 be accepted.

Motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

Having reached the hour of 11:00 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.