

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 14, 2001.

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

- Warden Sterling Belliveau
 - Deputy Warden Eddie Nickerson
 - Councillor Angus Atkinson
 - Councillor Fred Bower
 - Councillor Louise Halliday
 - Councillor Dwayne Hunt
 - Councillor Wayne Smith
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- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
 - Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by W. Smith that the minutes of the last meeting held January 24, 2001 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

BOOK PRESENTATION

Carl Smith of North East Point requested to be placed on the Council Agenda for the purpose of presenting Council with a copy of his book "My Return to the Town of Barrington 2050".

The book was presented to Council by Reverend Shaun Hatfield since Mr. Smith was unable to keep his appointment. Reverend Hatfield advised that copies of the book are on sale at Wilson's Shopping Centre and Barrington Bargain Centre.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Family Violence Program

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from Marsha Cunningham of Newellton. Mrs. Cunningham stated that she feels the Family Violence Program is a vital and much needed program for the residents within the area and requested Council to rethink financially supporting this program.

The Warden reported that there was a meeting of Mayors and Wardens held on February 1, 2001 at which time financing of the Family Violence Program was discussed. At that meeting it was agreed that the following proposed funding arrangement be presented to councils in Shelburne County:

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- Municipality of Barrington - 1/5 of total	\$7,000.00
- Municipality of Shelburne - 1/5 of total	\$7,000.00
- Town of Shelburne - per capita funding	\$4,550.00
- Town of Clark's Harbour - per capita funding	\$2,100.00
- Town of Lockeport - per capita funding	\$1,400.00
- Community contributions -	\$1,950.00
- Other Sources: S.W.S.D.A. -	\$11,000.00

TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING: \$35,000.00

A letter has been received from the Town of Clark's Harbour advising that they have examined the proposed funding formula and it was their Council's proposal that the funding from the outside sources be deducted from the total cost and that the five municipal units cost-share the remaining portion. This will result in the following contributions being made by the Municipal Units in Shelburne County:

- Town of Clark's Harbour	\$1,320.00
- Town of Lockeport	\$ 880.00
- Town of Shelburne	\$2,860.00
- Municipality of Shelburne	\$6,820.00
- Municipality of Barrington	\$10,170.00

It was reported that the Council for the Municipality of Shelburne has approved

\$7,000.00 to be applied towards the Family Violence Program.

Warden Nickerson from the Municipality of Shelburne is requesting that a delegation of municipal leaders from Shelburne County meet with the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Justice in an attempt to have the Province reinstate the Family Violence Program.

Reverend Shaun Hatfield appeared before the meeting and made a presentation regarding the need for the Family Violence Program. Reverend Hatfield advised that the program has assisted 137 families from the Municipality of Barrington since April 1998. Reverend Shaun Hatfield made reference to a situation he was recently involved in dealing with domestic violence. Reverend Hatfield made a personal appeal to Council to fund the Family Violence Program.

Reverend Hatfield was then thanked for appearing before Council and expressing his concerns.

The deferred motion was then considered.

The motion made at the January 24, 2001 Council Meeting was as follows:

"Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by E. Nickerson that a response to the Municipality of the District of Shelburne's request be sent indicating that the Municipality of the District of Barrington will participate if all units agree to equal funding of this program as first stated by Council."

The motion was put to a vote and was defeated.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that the Barrington Municipal Council provide funding to the Family Violence Program in the amount of \$7,000.00, the same as the Municipality of Shelburne, subject to other municipal units in the County funding the program on a per capita basis for a period of one (1) year.

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Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by F. Bower that the above motion be amended by replacing the amount of \$7,000.00 with \$10,170.00.

Motion carried.

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

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that the Barrington Municipal Council provide funding to the Family Violence Program in the amount of \$10,170.00 subject to the Municipality of Shelburne providing funding in the amount of \$7,000.00 and the other municipal units in the County funding the program on a per capita basis for a period of one (1) year.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Halliday that a resolution be prepared for the Spring Session of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities requesting the province to reinstate the Family Violence Program.

Motion carried.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Barrington Municipal Council send a member, or members, along with a delegation of members from Shelburne County to meet with the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Justice requesting that the provincial government reinstate the Family Violence Program.

Motion carried.

SHEROSE ISLAND AMATEUR SPORTS ASSOCIATION

As requested, Glyn Hennigar, President and Rodney Knowles, Secretary of the Sherose Island Amateur Sports Association appeared before Council. The Association has failed to make their loan payment for the year 2000 and Council wishes to be advised of their intentions to repay this loan. The matter was discussed in detail.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by E. Nickerson that the 2000 loan payment due from the Sherose Island Amateur Sports Association be held until next year at which time both 2000 and 2001 payments will be made in the amount of approximately \$3,000.00.

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Archelaus Smith Historical Society Request

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from the Archelaus Smith Historical Society requesting Council to promote the placing of signs at suitable locations to indicate the direction of Cape Sable Island.

It was agreed that the Clerk write a letter to the Archelaus Smith Historical Society advising that their request for signage will be addressed through signage for the Highway 103 Bypass.

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Shelburne County Figure Skating Club

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from Marg Doane thanking staff at the Arena for their assistance during the Annual Figure Skating Competition held on Sunday, January 21, 2001.

It was agreed that a copy of this letter be forwarded to Ray Green and staff.

VARIANCE APPEAL - LINDA SWIM

At 8:00 p.m. the variance appeal submitted by Linda Swim was heard.

The Clerk reported that a variance appeal has been received for her business located in Barrington Passage, Civic #3532, Highway #3.

The Land Use By-law requires a rear yard of twenty-five (25) feet. The Swim property was an existing property at the time the Land Use By-law was put in place, therefore, it was not required to have a twenty-five (25) foot rear yard. In fact, the rear yard for this property is ten (10) feet. Mrs. Swim is requesting that the rear yard be reduced from the present ten (10) feet to three (3) feet.

The original application to the Municipal Development Officer was rejected since the request appears to constitute a violation of the Land Use By-law.

The Clerk reported that all required notification has been provided and no written or oral objections have been received. Andrew Goreham, Development Officer, was in attendance and he advised that he does not foresee any problems with approving this appeal.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by E. Nickerson that the variance appeal submitted by Linda Swim for her property located in Barrington Passage at Civic #3532, Highway #3, to reduce the rear yard from ten (10) feet to three (3) feet, be approved.

Motion carried.

CONTINUATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

Rifle Range

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from the Shelburne County Fish and Game Association which was read. The Association is requesting that elected members take whatever action they can to encourage the provincial government to establish a public rifle range in Shelburne County.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt that a letter be forwarded to the Department of Natural Resources advising of Council's support of this project and request that the provincial government establish a public rifle range in Shelburne County.

Motion carried.

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REPORT OF WARDEN

Warden Belliveau provided a brief report on the following meetings:

Fire Department Meeting

- January 29, 2001 - Meeting regarding the amalgamation of the South Side Volunteer Fire Department and the Clark's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department. The next meeting is scheduled to be held in early April.

Native Fisheries

- January 31, 2001 - A special meeting of representatives from municipal councils in

the UNSM region was held with representatives of the commercial fishing associations of the region to discuss the Native Fisheries matter.

It was the consensus of representatives of the municipal units in attendance at this meeting that the best approach that could be taken with the greatest chance for having a positive impact on the outcome would be to join efforts with the Atlantic Fishing Industry Alliance preparing the best possible case to be put before the courts.

It was agreed that representatives would go back to their respective councils and request that each council approve \$10,000.00 to be put towards a fund to support the AFIA in their preparation for the case. These funds would be held by the municipal units in a joint fund to be drawn upon as required by the AFIA after being authorized to fund research, legal fees and other related expenses incurred in preparing the case.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality of Barrington provide a contribution in the amount of \$10,000.00 towards research and other related expenses to be put towards a fund to support the AFIA in their preparation for the Native Fisheries court case.

Motion carried.

Meeting of Mayors & Wardens

- February 2, 2001- The Warden reported that an R.D.A. meeting was held regarding the Call Centre. At this meeting municipal leaders also discussed funding of the Family Violence Program.

The Weekender

The Warden advised that he had been requested to appear on The Weekender to discuss the native fisheries issues. He has been requested to do so as the Warden for the Municipality of Barrington and as a member of the Lobster Fishery Association.

It was the general consensus of members that the Warden be authorized to participate in The Weekender.

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COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

Recreation and Facilities Committee

Recreation Director's Association

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality maintain membership in the Yarmouth/Shelburne County Recreation Director's Association with Mr. Ray Green as the Municipal Representative.

Motion carried.

March Break Day Camp

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipal Clerk and Recreation Director hire two (2) students as staff for the March Break Day Camp, to be held at the Recreation Centre on Sherose Island.

Motion carried.

Waste Check

Deputy Warden Nickerson briefly reported on the February 7th and February 14th, 2001 meetings of Waste Check.

Deputy Warden Nickerson suggested that a meeting of Council be held to deal with Waste Check issues only and that Mr. Rick Ramsay, Interim Executive Director of Waste Check, be invited to attend this meeting.

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Hunt that a Special Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2001, at 7:00 p.m., to deal with Waste Check issues and that Mr. Rick Ramsay be invited to attend this meeting.

Motion carried.

Crime Prevention Association

Councillor Smith reported that on February 5, 2001 there was a meeting of the Crime Prevention Association and he provided a brief report on the meeting.

Finance and Administration Committee

District Contingency Fund

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that a grant from the District 5 Contingency Fund in the amount of \$1,365.00 be approved for the Atlantic Cemetery Club for the purpose of repairs to the Stoney Island Community Hall and the Atlantic Cemetery Club.

Motion carried.

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Local Members Bill Re: Physician Recruitment

WHEREAS the Municipality of Barrington wishes to provide an incentive to attract health professionals to the Municipality;

THEREFORE it is moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the Council of the Municipality of the District of Barrington, request Mr. Cecil O'Donnell, MLA for Shelburne County, to introduce a Local Act into the Nova Scotia Legislature to enable the Municipality of the District of Barrington to provide a grant to health professionals to encourage doctors, dentists and other health professionals licenced to practice in the Province of Nova Scotia to locate in the Municipality.

Motion carried.

Wood's Harbour Public Sewer Debt Payment

WHEREAS Council wishes to refinance the remaining debenture on the Wood's Harbour Public Sewer System;

THEREFORE it is moved by D. Hunt and seconded by E. Nickerson;

THAT under the Authority of Section 91 of the Municipal Government Act, the Municipality of the District of Barrington, borrow by issue and sale of debentures a sum or sums not exceeding \$336,000.00, for a period not to exceed six (6) years, subject to the approval of the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs;

THAT the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality of the District of Barrington in the amount that the Warden and Clerk deem proper provided that the average interest rate of the debenture does not exceed the rate of 8%;

THAT the debenture be arranged with the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation with interest to be paid semi-annually and principal payments paid annually;

THAT this resolution remain in force for a period not exceeding twelve (12) months from the passing of this resolution.

Motion carried.

Western Region Solid Waste Resource Management Authority

WHEREAS members wish to have concerns of the Municipality of Barrington presented to the Western Region Solid Waste Resource Management Authority;

THEREFORE it is moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the conditions previously agreed to at the January 17, 2001 meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee be forwarded in a letter to the Interim Manager of the Western Region Solid Waste Resource Management Authority requesting that they be addressed by the Authority. These conditions are:

1. Revise the mandate of Waste Check so that it is a coordinating body for waste issues rather than a management body.

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2. Ownership of all assets will be by the local municipal units accompanied by the corresponding expenditure.

3. Waste Check will maintain no surpluses or funds.

4. Diversion credits paid to the region will be paid proportionally to the member units based on their diversion efforts.

5. Revise the municipal agreement forming Waste Check so that withdrawals by members can be accomplished more quickly, without penalty.

Motion carried.

WHEREAS one of the goals of the Western Region Solid Waste Resource

Management Authority contained in its budget for the current year was to reduce its operating surpluses to a reasonable level in the vicinity of \$100,000.00;

AND WHEREAS the present indications are that the Western Region Solid Waste Resource Management Authority will be increasing its operating surplus during the current year;

THEREFORE it is moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality make no more administration payments to the Western Region Solid Waste Resource Management Authority until its surplus is reduced to an acceptable level in the range of \$100,000.00

Motion carried.

Municipal Flag

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the flag designated as draft #5 be approved as the Municipal flag and that flags subsequently be purchased using this design.

Motion carried.

Tax Write-Offs

R.A. Computer Solutions

WHEREAS it is doubtful that the Business Occupancy Tax on R.A. Computer Solutions is collectable;

THEREFORE it is moved by D. Hunt and seconded by E. Nickerson that the balance of the Business Occupancy Tax on the account of Roland Atwood operating as R.A. Computer Solutions, in the amount of \$1,298.00, be written off.

Motion carried.

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Waterfront Development Committee

Councillor Louise Halliday reported that the Waterfront Development Committee will be calling for the second tender for the leveling, grading, and graveling of the trail. A copy of the tender has been circulated to each member of Council.

The Clerk reported that a few changes have been made to the tender dealing with dates and deadlines.

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipal Council accept the second tender proposal and that the tender be advertised in The Coast Guard Newspaper on February 20, 2001.

Motion carried.

Long Term Nursing Care Facility Committee

Councillor Halliday gave a brief report on the recent meeting of the Long Term Nursing Care Facility Committee. At their next meeting they hope to meet with officials of the Department of Health to further discuss the establishment of a Long Term Nursing Care Facility in the Municipality of Barrington.

VILLAGEDALE ROAD

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt that a letter be written to MLA Cecil O'Donnell requesting that he take steps to have the Villagedale Road, Centreville/South Side Road, Riverhead Road and the West Bear Point Road put on the Department of Transportation priority list for repaving work to be carried out in the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried.

WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT

The Clerk reported that the Waterfront Development Committee is proposing an annual budget of \$190,250.00. The budget indicates \$110,000.00 being allotted to the McGray Avenue Sea Wall Extension Project. It was agreed that the Committee be requested to provide a breakdown of this cost.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt that the budget for the Waterfront Development Committee be referred to the regular budget process.

Motion carried.

The Clerk suggested that an extension be applied for, for both grants received for the development of the walking trail. Funds are supposed to be used by the end of March and since the project will not be completed until after that date an extension should be requested.

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Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipal Council request a six month extension of the grants approved for the Walking Trail.

Motion carried.

Letter of Resignation

It was reported that a Letter of Resignation has been received from the Chairman of the Waterfront Development Committee, Clyde Nickerson.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Halliday that the resignation received from Mr. Clyde Nickerson be accepted with regret.

Motion carried.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by A. Atkinson that the Waterfront Development Committee be advised that the Municipality will not be filling the vacancy presently existing on the Waterfront Development Committee as a result of the resignation of Clyde Nickerson.

Motion carried.

It is the feeling of members that the Waterfront Development Committee is too large and that the committee membership will be reduced as members resign.

It was agreed that the Waterfront Development Committee membership be placed on the Finance Committee Agenda for further discussion.

CANADIAN FOOD INSPECTION AGENCY OFFICERS

Deputy Warden Nickerson requested that this item be deleted from the Council Agenda and placed on the next Finance Committee Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by F. Bower that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Motion carried.