

Minutes of the 122ND Annual Meeting of the Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Wednesday, May 23, 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

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

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

It was agreed that the following items be added to the agenda:

- Correspondence from Dr. Kenny Yee
- Closed Session - Acquisition of Property

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by F. Bower that the minutes of the last meeting held May 9, 2001 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

Septage Works Treatment & Disposal Facility

Councillor Smith informed members that it is the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee that proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law to permit Septage Works Treatment & Disposal Facilities on municipal property in the Riverhead Pit area be adopted by Council.

Approximately 75 members of the public were present and seven (7) had appointments to approach Council on this matter.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that the recommendation from the Planning Advisory Committee be tabled until after the interviews are heard.

Motion carried.

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The Clerk reported that D.M. Snow Contracting Ltd. has received approval from the Department of Environment for the establishment of a Septage Works Treatment & Disposal Facility.

At present this type of facility is not permitted within the Municipality of Barrington and therefore amendments must be made to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law to permit this establishment. The proposed amendments will permit these facilities only in the Rural Development (RD) Zone and only on municipally owned land east of Highway #3 at Oak Park. The amendments provide for separation distances of 2000 feet from any dwelling, cottage, institutional or recreational use and 300 feet from any watercourse, water body, swamp or private well.

The Clerk reported that he has received a copy of a letter addressed to D. M. Snow Contracting Ltd., from Albert Newell & Sons Trucking Ltd., advising that they are withdrawing their permission for D.M. Snow Contracting Ltd. to cross over their land located at the Ridge Road to gain access to the proposed site for the Septage Works Treatment & Disposal Facility. This decision was made due to the increasing opposition of residents in their community.

The following individuals were then given an opportunity to speak on the matter:

- Ed Pierce
- Pam Atwood
- Rene Scott on behalf of the Barrington River/Pubnico Lake Environmental Committee
- Brenda Maxwell
- George Hopkins

Concerns raised by individuals related to the possible odor, contamination of Scalpen Brook, West Branch and Barrington River and depreciation of property.

During the presentation made by Ed Pierce, he reported that there are currently three (3) companies that provide the service of pumping septic tanks in the area. All three (3) companies deposit their waste at a facility located in Tusket. The companies and fees charged are as follows:

- Robicheau's Pumping Service - \$145.00
- Burke Harris Septic Pumping - \$155.00
- D.M. Snow Contracting Ltd. - \$150.00

Mr. Pierce advised that he is opposed to the site being established within the Municipality of Barrington and during interviews it was suggested that the Municipality of Barrington look at adapting the current public sewer system to accommodate the septic tank waste.

The Warden thanked everyone for coming and expressing their concerns tonight.

Moved by F. Bower that the recommendation from the Planning Advisory Committee be tabled until the next meeting of Council and that Mr. John Lam, of ABL Environmental Consultants Ltd., be invited to attend that meeting to provide information on the proposed system.

There being no seconder, the motion was declared lost.

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Moved by W. Smith and seconded by F. Bower that the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law to permit Septage Works Treatment & Disposal Facilities on municipal property in the Riverhead Pit area be adopted.

Motion defeated.

Building Heights

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by F. Bower that amendments to the Land Use By-law to increase the height restrictions in the CG Zone from 35 feet to 70 feet be approved by Council and that we now proceed with the proper procedure to have these amendments put in place.

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Regional Library Boards

The Clerk reported that information has been received from the Minister of Education which advised that the Province will provide a \$100,000.00 increase in provincial funding for libraries. This will result in a combined funding allocation for the Western Counties Regional Library Board of \$1,180,600.00 for the year 2001/2002.

Lieutenant Governors Medal

It was reported that the Lieutenant Governor's Medal will be presented to students of the Southwestern Regional School Board in Liverpool in June 2001.

Request from Dr. Yee

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from Dr. Kenny Yee advising that he is in the process of sponsoring a physician from Northern Ireland by the name of Dr. Carolyn Badger. The letter advised that Dr. Badger will be successful in her examinations in March 2002 and he anticipates he will have the results of the examinations sometime in late April or early May 2002. Dr. Yee is requesting a letter of unconditional support be written by the Barrington Municipal Council in support of Dr. Badger's immigration application to Canada. He is hoping the processing of her immigration papers will also be sped up by this letter of support from the Municipality.

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Hunt that a letter be provided in support of Dr. Badger's immigration application to Canada.

Motion carried.

It was agreed that it be suggested to Dr. Yee that he contact the Doctor Recruitment Committee for support as well.

Proclamation - Child Care Awareness Days 2001

The Warden reported that a letter has been received from Child Care Connections N.S. requesting that the Municipality of Barrington recognize Child Care Practitioners and the valuable work they do in our community by declaring the month of June 2001 as Child Care Awareness Days.

There being no objections to the proclamation, the Warden declared June 2001 Child Care Awareness Days.

TAXI BY-LAW - SECOND READING

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the Taxi By-law be approved in second and final reading and the adoption be published in the local newspaper.

Motion carried.

WARDEN'S REPORT

The Warden reported that he attended the following functions since the last Council Meeting:

- May 15, 2001 - Joint Meeting with the Town of Clark's Harbour regarding amalgamation of South Side and Clark's Harbour Volunteer Fire Departments
- May 16, 2001 - Tim Horton's Camp Day
- May 18, 2001 - Unveiling of UFO Cancellation Stamp
- May 19, 2001 - 40th Anniversary of the Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Halliday that a "thank you" letter be forwarded to the Chapel Hill Museum for their time and effort put into promoting the 1967 UFO Visit.

Motion carried.

CONTINUATION OF COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

Finance & Administration Committee

Yearly Increments

Samuel Nickerson

The Clerk reported that Samuel Nickerson had received a satisfactory performance evaluation for the past year.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the Landfill Attendant Samuel Nickerson receive his annual increment in the amount of \$0.32/hr., effective June 10, 2001.

Motion carried.

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Thelma Ross

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the Building Inspector's Secretary, Thelma Ross, receive her annual increment in the amount of \$510.00, effective June 16, 2001.

Motion carried.

Kenneth Bangay

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by A. Atkinson that Deputy Keeper of Lock-up, Kenneth Bangay, receive his annual increment in the amount of \$0.54/hr., effective June 24, 2001.

Motion carried.

Kenneth Richardson

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that Deputy Keeper of Lock-up, Kenneth Richardson, receive his annual increment in the amount of \$0.54/hr., effective June 28, 2001.

Motion carried.

Charitable Foundation

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by A. Atkinson that a letter be written to the Barrington Health Clinic Steering Committee to determine whether they would be interested in having a member or members serve on the Doctor Recruitment Committee.

Motion carried.

Policy #16 - "Guidelines for Funding and Awarding of a Bursary"

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by F. Bower that Policy #16 "Guidelines for Funding and Awarding of a Bursary" be amended to increase the bursary amount from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00.

Motion carried.

The above motion will serve as notice required under the Municipal Government Act. Amendments to Policy #16 will be further dealt with by Council at their next meeting to be held on June 13, 2001.

UNSM Regional Meeting

Councillor Halliday reported on the UNSM Regional Meeting held in Clare on May 14, 2001. At that meeting a representative from the Yarmouth Airport indicated that if no financial support is forthcoming then it is likely that the airport will close October 31, 2001.

There was also discussion at the UNSM regional meeting concerning the intervener status proposal of the IFIA being supported by local municipalities.

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Annual General Meeting - Shelburne County Adult Workshops

Councillor Halliday advised that she attended the Annual General Meeting of the Shelburne County Adult Workshops on May 15, 2001. She advised that plans are underway for the construction of a Group Home in Shelburne to accommodate eight (8) residents and a Residential Home is planned for Barrington which will accommodate six (6) residents.

Barrington Municipal Waterfront Development Committee

Committee Membership

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by A. Atkinson that the Municipality advertise for four (4) more members for the Waterfront Development Committee and that Council appoint four (4) new members as a result of the response to the advertisement.

Motion carried.

It was agreed that the appointment of the four (4) new members will be made on the recommendation of the Waterfront Development Committee.

McGray Avenue Project Budget

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that the McGray Avenue Project be submitted through a Fisheries Restructuring and Adjustment Measures Application for Funding for Waterfront Development.

Motion carried.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Hunt that the South West Shore Development Authority be requested to forward a Letter of Support of the application to the Fisheries Restructuring and Adjustment Measures Program for the project to be carried out at McGray Avenue.

Motion carried.

Public Works & Property Committee

Automobile Insurance

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by F. Bower that the Municipality obtain vehicle insurance coverage through Bell & Grant Ltd. for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and increase the liability coverage on this policy to \$6,000,000.00.

Motion carried.

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Highway #3 Signage

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipality request the Nova Scotia Department of Tourism to add the following tourist attraction sign to the signs already posted at the western entry from Highway 103 to the Municipality of Barrington. This sign will read: "Chapel Hill Museum, Shag Harbour, Site of 1967 UFO Visit", and the cost of the sign will be added to the current year's budget.

Motion carried.

Upon questioning it was reported that the sign will cost approximately \$1,200.00.

Purchasing Policy

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by E. Nickerson that the Municipality amend its Purchasing Policy so that the Municipality will have the option to favor contractors based in the Municipality of Barrington up to a 5% variance in price in total value on condition that this amendment is deemed legal upon the advice of the Municipal Solicitor.

Motion carried.

The original motion serves as notice required under the Municipal Government Act. Amendments to the Purchasing Policy will be further dealt with by Council at their next meeting.

Demolition of Dangerous and Unsightly Premises - Allan J. Nickerson

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality follow the procedure required by the Municipal Government Act to demolish a dangerous and unsightly building on the property assessed in the name of Allan J. Nickerson and charge the cost of demolition of the property to the property owners.

Motion carried.

Salvaging at Landfill

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that as of July 31, 2001 the Municipality close the Municipal Landfill to salvaging by public persons and the Municipality salvage any materials possible from the Landfill Site for the purpose of reducing the cost of operation.

Motion carried.

Disposal of Barrington School

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality sell the Barrington Consolidated School to the Children's Aid Society of Shelburne County for the sum of \$1.00.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt that the above motion be amended by inserting after \$1.00 "provided the Municipality of Barrington can buy back the property for \$1.00".

Motion carried.

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

Cost of Tourism Brochure

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality have a tourism brochure printed by Passage Print & Litho and the cost of the brochure be included in the current year's budget.

Motion carried.

The Clerk reported that 5000 copies of the brochure will be made at a cost of \$4,000.00. Advertisements have been sold to members of the Chamber of Commerce resulting in revenues of \$2,000.00 to assist with the cost of the brochure.

POLICIES 18 AND 19

The Clerk reported that notice was given at the May 9, 2001 Council Meeting that amendments will be considered to Policy 18 "Funding of Capital Programs Volunteer Fire Departments" and Policy 19 "Funding of Grants to Volunteer Fire Departments".

Amendments to both policies provide for voting privileges for real property taxpayers when establishing operating and capital area fire rates.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt that amendments be made to Policy 18 "Funding of Capital Programs Volunteer Fire Departments" and Policy 19 "Funding of Grants to Volunteer Fire Departments" to provide for voting privileges for real property taxpayers when establishing operating and capital area fire rates.

Motion carried.

FIRST READING OF AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAW #8

The Clerk reported that it is being proposed that By-law #8 "Collection, Storage and Disposal of Waste" be amended to provide for general housekeeping changes and collection of waste on some private roads.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that proposed amendments to By-law #8 "Collection, Storage and Disposal of Waste" be approved in first reading.

Motion carried.

Second reading of this by-law will take place at a future meeting of Council after the proposed amendments have been advertised.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES - EQUALIZATION PROPOSAL

In advance to the meeting each member of Council was provided with a copy of a memo and the UNSM Executive Committee's Report on the 90 Day Equalization Project received from the President of UNSM.

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The UNSM Executive is recommending that the Equalization Grants be funded by a 1.5% Deed Transfer Tax. The Executive is recommending that the Municipal Government Act be amended to provide that municipal units shall levy a Deed Transfer Tax at a rate 1.5%.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that the UNSM Executive Committee be informed that the Barrington Municipal Council opposes the equalization proposal to fund Equalization Grants through a Deed Transfer Tax.

Motion carried.

SUMMARY OF BUILDING AND SUBDIVISION PERMITS ISSUED 2000/2001

Assistant Building Inspector, Andrew Goreham, appeared before the meeting and provided Council with a report on Building and Subdivision Permits issued for the period April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001.

Mr. Goreham reported that there were a total of 18 applications for subdivision creating 26 lots.

Building Permits for 2000/2001 for new residential construction and alterations to residences were \$1,663,400.00, which is 51% of the 1999/2000 figure and 57% below the average of 1993 to 2000.

Mobile Home Permits were \$723,000.00, which was slightly below the 1999/2000 figure.

The non-residential permits for 2000/2001 were \$6,721,100.00 which is 12% above last year.

Approximately 80% of this year's construction took place in District 3. Alterations/repairs for non-residential was at an all-time high of \$1,845,300.00, which exceeds the previous high in 1998/1999, of \$1,134,800.00.

All other categories showed a decrease in number of permits issued.

Mr. Goreham advised that as of this date he has completed all courses necessary for him to obtain his SR1 Certification.

SUMMARY OF 2000/2001 WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACT

In advance to the meeting each member of Council was provided with a report showing waste collection for the year 2000/2001.

The report showed that we have collected 107,430 blue bags, approximately 869 tonnes of residual waste and approximately 386 tonnes of organics.

Total waste collected by the municipal solid waste program was estimated to be 1,570 tons. Of this an estimated 719 tons or 45% (333 tons of blue bag recyclables and 386 tons of organics) were diverted from landfills.

AGENDA ITEMS

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the following items be deferred to the June 27, 2001 Council Meeting:

- Audited Financial Reports for fiscal year ended March 31, 2001.
- Estimate of Revenues and Expenditures for 2001/02.
- Resolution Setting Tax Rates for 2001/02.
- Setting of Fire Rates for 2001/02.
- Establish Sewer Service Charges for 2001/02.
- Temporary Borrowing Resolution.
- Partial Tax Exemption - Non-Profit Organizations.
- Farm Acreage Tax.
- Capital Budget 2001/02.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:10 p.m. it was agreed that a Closed Session be held by Council to discuss the acquisition of property.

The Annual Council Meeting was reconvened at 10:40 p.m.

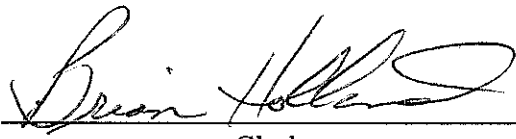
ADJOURNMENT

Moved by F. Bower that the meeting adjourn.

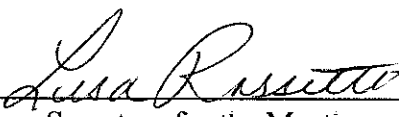
The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.



Warden



Clerk



Secretary for the Meeting

Copied for Councillors on May 25, 2001 by Sharon Brannen.