

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, October 24, 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 Louise Halliday
- Councillor Dwayne Hunt
- Councillor Wayne Smith
  
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

Absent was Councillor Fred Bower due to illness.

#### ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

It was agreed that the following changes be made to the agenda:

- Under Correspondence add:
  - Hunting - Sherose Island
  - Bay Side Home Invitation
  - Veterans' Proclamation
  
- Add: Item 11 (a) - Debenture Resolution.
  
- Delete: Items 5 and 10.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the minutes of the last meeting held October 10, 2001 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

## MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

### Bunker Gear

At the last meeting of Council members provided instruction to the fire department chiefs to open and evaluate the tenders for the supply of bunker gear, and to make a written recommendation to Council.

A letter has now been received from Mr. Walter Scott, Chief of the Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department, indicating that the fire chiefs have met and opened the tenders.

It is the recommendation of the fire chiefs that the tender from Cumings Fire & Safety in Bridgewater be accepted.

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Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by E. Nickerson that the tender received from Cumings Fire & Safety for the supply of twenty-eight (28) sets of bunker gear be accepted.

Motion carried.

## Playground Equipment - Tabled Motion

At the August 8, 2001 Meeting of Council the following motion was tabled:

"Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Hunt that the playground equipment at the Port LaTour Elementary School be donated to the Lockeport and Area Home & School."

This motion was brought forward again at the September 26, 2001 Council Meeting and at that time the motion was tabled once again until tonight's meeting.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that the above motion dealing with the disposal of playground equipment at the Port LaTour Elementary School be tabled until the next meeting of Council.

Motion carried.

Councillor Nickerson will provide a telephone number for contact to determine if the playground equipment can be used in Lockeport schools.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### Proposal for Deed Transfer Tax

In advance to the meeting each member of Council was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Nova Scotia Association of Realtors regarding the proposal for the Deed Transfer Tax. It was reported that this letter is now redundant since the Deed Transfer Tax Proposal has been rejected by the Provincial Government.

The Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities has been requested to prepare a new proposal prior to April 1, 2002.

### District Health Authority

In advance to the meeting each member of Council was provided with a copy of a

letter addressed to the Honourable Jamie Muir, Minister of Health, from Warden Patricia Nickerson regarding the appointment of an individual from Yarmouth to represent Shelburne County on the District 2 Health Authority.

It was reported that there is a recommendation coming from the Finance Committee dealing with this matter and, therefore, it will be considered later in the meeting.

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### Highway No. 103

In advance to the meeting each member of Council was provided with a copy of a letter received from Walt MacDonald Real Estate Ltd. expressing concern regarding the condition of Highway 103. Mr. MacDonald is requesting that Yarmouth, Chester, Barrington, Shelburne, Queens, Lockeport, Lunenburg and Halifax Regional Municipality councils work together and demand Ottawa to approve funds for a four-lane highway, immediately, for the South Shore.

It was agreed that this matter be further discussed during the Warden's Report.

### Restricting Hunting on Sherose Island

The Clerk reported that a letter and signed petitions have been received from Mr. Ken Anthony requesting that Council request the Department of Natural Resources to make Sherose Island a "No Hunting" zone due to the high traffic that the Recreation Complex has generated in the past few years, and also the increase in residential homes constructed in recent years. Mr. Anthony requested Council to also erect signs on all municipal properties located at Sherose Island, for the interim.

A lengthy discussion then took place regarding the recently approved boat launch located on Sherose Island, Department of Natural Resources Regulations, views of other residents, the posting of signs, private lands, etc.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that letters be written to the

Department of Natural Resources and the R.C.M.P. asking them to assure that hunting laws are enforced on Sherose Island since we have received complaints.

Motion carried.

### Bay Side Home Invitation

It was reported that an invitation has been received inviting members of Council to attend the Grand Re-opening of Bay Side Home Adult Residential Centre, to take place on Monday, October 29, 2001. The re-opening will be held from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Councillors were requested to be there not later than 1:00 p.m., if they plan to attend.

### Veteran Proclamation - Veterans' Week

The Warden reported that a request has been received from Veterans Affairs Canada requesting that the Municipality proclaim Veterans' Week, November 5 - 11, 2001.

There being no objections to this request the Warden proclaimed Veterans Week, November 5 - 11, 2001 in the Municipality of Barrington.

### REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden reported that he attended a meeting of Mayors and Wardens of Shelburne County held on October 11, 2001. At that meeting a request from Mr. Lee Keating, Shelburne Youth Centre, was considered. Mr. Keating is requesting the municipal councils to ask the provincial government not to pursue their appeal of the recent court decision allowing the release of information under the Freedom of Information Act.

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It was agreed that Warden Pat Nickerson draft a letter and circulate the letter to the other municipal units for consideration.

During this meeting discussion also took place regarding family violence and the natural gas pipeline.

The Warden reported that on October 17 - 19, 2001 he attended the UNSM Conference held in Cape Breton. During this conference a long service award was presented to Councillor Fred Bower for thirteen (13) years of municipal service.

During this conference an address was made by Premier John Hamm at which time he indicated that finances would be tightened, but the portion of the budget dealing with roads would be protected.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Hunt that the condition of the 103 Highway and the letter received from Walt MacDonald be referred to the Finance Committee Meeting for discussion on October 29, 2001 and that all background information be circulated prior to this meeting.

Motion carried.

The Warden advised that he, along with Councillor Bower, Councillor Smith and the Municipal Clerk, attended a meeting with Mayor Anna Allen regarding the comments she made in relation to Bill 54.

The Warden reported that Mayor Allen now has a clear understanding of the Municipality's reasons for pursuing Bill No. 54, and Mayor Allen plans to address the shortage of doctors issue with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that a letter of thanks be forwarded to Anna Allen for her willingness to meet with members to discuss Bill 54.

Motion carried.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that a draft resolution be prepared for presentation to the FCM regarding the shortage of doctors in the area and this resolution is to be considered by the Finance Committee at their meeting to be held on

October 29, 2001.

Motion carried.

The Warden also gave a brief report on the Deed Transfer Tax Proposal and the fact that the proposal was rejected by the Provincial Government.

The Warden reported that on October 23rd and 24th, 2001, he attended the Provincial Fisheries Ministers Conference held in Truro. Discussions at this meeting took place on the Loan Board Policy Review, Buyer's Licences, etc.

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## COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

Finance and Administration Committee

C & D Landfill Site - Site Development

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the firm of Horner Associates Limited be hired to complete the C & D application for the Provincial Department of Environment.

Motion carried.

Landfill Policy

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the Construction and Demolition Landfill Site Policy be approved as amended.

Motion carried.

The above motion will serve as notice and final approval will be considered at the next meeting of Council.

### Vehicle for Landfill

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipality continue to hire a vehicle for use at the Landfill Site from a local contractor until the end of January. In the interim further information will be obtained on which is the optimum vehicle to be used at the Landfill Site.

Motion carried.

### Office Closure

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the Administration and Tax Office and the Building Inspection Office be closed on Monday, December 24, 2001 and that employees take vacation time for that day. Public Works employees will also be given the opportunity to have this day off as a vacation day or deducted from their accumulated overtime.

Motion carried.

### Annual Increment

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that Laura Lee Greenwood receive her annual increment in the amount of \$0.50/hr., effective November 7, 2001.

Motion carried.

### Ice Maker Certification

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that once Ricky Thorburne has obtained his Stationary Engineers Second Class Certification that he be advanced to the second step on the Ice Maker I pay scale.

Motion carried.

## District Health Authority Letter

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the Warden send a letter, as drafted and previously circulated to members, to the Minister of Health expressing Council's displeasure in the changing of the membership on the District Health Authority.

Motion carried.

## Community Health Care Advisory Committee

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the following members serve on the Community Health Care Advisory Committee:

- District 1 - Christine Nickerson
- District 2 - Wendy Cunningham
- District 3 - Debbie Goreham
- District 4 - Janie Brannen
- Town of Clark's Harbour - Rudy Link
- Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation - Robert Legere
- Health Care Tenants Representative - Dr. W. Hunter Blair

A letter of thanks will be sent to other applicants.

Motion carried.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that councillors for District 5, 6 and 7 serve on the committee in the interim, if they so wish, until the committee is able to fill the vacant positions from these districts. No council representative will be appointed to this committee while councillors are representing any districts.

Motion carried.

## Industrial Burning Permits

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality contact the provincial department responsible for industrial burning permits and request it be made a requirement for a burning permit that the holder only burn when prevailing winds are blowing away from houses in the immediate area.

Motion carried.

#### Shelburne County Adult Sheltered Workshop

Councillor Angus Atkinson indicated that he has been unable to attend meetings of the Shelburne County Adult Sheltered Workshop due to other municipal commitments.

#### Premier's Visit

Councillor Halliday informed members that on October 18, 2001 she and Councillor Hunt met with Premier John Hamm during his visit to the area, as requested by Joanne Rose, Administrator for Bay Side Home.

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Councillor Halliday informed members that on October 22, 2001 a meeting of the Long Term Nursing Care Facility Committee was held. At that time the Committee's presentation on the need for such a facility to be established in Western Shelburne County was presented to Cathy Blades, Vice President of Community Health of the South West Nova District Health Authority.

Councillor Halliday advised members that on October 23, 2001 she and the Clerk attended a meeting in Halifax dealing with possible liabilities concerning municipal water supplies.

#### UNSM Conference

Councillor Smith provided a detailed report on the UNSM Conference recently held in Cape Breton.

#### Visit with Premier

Deputy Warden Eddie Nickerson informed members that he attended a "Meet & Greet" held on October 18, 2001, and met with Premier John Hamm, the MLA for Shelburne County, Cecil O'Donnell, and two officials from the Premier's office.

During this "Meet & Greet" recognition was given to Bonnie Shand for her Ribbon Campaign associated with September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

#### SST Committee

Councillor Atkinson informed members that he attended a SST Committee Meeting at the High School. This committee has been formed to discuss retrofitting of the High School or a new high school.

Councillor Atkinson indicated that he was requested to attend this meeting as a school bus driver.

#### STREET HOCKEY

At the last meeting of Council it was reported that a group of street hockey players were given authorization by Council to use the Tennis Court for a one year period. This agreement is to expire November 15, 2001. The Recreation & Facilities Manager has been requested to provide a report on the use of the facility and a recommendation to Council as to whether this agreement should continue. The Manager has indicated that he has been unable to reach the group but has seen them using the facility on occasion.

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by W. Smith that the above matter be tabled until more information is received from the Recreation & Facilities Manager.

Motion carried.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONIES

At the last meeting of Council it was requested that additional information be obtained regarding the ceremonies to be held at Stoney Island and at B.M.H.S.

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It has now been determined that the ceremonies at Stoney Island will be held immediately following the Clark's Harbour Ceremony. The Stoney Island Ceremony will probably commence around 11:30 or 11:45 a.m. There will be two (2) ceremonies at B.M.H.S. held on Friday, November 9, 2001; one ceremony will commence at 9:30 a.m. and the other will commence at 10:30 a.m. Once arrangements have been finalized the Warden will receive an official invitation to attend.

It was agreed that Eddie Nickerson attend the Remembrance Day Ceremony to be held at Stoney Island.

## SECURITY FOR HALLOWEEN

Question was raised as to whether Council would like to have security put in place for the Barrington Walking Trail, for Halloween. Signs will be removed from the Trail and other signs located in Barrington Passage will be covered.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department, and Citizens on Patrol, be asked to patrol the Walking Trail on October 31, 2001.

Motion carried.

## DEBENTURE RESOLUTION RE: MEDICAL CLINIC

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that the attached Issuing Resolution to borrow funds to finance the purchase of the Medical Clinic be approved.

Motion carried.

## ADJOURNMENT

Moved by D. Hunt that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.