

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 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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the minutes of meetings held October 24, 2001 and November 1, 2001 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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.”

The motion was brought forward again and tabled at the September 26, 2001 and October 24, 2001 Council Meetings. The motion is being brought forward again tonight for consideration.

Deputy Warden Nickerson informed members that he has been in contact with Mrs. Carla Williams of the Lockeport and Area Home & School. She has agreed to contact Steven Stoddart of the South West Regional School Board to determine whether or not the equipment would be suitable for their use. Mrs. Williams will contact us once she has had an opportunity to discuss the matter with Mr. Steven Stoddart.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by F. Bower that the above motion be tabled until we hear from Mrs. Williams.

Motion carried.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Municipal Library

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from Mr. Gary Archibald, Chair of the Western Counties Regional Library Board. Mr. Archibald would like to know what progress has been made in finding a new facility. Mr. Archibald also expressed the Board's concern about the condition of the present building. Numerous repairs to the building are needed including one which includes Health & Safety issues.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by F. Bower that a letter be written to the Western Counties Regional Library Board informing them that an application has been made for funding through the Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Works Program to access funding for the purchase and renovations of a building in Barrington Passage.

Motion carried.

Seaview Cemetery Company

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from the Seaview Cemetery Company advising that they cannot use the \$2,000.00 grant provided to them since at present they do not have a work plan in place. The letter advised that they plan to have a work project in place for the spring of 2002 and they will reapply for a grant at that time.

Request for Records

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from Acadia University requesting the record book entitled "Confessions of Faith and Church Covenant Barrington Free Will Baptist Church Founded April 28, 1851". This book documents the founding of Bethel Baptist Church on Brass Hill in 1851. The University has been in contact with the Temple United Baptist Church and both would like to see the record book kept at the Atlantic Baptist Archives at Acadia where it will join an already extensive collection of Barrington Baptist material. The Bethel Record Book fills a gap in knowledge of the development of the denomination in Barrington Township. The Atlantic Baptist Archives are part of the University Archives at Acadia and they house records and related material from close to 500 Baptist churches in Atlantic Canada in temperature and humidity controlled conditions.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the record book entitled "Confessions of Faith and Church Covenant Barrington Free Will Baptist Church Founded April 28, 1851" be turned over to Acadia University to be kept as part of the Atlantic Baptist Archives.

Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION - 2001 WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN

The Warden reported that information has been received requesting the Municipality to proclaim November 25th - December 6th, 2001 as White Ribbon Days.

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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 the Municipality wants to take tangible steps to raise awareness along with other municipalities across the country;

BE IT RESOLVED that November 25th to December 6th, 2001 be proclaimed White Ribbon Days in the Municipality of Barrington;

THAT all members of Council and all Municipal employees, particularly men, be encouraged to wear the "white ribbon" during White Ribbon Days;

THAT the White Ribbon Poster be displayed at the Municipal office in such a location that it can be seen, and be signed by councillors and visitors alike;

THAT white ribbons be available to all visitors to the Municipal Offices during White Ribbon Days.

There being no objections expressed to the above proclamation, the Warden declared November 25th to December 6th, 2001 as White Ribbon Days in the Municipality of Barrington.

INTERVIEW - KEN ANTHONY

Ken and Beverly Anthony appeared before the meeting and expressed concern regarding hunting on Sherose Island. Mr. Anthony informed members that he was relatively happy with the decision of Council to write letters to the Department of Natural Resources and the R.C.M.P. requesting them to assure that hunting laws are enforced on Sherose Island, until he saw the headlines in the Coast Guard Newspaper "Sherose Island No Hunting Petition Denied". Mr. Anthony stated that he felt that this headline would leave people with the impression that hunting is permitted on the island.

The Clerk informed members that a letter had been received from Kevin Redden, Constable at the Barrington R.C.M.P. Detachment. He had advised that members will be making extra patrols of the Sherose Island area in order to obtain further information on the problem, perform vehicle checks and provide an increased police presence.

He informed members that after further investigating the matter it was determined that there is only one (1) small spot on the island which meets the requirements of the Department of Natural Resources Hunting Regulations. This spot is located on the walking trail.

Mr. Anthony is requesting that signs be posted on Municipal property near the walking trail indicating that no hunting is permitted.

The Warden informed Mr. & Mrs. Anthony that a recommendation from the Public Works Committee will be considered later in the meeting dealing with this matter.

INTERVIEW - RAYMOND CROOK RE: LAND

Mr. Raymond Crook and Mr. Alan Crook appeared before the meeting. Raymond informed the meeting that individuals obtaining wood cutting permits from the Municipality have been cutting on his private property and illegal dumping has been taking place behind the Ye Olde Musket Club. This property is also owned by Mr. Raymond Crook and in the past has been leased to Ye Olde Musket Club.

The Wood Cutting Policy was explained to Raymond and Alan Crook. They were also informed that each individual applying for a wood cutting permit is provided with a map showing lands on which they can cut. The land Mr. Raymond Crook feels he owns was on this map since it is also felt that it is owned by the Municipality. The Property Records Date Base shows this property as being owned by the Municipality. Once Mr. Crook's concerns were brought to the Clerks' attention all individuals holding a wood cutting permit were notified that no cutting was to take place on this property.

Property ownership is now being investigated by the Municipal Solicitor. Mr. Crook will be notified of the outcome of the investigation.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by F. Bower that the Wood Cutting Policy be placed on the next Public Works Agenda for discussion.

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTSPublic WorksWater and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that the work required to be done in order to adequately monitor and operate registered Municipal water supplies and sewage treatment plants owned by the Municipality be completed by the present Public Works Staff without creating or adding any new positions.

Motion carried.

Smithsville Road Map

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by F. Bower that the Municipality write the company which publishes road maps given out at Visitor Information Centres and request that the company correct the spelling of Smithsville.

Motion carried.

Cape Sable Island Causeway Cables

Councillor Smith informed members that a letter has been written to Greg Newell, Department of Transportation, requesting that the cables along the Cape Sable Island Causeway be repaired or replaced.

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Sherose Island Trail

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that "No Hunting" signs be placed on Municipal lands on Sherose Island.

Much discussion then took place regarding the liability involved with "No Hunting" signs and required separation distances.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that the above motion be tabled until additional information is obtained regarding the posting of signs on Sherose Island.

Motion carried.

Community Health Care Advisory Committee

Councillor Smith informed members that the Community Health Care Advisory Committee has now been put in place and their first meeting was held on November 6, 2001. Rudy Link was elected the Chairperson and Debbie Goreham was elected the Vice Chairperson.

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from Shaun Hatfield of Centreville expressing an interest in serving on the Community Health Care Advisory Committee. If Mr. Hatfield is appointed to serve on this committee he would represent District 5 and would replace Councillor Wayne Smith.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by F. Bower that Mr. Shaun Hatfield of Centreville be appointed to serve on the Community Health Care Advisory Committee representing District 5.

Motion carried.

Waterfront Development Committee

Councillor Smith provided members with a brief update on activities of the committee.

Conflict of Interest

Deputy Warden Eddie Nickerson declared conflict of interest, vacated his seat and proceeded to the spectator area.

Deputy Warden Nickerson declared conflict of interest in the event that the Waterfront Development Committee Report included information on the Marina Project.

Deputy Warden Nickerson returned to his seat.

Membership Renewal

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that all members of the Waterfront Development Committee be reappointed to serve on the Committee for another one (1) year term commencing January 1, 2002.

Motion carried.

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Recreation Committee

Street Hockey at Tennis Court

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Hunt that the group using the Tennis Court at Sherose Island for street hockey activities be permitted to continue to use them until Council deems the facility to be used for other purposes which would exclude its use as a street hockey location.

Motion carried.

Sherose Island Water Supply

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality request the Fundraising Committee to assist financially with the installation of a satisfactory Water Filtering and Supply System at Sherose Island.

Motion carried.

The Clerk reported that a memo has been received from the Recreation and Facilities Manager indicating that the Fundraising Committee met on November 13, 2001. At that meeting they were without a quorum but based on the discussion it was felt by the Manager that they would not support the project.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt that we proceed with the installation of a satisfactory Water Filtering and Supply System at Sherose Island. This will consist of a two (2) inch line with filtering system. The Purchasing Policy is to be followed and the successful company is to provide a guarantee that the equipment installed will solve the water problems at Sherose Island. Funds to cover the cost of this installation will be taken from the Special Reserve Fund - Operating and will be replaced should other funding be received.

Motion carried.

Finance and Administration

Matrons of Lock-up

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded A. Atkinson that Municipal staff recruit and hire a matron for Lock-up as soon as possible.

Motion carried.

Barrington Regional Curling Club Mortgage Payment

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by F. Bower that the Municipality withdraw \$15,000.00 to be used for the payment of the Barrington Regional Curling Club debenture on November 9, 2001 from the Special Reserve Fund Capital and replace these funds when they are received from the Barrington Regional Curling Club.

Motion carried.

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Arena Sound System

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by F. Bower that the sound system formerly used in the Arena be moved to the Barrington Regional Curling Club and installed there by the Club.

Motion carried.

Employee Increments

Conflict of Interest

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

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that having completed another year of service and having received satisfactory evaluations the following employees receive their annual increments: Jeanne Ossinger, Dawn Johnson, Bob Watt, Blair Atkinson and Shelley Atwood.

Motion carried.

Councillor Atkinson returned to his seat.

Highway #103

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by F. Bower that the Municipality contact the province requesting it to commit to completing Highway 103, and more particularly the Barrington Exchange.

Motion carried.

A copy of this letter is to be sent to ATI Consulting and to MacDonald Real Estate.

Resolution Re: Shortage of Doctors

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith and carried:

WHEREAS there is a shortage of medical doctors in Canada and particularly in rural communities of the Country;

AND WHEREAS provision of essential health care services depend upon the ability of communities and health authorities to recruit and maintain adequate numbers of medical doctors;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government can encourage medical doctors to practice in rural communities and protect the residents of those areas;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities urge the Federal Government to make it a priority to take action to attract doctors to rural communities across the country and that a copy of this motion be sent to the UNSM requesting support from its representatives at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Community Grants Letter

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by F. Bower that a grant of \$2,000.00 be approved from the District 4 Community Grant Fund to District #8 Fishermen's Memorial Committee.

Motion carried.

Port LaTour Fire Department

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by F. Bower that a letter be sent to the Port LaTour District 8 Volunteer Fire Department requesting information pertaining to the donation made from the Ladies Auxiliary to the Fire Department and that installment payments of the Municipal Grant to the fire department would be withheld until a satisfactory explanation has been received.

Motion carried.

Tax Reduction Policy

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that notice be given to consider adoption of the Tax Reduction Policy.

Motion carried.

Consideration of adopting this policy will take place at the November 28, 2001 Council Meeting.

South West Shore Development Authority - FRAM Projects

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality accept the revised proposal for the Visitor Information Centre and four (4) rest stops to be included in the Project Application for FRAM Funding.

Motion carried.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the additional funding required from the Municipality for the Visitor Information Centre Proposal be taken from next years Operating Budget or from Capital Reserves to be determined by Council when required.

Motion carried.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden welcomed Debbie Lee Sears to the meeting. Miss Sears is doing a school project.

The following is a brief summary of activities of the Warden since the last Council meeting:

- October 29, 2001 The Warden attended the official reopening of Bay Side Home

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- November 1, 2001 The Warden and Cecil O'Donnell, MLA for Shelburne County, attended a meeting with representatives from El Paso Energy. The company has indicated a need for approximately one hundred (100) acres of land in South West Nova. The Warden also informed members that representatives from El Paso will be meeting with Municipal representatives tomorrow.
- The Warden informed members that he attended four (4) Remembrance Day Services, two of which were at B.M.H.S.
- November 8, 2001 The Warden and Clerk attended the District Planning Commission held in Tusket. At that meeting the Warden was elected Chairman for the upcoming year.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Halliday that letters of thanks be forwarded to Bay Side Home Staff for their commitment to residents while they were away from Bay Side Home and MLA Cecil O'Donnell and the Honourable Peter Christie, Minister of Community Services, for their dedication and commitment to the reopening of Bay Side Home.

Motion carried.

C & D LANDFILL POLICY

Notice of consideration of amendments to the Construction and Demolition Landfill Policy was given at the last meeting of Council. Members have been provided with a draft copy of amendments. The Clerk suggested one further amendment to the price list and that is the addition of miscellaneous items \$1 to \$5 depending on item and condition.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Halliday that the price list be amended to include miscellaneous items at a cost of \$1 to \$5, depending on the item and condition.

Motion carried.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Halliday that amendments to the Construction and Demolition Landfill Policy be approved as presented.

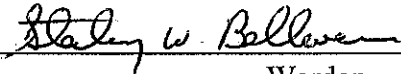
Motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by F. Bower that the meeting adjourn.

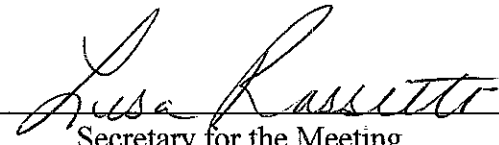
The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



Warden



Clerk



Secretary for the Meeting

Copied for Councillors on November 16, 2001 by Sharon Brannen.