

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 13, 2002.

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

The Warden informed members that it is necessary to add another item to the agenda. This item will be #14 - Waste Contamination.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Hunt that the minutes of the January 23, 2002 Council Meeting be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held January 29, 2002 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION TO GOOD WILL CLUB

The Warden provided history on the Good Will Club of Barrington and presented Mrs. Betty Scott with a certificate in recognition and appreciation of 100 years of dedicated service to the citizens of the Municipality as a service club. The club will be celebrating their 100th year of service on February 22, 2002.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mary Ann Watson Bursary

The Clerk advised that a letter has been received from Dalhousie University requesting Council to make a contribution to the Mary Ann Watson Bursary. This bursary is for students enrolled in the Dalhousie Nursing Program at the Yarmouth site.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by F. Bower that the request from Dalhousie University for a contribution towards the Mary Ann Watson Bursary be referred to the budget process.

Motion carried.

The Clerk was requested to obtain additional information regarding the bursary.

Request from Rebekah Brannen

It was reported that a letter has been received from Rebekah Brannen which advised that she has been accepted to participate in a study home-stay in Malawi from April 27th until May 22, 2002. It is her responsibility to raise funds to pay for the expense of travel, accommodations, tuition, immunizations and equipment. She also hopes to raise enough funds to purchase humanitarian supplies for the Malawian family with whom she will reside. The cost of the trip excluding immunization and supplies to travel in Africa is \$4,300.00. Miss Brannen is requesting financial assistance from Council to assist with the cost of this trip.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that this request be referred to the Finance Committee for further consideration.

Motion carried.

S.E.M.A.C.A. Conference

It was reported that a letter has been received from Bridgewater State College advising that the S.E.M.A.C.A. organization will be renamed A.A.C.N.E.M. (Association of Atlantic Canada and New England Mayors). The letter further advised that on April 18, 2002 the Bridgewater Canadian Studies Program will be presenting a business briefing entitled "New Business Opportunities in Atlantic Canada".

Doctor Relocation

It was reported that a letter has been received from the Town of Clark's Harbour which advised that the Town would like to make a contribution towards the relocation expense of Dr. Shams in the amount of 12% of the total cost.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by F. Bower that the Municipality accept the Town's offer and that a letter of thanks be forwarded to the Town for their contribution.

Motion carried.

Municipal Insurance Rates

It was reported that a letter has been received from the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities advising that they share our concerns with the possible significant premium increases. The letter advised that it is their intention to carefully watch the situation and do what they can to positively influence it.

Information Sessions

It was reported that a letter has been received from the Department of Tourism and Culture advising that Information Sessions will be held to share information on new programs available to support the culture sector. This information was copied to members in advance to the meeting since an Information Session was held in Shelburne today at 5:00 p.m.

Water Exercise at Municipal Landfill

A letter has been received from the Shelburne County Firefighters Association requesting permission to carry out a water exercise at the Municipal Landfill. This exercise will involve several fire departments which would normally respond in the event that the Municipal Landfill was on fire. The event is planned to take place sometime this spring.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that the request from the Shelburne County Firefighters Association to carry out a water exercise at the Municipal Landfill be approved.

Motion carried.

SHELBURNE WILDERNESS ACCESS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Mr. Rance Spitler, Director, Shelburne Wilderness Access and Recreation Association, appeared before the meeting. Mr. Spitler informed councillors that the association is committed to protecting and preserving the Tobeatic wilderness area while maintaining the traditional access through the network of roads established prior to 1993, and the traditional activities that have occurred there such as hunting, fishing, trapping, canoeing, hiking, vehicle use, etc.

A decision to prohibit use of these roads would essentially bar most residents of Shelburne County and their descendants from these long enjoyed activities. The Shelburne Wilderness Access and Recreation Association is also committed to assisting in the protection and preservation of the Tobeatic wilderness area by promoting responsible use of the area, and policing by acting as a reporting mechanism to the appropriate authorities of any violation of the Wilderness Area Act. The Association is committed to establishing a wilderness watch group that would act as an information gathering source for the enforcement of the appropriate acts and to organize an annual clean-up of the area. The Association is seeking Municipal support of their position in the establishment of a management plan for the Tobeatic wilderness area.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by W. Smith that Municipal Council support the Association's position in the establishment of a management plan for the Tobeatic wilderness area.

Motion carried.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that an Access Committee is being set up by the provincial government which apparently is to contain representation from municipal government.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that a letter be forwarded to the appropriate department to determine the committee's mandate and membership and why the Municipality of Barrington has not been approached to serve on the committee.

Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that a closed session now be held to deal with matters concerning Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation, sale of Municipal property and the C.S.I. Sewer Agreement.

Motion carried.

The regular session of Council was called back to order.

ROSEWAY HOSPITAL CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipal Council accept the agreement from the Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation for financial assistance towards the purchase and operation of the Community Health Centre with noted changes being made to Section 4.

Motion carried.

SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Hunt that the offer received through Vaughne Real Estate for the purchase of the Port LaTour Elementary School be accepted.

Motion carried.

Upon the request of two members the vote was recorded:

FOR _____ **AGAINST**

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

C.S.I. SEWER AGREEMENT

This matter will be dealt with during Committee and Board Reports.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden reported that he attended meetings in Halifax on January 28th and 29th, 2002 regarding the Marine Centre of Excellence.

The Marine Centre Committee of the South West Shore Development Authority will meet tomorrow evening to finalize plans for the forum to review the study. It is proposed that the forum will be held on February 28, 2002. The cost of a facilitator to attend the forum is approximately \$3,000.00 and it has been suggested that the Municipality pay 50% of this cost.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipal Council approve the expense of \$1,500.00 to be applied towards the cost of a facilitator to attend the forum to be held on February 28, 2002 regarding the Marine Centre of Excellence.

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

Finance Committee

Highway No. 3

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality notify Assessment Services that the Municipality has no interest in the ownership of property located on Highway #103 immediately across the road from the Municipal Landfill Site and listed as PID #80159025.

Motion carried.

C.S.I. Sewer

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by W. Smith that a proposed agreement with the Town of Clark's Harbour for the use and ownership of their sewer system in conjunction with construction of a municipal sewer system in the adjacent areas on Cape Sable Island be forwarded to the Town for their consideration.

Motion carried.

District Funds Request

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Wood's Harbour Athletic Association be provided a grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 towards the construction of seating at the Wood's Harbour ballfield.

Motion carried.

Recreation and Facilities Management Committee

Proposed Challenged Children's Policy

Notice was given that consideration of the proposed Challenged Children's Policy will be carried out at the next meeting of Council. This policy deals with the participation in programs by challenged children.

March Break Day Camp Hiring

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Hunt that Municipal staff hire assistants for the March Break Day Camp for this year and for future March Break Day Camps.

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by W. Smith that the above motion be amended to delete the words "Municipal staff" and insert the words "the Recreation and Facilities Manager and Secretary".

Motion carried.

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

Long Term Nursing Care Facility Committee

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by W. Smith that a general letter from Council be prepared endorsing the need of a long term nursing care facility in this area.

Motion carried.

Barrington Municipal Waterfront Development Committee

2002/2003 Budget

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by E. Nickerson that the proposed Waterfront Development budget for 2002/2003 include \$18,334.25 for the McGray Avenue Project and that the proposed budget totaling \$27,854.25 be approved by Council.

Motion carried.

Barrington Bay Trail

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality upgrade security at the entries and exits to the trail to prevent vehicular traffic by placing rock barriers at those locations.

Motion carried.

Public Works and Property Committee

C & D Landfill Site

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Halliday that the C & D Landfill Site Infrastructure Project Application be increased to the estimate of \$360,000.00 as provided by Horner Associates.

Motion carried.

C & D Landfill Policy

It was reported that the Warden for the Municipality of Shelburne has requested that the Municipality accept industrial waste from a business in the Municipality of Shelburne. It is anticipated that the local site in the Municipality of Shelburne will soon be closed and an alternate site is being sought.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipality not accept C & D waste from other municipal units other than the Municipality of Barrington and the Town of Clark's Harbour as this will materially reduce the life of the C & D Landfill Site.

Motion carried.

Community Grants Request

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by F. Bower that a grant of \$1,200.00 be provided from the District 4 Community Grants Fund to be used for repairs to the United Church in Upper Port LaTour.

Motion carried.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by F. Bower that a grant of \$350.00 from the District 4 Community Grants Fund be provided to the Green Hill Senior Citizens Club for the purpose of cleaning and painting the building.

Motion carried.

Shelburne County Group Home

Councillor Bower informed members that he, on behalf of Bay Side Home, attended the official opening of the Shelburne County Group Home. Councillor Smith attended this opening as well.

FRAM PROJECT FUNDING

It was reported that FRAM Funding for the Visitor Information Centre and two rest stops, if approved, would only cover 65% of the cost. It had originally been reported that FRAM funding would cover 70% of the cost. Council must now decide how they plan to finance the additional 5%. The additional funding required amounts to \$22,440.00.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that the additional 5% required for FRAM funding for the V.I.C. and two rest stops be provided for in next year's budget.

Motion carried.

Community Health Care Advisory Committee

It was reported that since all positions are now filled by members of the public it is now necessary to appoint a member of Council consistent with our policy.

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Hunt that Deputy Warden Eddie Nickerson be nominated to serve on the Community Health Care Advisory Committee.

This nomination was accepted by Deputy Warden Eddie Nickerson.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by W. Smith that Councillor Angus Atkinson be nominated to serve on this committee.

Councillor Atkinson declined this nomination.

Further nominations were called three (3) times with no further nominations being put forth. Deputy Warden Eddie Nickerson was declared a member of the Community Health Care Advisory Committee.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that Councillor Louise Halliday be nominated to serve as the alternate on the Community Health Care Advisory Committee.

Moved by F. Bower that Councillor Atkinson be nominated to serve as the alternate on the Community Health Care Advisory Committee.

Councillor Atkinson declined this nomination.

Moved by A. Atkinson that Councillor Fred Bower be nominated to serve as the alternate on the Community Health Care Advisory Committee.

This nomination was declined by Councillor Bower.

The Warden declared that nominations cease and Councillor Louise Halliday was appointed to serve as the alternate on the Community Health Care Advisory Committee.

C & D LANDFILL POLICY

Notice of Consideration of amendments to the C & D Landfill Policy was given at the last regular meeting of Council, January 23, 2002. Amendments will now be considered to allow scrap metals to be sold to the general public in the same manner as other recyclable materials are sold. A revised price list containing the proposed changes was previously forwarded to members.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Halliday that the proposed changes to the C & D Landfill Policy be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

WASTE CONTAMINATION

The Clerk reported that the Department of Environment and Labour is becoming more strict regarding the waste deposited at the Yarmouth Landfill Site. The Municipality of Argyle and the Town of Clark's Harbour have both been penalized for loads containing contaminated waste. On Monday, February 11, 2002, the Municipality of Barrington was charged double tipping fees since some of the waste deposited at the Landfill was contaminated. At that time the collector was informed that if this practice continued there is a possibility that he may have an entire load rejected. On Tuesday the collector started monitoring the loads more carefully and has been using the red rejection stickers.

The Clerk informed members that the contamination of waste seems to be restricted to residual waste. Residents are doing a good job with the separation of organics and blue bag materials.

This information was provided to keep councillors informed.

It was agreed that "Waste Reduction Coordinator" be added to the next Public Works Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by F. Bower that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

Copied for Councillors on February 15, 2002 by Sharon Brannen.