

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by A. Atkinson that the minutes of the last meeting held February 27, 2002 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Water Exercise at Municipal Landfill

It was reported that the water exercise to be carried out at the Municipal Landfill by the Shelburne County Firefighters Association is tentatively scheduled for April 7, 2002.

Tobeatic Wilderness Area

It was reported that a response has been received from the Tobeatic Wilderness Committee but it does not address concerns raised by Council. It was agreed that this matter be placed on the next Public Works Committee agenda.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION RE: FUNDRAISING FOR VAN

Mr. Bob Garron, Chairman, Zone 12 Fundraising Committee, Royal Canadian Legion, appeared before the meeting. Mr. Max Nickerson, President of Branch #148, Cape Sable Island Legion was also present. Mr. Garron informed members that the legion is attempting to raise \$60,000.00 to purchase a van for Veteran's Place. The nine branches located within the zone are attempting to raise \$30,000.00. Both the provincial and federal governments have been approached for support. All councils in Yarmouth and Shelburne Counties will be approached for support as well. It is anticipated that on Friday, March 15, 2002, a major sponsor will join the fundraising efforts for this project.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that a contribution of \$3,000.00 be made to assist with the cost of the purchase of a van for Veteran's Place to be funded from the 2002/2003 Municipal operating budget.

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

C.S.I. Sewer

It was reported that a letter has been received from the Town of Clark's Harbour advising that our letter of February 28, 2002 will be discussed by Council during the week of March 18, 2002 and a response will be forthcoming.

Council had requested a response not later than March 12, 2002.

Shelburne County Genealogical Society

It was reported that a letter has been received from the Shelburne County Genealogical Society. They are requesting a letter of support for their project to create a searchable database for the county school registers. They are currently preparing a project proposal for HRDC to obtain funding to hire two or more people for 52 weeks to carry out this work.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by F. Bower that the Municipality provide a letter of support to the Shelburne County Genealogical Society for their project proposal to HRDC.

Motion carried.

Shelburne County Museum

A letter has been received from the Shelburne County Museum requesting a grant for the 2002/2003 fiscal year.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that the request for financial assistance be forwarded to the budgeting process.

Motion carried.

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Information has been received advising that March 21, 2002 is the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

There being no objections received, the Warden declared March 21, 2002 as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, within the Municipality of Barrington.

Fire Safety Program

It was reported that information has been received from the Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department requesting financial assistance to conduct a fire safety program to educate and protect children. This program is carried out in conjunction with Community Safety Net.

Moved by W. Smith that the request for a contribution to assist with the Fire Safety Program be denied.

There being no seconder the motion was declared lost.

After further discussion it was agreed that this matter be tabled until later in the meeting.

Kilometer Markers

It was reported that a letter has been received from the Barrington Volunteer Fire Department which informed members that motor vehicle accidents are sometimes difficult to locate due to the Emergency 911 call being made from cellular phones, or the caller being unfamiliar with the area. The Department is suggesting the installation of kilometer markers on at least the 100 series highways to allow reference points to those in need of assistance. The Department is requesting the Municipality to write the provincial government in support of the installation of kilometer markers.

It was noted that a letter from the Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department was received in support of this initiative.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by A. Atkinson that a letter be forwarded to the Department of Transportation in support of the installation of kilometer markers on the 100 series highways.

Motion carried.

Thank You Letter

A letter has been received from Mr. Richard Nickerson thanking Council for the opportunity given to him in the past to serve on the Planning Advisory Committee.

Traffic Control Signals and Annual Count Program

It was reported that a letter has been received from the Department of Transportation and Public Works regarding traffic control signals at the Trunk 3/Route 330 intersection in Barrington Passage. In closing the letter advised that in light of the suggestion from the Traffic Impact Study and the results of the department's most recent investigation they will conduct another analysis when weather permits in the spring.

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by W. Smith that a letter be forwarded to Mr. Joe Crowell, District Traffic Supervisor, Department of Transportation, asking for a breakdown of the scoring results of the traffic control signal investigation carried out in October 2001.

Motion carried.

Another letter was also received from the Department of Transportation. This letter was in regards to the 2002 Annual Temporary Count Program. The letter advised that the department has developed a three year rotational program to cover the four Transportation & Public Works operational districts across the province. Last year the program concentrated on the northern district and for 2002 the eastern district has been identified as their area of concentration. In addition they are able to do 100 special counts in each of the four districts as requested. The cost of a one week traffic volume count or classification count has been set at \$200.00, each providing they can be accommodated during their scheduled program.

No action was taken on this matter.

Minister's Conference

It was reported that information has been received from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries advising that a Minister's Conference will be held on Tuesday, April 16th and Wednesday, April 17th at AgriTech Park in Truro.

Letter of Appreciation

It was reported that a letter has been received from Mr. Joel Surette which expressed his appreciation to the Municipality for financially supporting his stay in the community while practising for four weeks with Dr. Kenny Yee.

Request for Financial Support

A letter has been received from Discover Shelburne County Tourism Association requesting financial assistance for the 2002/2003 fiscal year.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that the request for financial assistance from Discover Shelburne County Tourism Association be referred to the budget process.

Motion carried.

Shelburne County Lobster Festival

A letter has been received from the Shelburne County Lobster Festival secretary requesting financial assistance in the amount of \$200.00 to promote the festival.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by W. Smith that the Shelburne County Lobster Festival be provided a grant in the amount of \$200.00.

Motion carried.

It was agreed that this amount be taken from next year's budget.

Request for Community Grant

It was reported that a letter has been received from Iona Chetwynd in which she requests a community grant for the West Baccaro cemetery. The grant would be used to create additional lots for sale and the proceeds will be used to upkeep the cemetery.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by A. Atkinson that the request from Iona Chetwynd be referred to the budget process.

Motion carried.

REPORT OF WARDEN

On February 28, 2002 the Warden attended the forum scheduled to review the Marine Centre of Excellence Study. It is anticipated that the study will be completed the end of March and once reviewed by the committee will be released.

On March 13, 2002 the Warden attended a meeting of the S.W.S.D.A.'s Energy Sub-Committee and reviewed a study conducted by ATI Consultants. The study related to oil and gas impacts, environmental issues, economic benefits, etc. This study is to be completed by the end of June.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

Library

Councillor Bower indicated that he attended a meeting of the Library Board on February 28, 2002. The budget is being prepared and minutes of the meeting will be forwarded to members in the near future. The local branch library has formed a group called "Friends of the Library" and will be approaching Council in the near future requesting the construction of a new library.

Public Works Committee

Waste Collection

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality contact the residents at Goose Lake informing them that the waste now deposited at the end of Goose Lake Road must be cleaned up and source separation must be performed to the satisfaction of the Municipality by March 31, 2002, or it may be necessary for the Municipality to discontinue collection of waste for Goose Lake residents. Goose Lake residents will also be required to put the civic numbers on their garbage bags and blue bags effective immediately and bags without numbers will not be collected.

Motion carried.

It was agreed that this matter be placed on the next Public Works Committee agenda for further discussion.

During discussion of this matter it was also noted there are numerous illegal dump sites throughout the Municipality, a number of which are located on provincial property.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Department of Natural Resources be informed of illegal dumping taking place on the South Side Beach and Stoney Island Beach and the Department be requested to inspect all of their properties located within the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried.

Grass Mowing

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality tender the mowing of grass at all municipal sites for the coming year.

Motion carried.

C & D Landfill

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality purchase a building for the C & D Landfill Site to be used on an interim basis until the Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Works Project for this site is approved, not to exceed a maximum of \$5,000.00 Canadian dollars.

Motion carried.

Cape Sable Island Causeway

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by F. Bower that the Municipality request the provincial Department of Environment, Department of Transportation, Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture and the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans and Small Craft Harbours to evaluate opening a portion of the causeway to allow the natural flow of water.

Motion carried.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality request the Department of Transportation to repair locations where the armor stone has been washed away from the causeway.

Motion carried.

Highway Map

The Clerk reported that at the Public Works Committee Meeting held March 11, 2002, Councillor Bower brought to his attention a map on which "Smithsville" was misspelled. After reviewing the matter it was realized the map was printed in June 2001. The Municipality last requested the provincial government to correct this misspelling in November 2001. The Clerk is attempting to determine whether or not the new maps contain the proper spelling of "Smithsville". He is currently awaiting a phone call from the individual in charge of the map.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by F. Bower that the Municipality again write to the publishers of the provincial highway map referring to our previous letter and indicating the spelling of "Smithsville" has still not been corrected.

Motion carried.

It was agreed that this motion be pending the information received by the Clerk from the provincial department responsible for the map. The Clerk has requested three (3) copies of the most up-to-date map.

Recreation and Facilities Management Committee

Wilson's Shopping Centre

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by E. Nickerson that the Municipality rent the Arena to Wilson's Shopping Centre Limited at a fee of \$2,500.00 per week (5 - 7 days)

Motion carried.

Volunteer Representatives for 2002

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by F. Bower that Evelyn Crowell be chosen as Volunteer of the Year for the Municipality of Barrington for the year 2002.

Motion carried.

It was reported that an invitation has been received from Recreation Nova Scotia for the Warden to attend the 28th Annual Provincial Volunteer Awards Day Ceremony and Luncheon which is scheduled to take place on April 19, 2002.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by F. Bower that the Recreation and Facilities Manager attend in the Warden's place.

Motion withdrawn.

It was agreed that the Warden would find someone to attend in his place if he is unable to attend.

Semi-Annual Meeting with Fire Departments

Councillor Hunt reported that a meeting with fire departments was held on March 6, 2002 at which time matters of mutual concern were discussed.

Amalgamation of Fire Departments

Councillor Hunt reported that he has been informally attending meetings of the Barrington Passage, South Side and Clark's Harbour Volunteer fire departments. The departments have unanimously supported a proposal for the amalgamation of the three fire departments. This proposal will be brought to the attention of Council at a future meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDING POLICY

It was reported that notice was given at the last meeting of Council that consideration of amendments to Policy #18 "Fire Department Funding" will be carried out tonight. The policy will replace the existing Policy #18 "Funding of Capital Programs Volunteer Fire Departments" and #19 "Funding of Grants to Volunteer Fire Departments". Both policies have been consolidated into one and a new section has been added to provide for funding of amalgamation of fire departments.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by E. Nickerson that Policy #18 "Fire Department Funding" be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

At this time a closed session of Council was held to deal with a matter of potential litigation.

The regular session of Council was called back to order.

PORT LATOUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality accept the explanation provided by the Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department as it relates to the donation of \$5,000.00 made by the Ladies Auxiliary and that monthly grant payments be restored to the fire department.

Motion carried.

FIRE SAFETY PROGRAM

The letter from the Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department regarding the Fire Safety Program was once again discussed.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality take out an ad in the Coast Guard Newspaper during Fire Prevention Week in support of all fire departments.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by F. Bower that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

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

