

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 27, 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 L. Halliday and seconded by A. Atkinson that the minutes of the last meeting held March 13, 2002 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

##### R.C.M.P. Costs

The Clerk reported that a further letter has been received from the Department of Justice regarding the Municipality's 2002/2003 R.C.M.P. costs. It was previously indicated by the Department that R.C.M.P. costs would increase by 7.8% this year. That amount has now been readjusted and the province has imposed a maximum 3.4% increase for R.C.M.P. services. This will result in the Municipality paying a cost, per member, of \$86,863.00.

##### Surplus Federal Properties

It was reported that a letter has been received from the Shelburne County Firefighters Association regarding surplus federal properties located at Baccaro. Due to environmental assessments carried out by the Federal Department of Public Works, high amounts of contamination have been discovered on the property. Therefore, the Association is no longer interested in pursuing the purchase of any federal land located in Baccaro. The letter further thanked Council and the Clerk for the time and effort put into this project.

#### PROCLAMATION - LEAVE A LEGACY

It was reported that information has been received requesting Council to declare May 4 - 11, 2002 as "Leave a Legacy Week".

No opposition to the proclamation was received and the Warden declared May 4 - 11, 2002 as "Leave a Legacy Week" in the Municipality of Barrington.

INTERVIEW CARL SMITH RE: C.S.I. SEWER

Mr. Carl Smith of North East Point appeared before the meeting. He asked Council to consider proceeding with sewer to serve the communities of North East Point, Clam Point and Stoney Island, if further delays are encountered with the proposal involving the Town of Clark's Harbour. Mr. Smith was informed that the C.S.I. sewer was scheduled to be discussed further later in the meeting. Mr. Smith was advised that if he wished to wait until this matter was discussed he would be given an opportunity to address Council at that time.

GOOSE LAKE ASSOCIATION RE: GARBAGE PROBLEM

Mr. Philip Newell and a few other members from the Association appeared before the meeting. Mr. Newell informed members that there is a garbage problem at the end of Goose Lake Road which needs to be addressed immediately. Garbage has been strewn along the Municipal portion of the Goose Lake Road and the garbage bins are overloaded with rejected bags. The Association has briefly discussed this matter and it is felt that if the Association takes steps to remove the rejected bags the bins will be filled almost immediately with more garbage. The Association does not feel that the problem is with the Goose Lake residents but that other members of the public are dropping off garbage at this site.

The following options were suggested:

- removal of bins
- garbage is to be put out by roadside on the morning of collection
- civic numbers to be put on bags by Goose Lake residents
- garbage boxes could be moved further in on the Goose Lake Road
- smaller collection vehicle could go up Goose Lake Road and pick up garbage at the end of each driveway
- move bins to the C & D Landfill Site

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by A. Atkinson that the Municipality take steps to clean up the garbage bins located at the end of Goose Lake Road.

**Moved** by F. Bower and seconded by W. Smith that the above motion be amended to have the garbage boxes moved to the C & D Landfill Site as a temporary solution to this problem.

Motion carried.

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

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that the garbage problem at Goose Lake be referred to the Public Works Committee for further discussion and that Mr. Newell and other members of the Goose Lake Association be invited to attend.

Motion carried.

It was agreed that the cost to have a small vehicle collect garbage on the Goose Lake Road be investigated and further discussed at the Public Works Committee meeting.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT AMALGAMATION

Eugene Stoddard, Fire Chief, South Side Volunteer Fire Department; Walter Scott, Fire Chief, Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department; and Blair Nickerson, Fire Chief, Clark's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department, appeared before the meeting. They requested Council's support of the proposed amalgamation of the three (3) fire departments. The proposal had been circulated to members in advance to the meeting.

**Moved** by D. Hunt and seconded by E. Nickerson that the Municipal Council support the proposal, in principle, and negotiate with the Town of Clark's Harbour and the departments to accomplish the amalgamation.

Motion carried.

It was agreed that the Clerk arrange a meeting with the Town of Clark's Harbour and the three (3) fire departments in order to finalize the proposal and then present it back to Council for consideration.

#### C.S.I. SEWER

The Clerk reported that a letter has now been received from the Town of Clark's Harbour which indicated that the Town will not be making a financial proposal to the Municipality. It is the opinion of the Town Council that this project was initiated by the Municipality to provide a new service to a specific area of the Municipality. It is also Council's opinion that the project can proceed without the Town's involvement but that it would be beneficial to the Municipality if the Town was involved. The Town Council has concluded that for the adjacent communities to be connected to the Town sewer significant funds would have to be spent on the Town's sewer system to handle the increased flow which the Council is not willing to commit. Therefore, the Town requests the Municipality to make a concrete proposal to the Town stating what financial and other commitments the Municipality is willing to agree to for the project to proceed.

**Moved** by W. Smith and seconded by E. Nickerson that the Municipality continue with the C.S.I. sewer project without the involvement of the Town of Clark's Harbour.

Motion carried.

The three (3) phases of the C.S.I. sewer project were then briefly explained to Mr. Carl Smith.

It was agreed that the date for the next C.S.I. sewer meeting be decided at the Public Works Committee meeting to be held on Monday, April 8, 2002.

#### PUBLIC HEARING RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY AND LAND USE BY-LAW

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At 8:00 p.m. a Public Hearing was held to deal with proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law regarding tourist accommodations in Rural Centre and Rural Development Zones.

Minutes of the Public Hearing are attached hereto and form part of the minutes.

**Moved** by F. Bower that the proposed amendments be referred back to the Planning Advisory Committee for further consideration.

There being no seconder the motion was declared lost.

**Moved** by F. Bower that the fifth paragraph under the heading “Chapter B Rural Development” be amended by deleting the last sentence, which reads as follows: “This permission shall only apply where lots for hotels and motels do not abut existing residential or institutional use in any zone nor have such existing uses on the opposite side of a public or private road or right-of-way in any zone”.

There being no seconder the motion was declared lost.

**Moved** by W. Smith and seconded by L. Halliday that the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law be approved to permit in a Rural Centre Residential General designation and its corresponding Residential General (R1) Zone, by development agreement, a lounge, tavern or cabaret as an accessory use only to a hotel or motel provided they do not abut existing residential or institutional uses or be on the opposite side of the road from such uses. Also amendments include new and refined definitions.

Motion carried.

**Moved** by W. Smith and seconded by L. Halliday that proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law be approved to exempt tourist accommodations in Rural Development designation and its corresponding Rural Development (RD) Zone from the public road requirement provided they meet other access related requirements based upon the number of sleeping accommodations and to also permit a lounge, tavern or cabaret as an accessory use only to a hotel or motel provided they do not abut existing residential or institutional uses or be on the opposite side of the road from such uses. Amendments also include new and refined definitions.

Motion carried.

**Moved** by F. Bower that the above motion be amended to delete part of Section 15 of the proposed changes.

There being no seconder to the motion, the motion was declared lost.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### Kyoto Protocol

It was reported that information has been received from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities urging Council to endorse the ratification of the Kyoto Protocol. The Kyoto Protocol is a small step in the long road to protecting the climate and our citizens. It starts to put brakes on the amount of greenhouse gas pollution going into the air. The Protocol is flexible and designed to cut greenhouse gas emissions at the least cost.

**Moved** by F. Bower and seconded by W. Smith and carried:

**WHEREAS** climate change causes drought, permafrost melting, sea-level rise and floods that damage municipal infrastructure, displace citizens and create a financial burden for municipal governments;

**WHEREAS** economic activity in rural and northern communities relying on fisheries, tourism, forestry and agriculture is disrupted by climate change;

**WHEREAS** investment in building retrofits, community energy systems, water conservation, renewable energy technologies, waste reduction, landfill gas capture, fleet management and public transit reduce municipal operating costs, help maintain community services and protect public health while cutting greenhouse gas emissions contributing to climate change;

**WHEREAS** forestry and agriculture sectors can expand business opportunities by increasing the capacity of trees and soils to absorb carbon dioxide and by developing renewable fuels like ethanol;

**WHEREAS** fossil fuel producers are increasing investments in renewable energy and alternative fossil fuel technologies that reduce the amount of carbon dioxide going into the air; and

**WHEREAS** 72 per cent of Canadians want the Kyoto Protocol ratified;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Municipality of the District of Barrington endorses ratification of the Kyoto Protocol; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be communicated to our Member of Parliament, provincial environment and energy ministers, federal and provincial opposition leaders, community media and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

#### Letter from Judy Hitchens

It was reported that a letter has been received from Judy Hitchens of Bear Point in which she explained a hazard which she recently encountered on her way to work on March 19, 2002 involving the garbage truck and an 18-wheeler.

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of Ms. Hitchens letter.

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by W. Smith that a letter of response be forwarded to Judy Hitchens advising her that the Municipal waste collection truck is equipped with flashing lights to caution approaching motorists, and that due to the narrow roadways in some locations it is impossible for the truck to pull entirely off the road when making his regular stops.

Motion carried.

#### Blood Letting

It was reported that a letter has been received from Dr. W. Hunter Blair expressing his concern regarding the recently announced \$7.00 charge for blood letting at the Blood Letting Clinic at Barrington Passage. It was reported that this requirement is being imposed by the South West District Health Authority and at the four (4) rural blood clinics a \$7.00 fee will be charged.

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by F. Bower that the South West District Health Authority be informed that the Municipal Council disagrees with charging \$7.00 for blood letting at the four (4) rural clinics and if it is necessary that it be charged, then it be charged to everyone as a user fee.

Motion carried.

Upon discussion of this matter concern was also expressed regarding the recently announced decision to charge parking fees at hospitals. It was agreed that this matter be further discussed at the next meeting of the Finance Committee and that a member of the South West District Health Authority be invited to attend.

In preparation for this meeting it was agreed that the Clerk enquire where alternate funding is coming from for the switchboard at Roseway Hospital and that a copy of the Authority's Budget be obtained.

#### Marine Resource Centre

It was reported that a letter has been received from the Town of Yarmouth advising that they agree to support efforts to locate a Marine Resource Centre in South West Nova Scotia. It was noted that the letter forwarded to Municipal units requesting support was for support in locating the Marine Resource Centre in Western Shelburne County, not South West Nova Scotia.

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Hunt that letters once again be forwarded to all councils in Yarmouth and Shelburne counties requesting their support in locating the Marine Resource Centre in the Municipality of Barrington or the Town of Clark's Harbour.

Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF WARDEN

##### Marine Resource Centre

The Warden reported that the draft report on the Marine Resource Centre will be presented to the Marine Resource Centre Committee at their meeting to be held on April 4, 2002.

#### COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

##### Finance and Administration Committee

##### Public Works Department

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality not restructure the Public Works Department and that the Clerk instruct the Public Works Supervisor to make water and wastewater the number one priority; this being said water and wastewater, and all maintenance in the Public Works Department, with the current Public Works staff, and it is the Public Works Supervisor's duty to see that this is done.

**Moved** by F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday that the above motion be amended by deleting the words “that the Municipality not restructure the Public Works Department and”.

Motion carried.

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

#### Community Grant District 1

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by W. Smith that the balance of funds provided for in the budget for Community Grants in District 6 and District 7 be transferred to the Special Reserve Fund Operating for future development in those areas.

**Moved** by W. Smith and seconded by F. Bower that the above motion be amended to include District 5 also.

Motion carried.

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

#### RRFB Application Re: C & D Landfill Site

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by F. Bower that the application to the RRFB for the Construction & Demolition Landfill Project be deferred until the Project Application to the Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Works Project has been either confirmed or denied.

Motion carried.

#### Proposed Summary Offence Ticket Policy

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by W. Smith that Council give notice that consideration of the adoption of the Summary Offence Ticket Policy will take place at their next meeting.

Motion carried.

#### Court House Agreement

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by E. Nickerson that the lease term with the Department of Justice on the Barrington Municipal Court House, for a period of five (5) years on which the facility will be rent free, will begin retroactive to April 1, 2001.

Motion carried.

#### Tax Write-Offs

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the balance of business occupancy taxes on the account of Southernmost Point Enterprises in the amount of approximately \$2,800.00 be written off.

Motion carried.

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the balance of business occupancy tax in the amount of approximately \$390.00 in the name of Greg Malone - Island Feed & Seed be written off.

Motion carried.

District 1 Community Grant Request

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that a grant of \$1,500.00 be provided to the Wood's Harbour Athletic Association for the purpose of repairs to the bleachers, canteen and the ramp at the ballfield in Wood's Harbour out of the District 1 Community Grant Fund.

Motion carried.

Community Grant Request

Councillor Dwayne Hunt informed members that he has received a request from the Barrington Municipal Exhibition Association requesting a grant to upgrade the electrical services at the Exhibition Grounds this year.

**Moved** by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that a grant of \$1,500.00 be provided to the Barrington Municipal Exhibition Association for the purpose of upgrading the electrical services at the Exhibition Grounds out of the District 3 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried.

Personnel Policy Revision

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipal Council give notice that consideration of the adoption of amendments to Article 11:03 of the Personnel Policy will be carried out at the next meeting of Council.

Motion carried.

Water and Wastewater Courses

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee that Rodney Shand and Karl Lamrock be registered to attend the Water Distribution Course and that Jamie Crowell and Karl Lamrock be registered to attend the Wastewater Association Conference.

The Clerk reported that the Water Distribution Course has been fully booked and that another course will not be held until the fall.

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality send Jamie Crowell and Karl Lamrock to the Wastewater Association Conference for further training.

Motion carried.

Annual Increment - Rob Williams

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by F. Bower that Rob Williams, a C & D Landfill Attendant, receive his annual increment, having received a satisfactory performance evaluation and completed another year of service on April 1, 2002.

Motion carried.

Cost of Living Adjustment

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by E. Nickerson that:

**WHEREAS** the Municipal Personnel Policy requires that Council shall annually, not later than the end of March, determine whether a Cost of Living Adjustment based on the National Consumer Price Index be granted based on statistics as of February 28<sup>th</sup> of each year;

**AND WHEREAS** the Consumer Price Index as of February 28, 2002 increased by 1.5%;

**THEREFORE** Municipal employees receive an increase in salaries and wages for this year's Cost of Living Adjustment in the amount of 1.5% and that all employee's salaries and wages be increased accordingly.

Motion carried.

C & D Landfill Closure

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality close the C & D Landfill Site to the public on Sunday, April 7, 2002, while the Shelburne County Firefighters Association conducts an exercise at the site.

Motion carried.

Nova Scotia Trails

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality request the Province to provide information indicating how much the province is budgeting on trail development in Nova Scotia for the coming year.

Motion carried.

Municipal Government Act

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality request someone from Municipal Services to discuss the Municipal Government Act with Council.

Motion carried.

It was reported that arrangements have been made with the Municipal Advisor, Stephen Feist, to meet with Council on the evening of April 8, 2002 to discuss the Municipal Government Act.

Flashing Light at Crosswalk

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipality request the Provincial Department of Transportation to fix the flashing light over the crosswalk at the Barrington Municipal Library.

Motion carried.

Highway 103 Committee

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality send information it has available to the Highway 103 Committee Chair and to Justice Minister Michael Baker regarding the Barrington By-Pass on Highway 103.

Motion carried.

Crosswalk - Barrington Passage

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality request that fluorescent crosswalk signs be installed by the Department of Transportation in the vicinity of the crosswalk at the Barrington Municipal Library.

Motion carried.

CATSELL

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality send the Visitor Information Centre Manager to attend the CATSELL promotion in Boston at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00.

Motion carried.

Phone System Receipt

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality provide a receipt to Dr. W. Hunter Blair for the cost of purchase and installation of a new phone system in the Community Health Centre in the amount of \$2,976.44.

Motion carried.

South West Shore Development Authority Meeting

Councillor Halliday reported that she recently attended a meeting of the South West Shore Development Authority. At that meeting she was presented with a copy of the 2002/2003 Business Plan as well as a balance sheet, as at February 28, 2002. Councillor Halliday briefly reported on RDA projects within the Municipality of Barrington.

Shelburne County Adult Workshop

Councillor Bower indicated that he attended a meeting of the Shelburne County Adult Workshop on March 19, 2002. Minutes will be copied and circulated to members.

Highway 103 Committee

Councillor Bower informed members that he attended a meeting of the Highway 103 Committee and discussion took place regarding the paving of the portion of the 103 By-Pass that is up to standards.

Waste Check

Deputy Warden Nickerson informed members that he attended a recent meeting of Waste Check at which time the Diversion Credits and Equalization Payments were discussed.

It is the feeling of Waste Check that the Municipality is not entitled to the Equalization Payments since the funding comes from members of Waste Check. It appears that Waste Check will not be dealing with Diversion Credits until the legal matter has been resolved with the Town of Yarmouth. It is expected that a letter will be received shortly from Waste Check stating their official decisions regarding Diversion Credits and Equalization Payments.

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by F. Bower that the RRFB be requested to forward Diversion Credits directly to the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried.

**Moved** by D. Hunt and seconded by F. Bower that the Municipality stop providing Waste Check with diversion information.

Motion defeated.

**Moved** by F. Bower that the Municipality join Region 7 once again.

There being no seconder, the motion was declared lost.

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that Waste Check be informed that the Municipality of Barrington will be expecting interest on Diversion Credits.

Motion carried.

Community Health Care Advisory Committee

Federation of Community Health Centres

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Community Health Care Advisory Committee join the Federation of Community Health Centres of Nova Scotia and attend the next meeting.

Motion carried.

The Clerk informed members that the next meeting is scheduled to be held on April 19, 2002 at the Hants Shore Community Health Centre.

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by F. Bower that the Municipality pay the expenses for two (2) members of the Community Health Care Advisory Committee to attend the next meeting of the Federation of Community Health Centres of Nova Scotia.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

**Moved** by F. Bower that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

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Warden

Clerk

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Secretary for the Meeting

**Copied for Councillors on March 28, 2002 by Sharon Brannen.**

