

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, May 8, 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 (7:08 p.m.)
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- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
  - Michelle DeSantis, Secretary for the meeting

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the minutes of the last meeting held April 24, 2002 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

##### Letter Re: ACOA

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency regarding the Fisheries Restructuring and Adjustment Measures (FRAM) application for the Visitor Information Centre/Lighthouse (VIC) Project submitted by the Municipality.

The letter advised that the Municipality will not receive FRAM funding for the VIC Project, but that it is currently being considered for funding under the Strategic Communities Investment Fund (SCIF).

#### PROCLAMATION

The Warden reported that information has been received from Child Care Connections - NS requesting that the Municipality of Barrington proclaim the month of June as Child Care Awareness Days.

There being no objections to the proclamation, the Warden declared the month of June 2002 as Child Care Awareness Days.

#### PRESENTATION - UPPER CLYDE RIVER ROAD COMMITTEE

Mr. Luuk Geerligs acted as Spokesperson for the Upper Clyde River Road Committee. An information package and a copy of the presentation was previously circulated to Councillors.

Mr. Geerligs expressed several concerns regarding the conditions of the Upper Clyde River Road. He said that he measured a school bus at 8' across and measured three (3) separate places of the road at 19' across. He explained that it was felt this was not enough width, especially, if for example, a school bus and gravel truck were to meet. Mr. Geerligs said that due to the conditions of the road, it was "an accident waiting to happen".

Mr. Geerligs also described the volume of traffic as a "great amount", which includes local traffic, utility vehicles, school buses, gravel trucks, etc. Mr. Geerligs said that this morning he counted twenty (20) gravel trucks traveling the road within a two (2) hour period of time.

In conclusion, Mr. Geerligs asked that Council request in writing from the Department of Transportation that the road be paved for at least another 9 km.

**Moved** by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt that Council send a letter to the Department of Transportation requesting they continue with pavement for at least 9km of the Upper Clyde Road, to the end of the school bus route, to install proper guardrails and speed signs and that a copy of the letter be sent to the MLA and that Council considers this to be a top priority for road repairs within the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried.

The Warden then thanked Mr. Geerligs for his presentation.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

##### The Fidelis House Society

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from the Fidelis House Society requesting financial assistance to aid in the construction of a new building, which would house patients and their families when they require overnight services at the Valley Regional Hospital.

**Moved** by F. Bower and seconded by W. Smith that this matter be referred to the budgetary process.

Motion carried.

It was suggested that the Clerk try to obtain the number of families within the Municipality of Barrington that have used this facility.

##### Barrington Municipal High School

The Clerk reported that three (3) letters had been received concerning the situation at the Barrington Municipal High School.

One (1) letter was received from Mr. David Buckland, Principal of the Barrington Municipal High School, expressing his appreciation to the Warden for attending and making a valuable presentation at the Public Meeting held Friday, April 12, 2002 in regards to the present health and safety situation at the high school.

Also, there was a letter received from the Department of Health reassuring Council's concerns by stating, "no threat to the health and safety of the students at Barrington Municipal High School has been identified and there is no health or safety reason why the students should not attend school".

Another letter was received from Gerald Keddy, MP for the South Shore, regarding the situation at the Barrington Municipal High School. He explained that he sent a letter to the Federal Minister of Health to determine what action the Federal Government has taken to address issues of poor air quality in schools. This letter, with the attachment, was previously circulated to Councillors.

#### Nova Scotia Transportation and Public Works Highway Engineering

##### Distance Marker Program

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Public Works, explaining that the Department of Transportation and Public Works is taking steps to put the 100 Series Highway Distance Marker Program in place over the next several years.

#### Department of Environment and Labour

##### Kyoto Protocol

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from the Department of Environment and Labour advising of the proper channels to follow regarding the Kyoto Protocol.

The letter says that to ratify the Kyoto Protocol, is essentially a federal decision. Therefore, Nova Scotia will need information on the specific plans of the Federal Government, before they can support ratification.

#### Coastal Communities Network

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from Coastal Communities Network requesting financial assistance.

**Moved** by D. Hunt and seconded by F. Bower that this matter be referred to the budgetary process.

Motion carried.

The Clerk was asked to obtain information on just how this will help the Municipality of Barrington.

#### REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden reported that he attended two (2) meetings since the last meeting of Council. On April 29, 2002, he attended a District Health Authority Meeting. On April 30, 2002, he attended an RDA Meeting regarding the Trans Canada natural gas pipeline.

Discussion took place regarding the pipeline. Concern was expressed regarding the pipeline traveling over land because the Municipality of Barrington may not benefit by it.

The Warden explained that various routes were being discussed and that this is in the very early planning stages.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

Health Care Meeting

Deputy Warden Nickerson reported that there was a Health Care Meeting, but he was not able to attend due to a work commitment.

The Clerk reported a female doctor had just completed her exam in April and if successful, may consider this area to practice medicine. Dr. Shams wrote his exam at Dalhousie University on Saturday, May 4, 2002, but will not find out the results for approximately eight (8) weeks.

Long-Term Care Facility

Councillor Halliday reported that she attended a Long-Term Care Facility Meeting on April 25, 2002. Joanne Rose, Administrator for Bay Side Home Corporation, advised that since the renovations of the home, it has now been downsized to twenty (20) residents, but that it is now classed as having Level II Standards, which would qualify them as a Long-term Care Facility. There are currently no official plans for reclassifying this facility.

Hiring Committee

Summer Staff

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by W. Smith that Lorraine Swim be hired as Aquatic Supervisor for the Barrington Municipal Swimming Pool, for the coming season, with Carrie Dawn Perry as an alternate choice.

Motion carried.

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Hunt that Carolyn Thurber be hired as Program Coordinator in the Recreation Department, for the coming season.

Motion carried.

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by F. Bower that Miranda Snow be hired as Special Events/Outdoor Recreation Coordinator in the Recreation Department, for the coming season.

Motion carried.

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Hunt that Shawn Newell be hired as Trail Development Maintenance person in the Recreation Department, for the coming season.

Motion carried.

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by F. Bower that Kate Swaine be designated the alternate for Special Events/Outdoor Recreation Coordinator should either of the two (2) applicants chosen, for the Coordinator jobs in the Recreation Department, not be available for employment for the coming season.

Motion carried.

Recreation and Facilities Management Committee

University Hockey Game

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by A. Atkinson that the Manager arrange the university hockey game between Acadia University and St. Mary's University for the first week of October 2002.

Motion carried.

Pool Policies and Procedures

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by W. Smith that Notice of Consideration of amendments to the Barrington Municipal Pool Policies and Procedures be given at the next subsequent Council Meeting.

Motion carried.

B.M.H.S. Request

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by W. Smith that the request of the Barrington Municipal High School to hold high school dances at the Arena without charge, be denied.

Motion carried.

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by F. Bower that the Municipality respond to the request from B.M.H.S., for school dances, stating that the rental policy of the Arena is that the fee for non commercial events is \$250.00 per day, and that the Municipality has cooperated as much as possible with the School Board during their current situation at the high school, but must be cognizant of taxpayers interest in operation of the Municipality.

Motion carried.

Shelburne County Arena

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality, having provided representation on the Shelburne County Arena Association for the past year now, believes that this representation should be discontinued as it is an expense to the Municipal Taxpayer, the continuance of which can no longer be justified.

Motion carried.

Finance and Administration Committee

Yearly Increment - Rodney Shand

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by E. Nickerson that Mr. Rodney Shand, Supervisor of Public Works, be granted his yearly increment in the amount of \$810.00, effective May 12, 2002, subject to him receiving a satisfactory performance evaluation.

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by A. Atkinson that this matter be referred to the Finance and Administration Committee.

Motion carried.

Doers and Dreamers Guide Advertisement

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by E. Nickerson that the Municipality spend up to \$3,000.00 for an advertisement to be placed in the 2003 Doers and Dreamers Guide.

Motion carried.

Roadside Park

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by W. Smith that the brush be removed from the Clam Point Tourist Rest Stop by May 20, 2002.

Motion carried.

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by W. Smith that the Clerk request Eugene Newell & Sons Construction Ltd. to provide a cost estimate for work to be carried out at the Clam Point Tourist Rest Stop and that the estimate be brought back to Committee for consideration.

Motion carried.

Grants and Area Rates

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by F. Bower that the Clerk continue to pay the same grants and area rates to various fire departments until the 2002/2003 budget has been approved.

Motion carried.

Planning Advisory Committee

Councillor Atkinson advised that he attended an open forum at the Barrington Municipal High School, instead of the Planning Advisory Committee Meeting on May 2, 2002. Councillor Atkinson reported that the public is concerned with long-term health problems.

He reported on the open forum and explained that the junior high portion of the high school is still closed. He also stated that Dr. Walker, PHD in air pollution and meteorology, of Jacques Whitford, was hired to do an evaluation of the junior high and that it should be finished this week. Dr. Walker spoke a lot about dust mites and said that a ventilation system may solve the problem.

Mike Hennigar Interview Re: Sewer Proposal

**Moved** by F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday that Municipal staff investigate the sewer proposal made by Mr. Hennigar to determine its costs and financial feasibility and return this information to the Planning Advisory Committee as soon as possible.

Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR FUNDING - SWSDA

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from the South West Shore Development Authority requesting financial assistance, from all municipal units in this area. The Municipality of Barrington's share would amount to \$4,711.97.

**Moved** by F. Bower and seconded by W. Smith that this matter be referred to the budgetary process.

Motion carried.

At this point the Warden turned the chair over to Deputy Warden Nickerson, so he may participate in the next discussion.

#### ILLEGAL USE OF ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES

Discussion took place regarding the illegal use of all terrain vehicles. Taxpayers are worried about the liability involved and that a child may get seriously hurt.

**Moved** by S. Belliveau and seconded by D. Hunt that Council contact the R.C.M.P. to request the enforcement of the rules and regulations regarding the illegal use of all terrain vehicles and that the penalty be high enough to deter this illegal use.

Motion carried.

**Moved** by S. Belliveau and seconded by W. Smith that Scott Dolliver, President of the Three Wheeler Club be requested to attend a Council meeting to discuss some positive uses of all terrain vehicles.

Motion carried.

At this time, Warden Belliveau assumed the chair once again.

#### ILLEGAL DUMP SITES

**Moved** by F. Bower and seconded by W. Smith that the Clerk be authorized to take steps to have the Public Works Department staff clean up all illegal dump sites within the Municipality of Barrington and that if there was not enough manpower to perform this task, that the Clerk be authorized to hire an extra person to help with this and that if any information is found among the rubble with a name on it, that it be pursued.

The Clerk suggested that legal advice be sought from the Municipal Solicitor regarding this matter.

**Moved** by D. Hunt and seconded by F. Bower that this matter be tabled until the Clerk is able to obtain legal advice from the Municipal Solicitor.

Motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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Warden

Clerk

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Secretary for the meeting

**Copied for Councillors by Sharon Brannen on May 13, 2002.**