

Minutes of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Wednesday, May 22, 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

#### ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

It was agreed that the following items be added to the agenda:

- Invitations.
- Correspondence Re: Birding Area.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by W. Smith and seconded by L. Halliday that the minutes of the last meeting held May 8, 2002 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

##### Dangerous and Unsightly Premises

##### Federal Properties Located in Baccaro

##### Federal GATR Site

The By-Law Enforcement Officer has contacted Chief Warrant Officer Bulgar and Colonel Matteson at CFS Greenwood. The site has now been secured and steps are going to be taken to demolish the building.

##### Loran Station

This site is being used by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. The By-Law Enforcement Officer has been in contact with Fisheries personnel and steps will be taken in the near future to demolish the buildings.

Question was raised regarding the environmental concerns previously expressed relating to the two (2) federal properties located in Baccaro. The Clerk informed members that letters have been written to the federal government, but as of yet no response has been received. Follow-up letters will be forwarded to the federal government.

#### Recycling Depot - Centreville

The By-Law Enforcement Officer has carried out an inspection of the Recycling Depot located at Centreville. The property is owned by Gary Smith and leased to Mr. Jim Swim. Recycling materials were found in front of the building on pallets or in screened boxes. The area is screened from neighbors properties by trees and can only be seen easily by driveway access to the main highway. There is nothing on the side of the building facing the house where there are no trees. It is recommended by the By-Law Enforcement Officer that no action be taken on this matter since Mr. Swim is meeting the requirements of the Land Use By-Law for an industrial use in an RD Zone.

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that the Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law be reviewed regarding recycling operations being located within the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried.

#### Wylie Blades Property - Newellton

The By-Law Enforcement Officer inspected this property on April 16, 2002. At that time the building was found in the same condition as it was when it was inspected in November, 1998. Mr. Blades has advised that he plans to put siding on the building this summer. Doors on the building are closed and no garbage is around the property. It is the recommendation of the By-Law Enforcement Officer that no further action be taken on this matter and that this file be closed.

#### Victoria Hotel/Motel

The By-Law Enforcement Officer has contacted the owner, Mario Cormier. The property has been roped off and the doors and windows located in the downstairs section of the hotel have been boarded up. An environmental assessment has recently been carried out on the property but no report has been received to date. Further action will be taken regarding this property.

#### VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES

Marguerite Jenkins, Director of Branch Services of the Victorian Order of Nurses, appeared before the meeting. She provided a brief history of VON services and informed members of services currently being offered in Shelburne County. In closing, she informed members that they are celebrating VON Week, May 19 - 25, 2002. A walk-a-thon will be held in Barrington Passage and an open house will be held in Yarmouth. She invited councillors to take part in these celebrations.

PRESENTATION - BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL EXHIBITION ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Shelley Nickerson, Secretary for the Barrington Municipal Exhibition Association, appeared before the meeting. Mrs. Nickerson provided a brief history of the exhibition and provided information on needed repairs at the exhibition grounds. Necessary repairs include stage replacement, electrical upgrades and barn repairs. It is estimated that the repairs will cost approximately \$13,000.00.

The Association is requesting an interest free loan of not more than \$15,000.00, to be repaid over a ten year period. An ATV Rally is planned and it is hoped that with a successful rally, the amount borrowed can be reduced to approximately \$10,000.00.

The Clerk informed members that the Exhibition Association has had two interest free loans in the past. Both loans were paid on time. Mrs. Nickerson informed members that if the request is approved, the Association would begin making payments on the loan shortly after this years exhibition, which will be held during the month of August.

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Hunt that the request from the Barrington Municipal Exhibition Association for an interest free loan, for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 to be repaid over a ten year period, be approved.

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

B.M.H.S.

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from the Minister of Environment and Labour. The letter acknowledged Council's letter of April 15, 2002 in which concern was expressed regarding the current situation at B.M.H.S. The letter advised that staff of the Occupational Health & Safety Division have been in touch with the Southwest Regional School Board as they work through their current difficulties. The Department of Education and Department of Health have provided resources to assist the School Board and that he, the Minister, along with many interested parties, hope for a speedy resolution to this matter.

B.M.H.S. Renovations

In advance to the meeting each member of Council was provided with a copy of a letter from Mr. Francis Perry, School Steering Team Chairperson. The letter advised that B.M.H.S. is in a phased program along with a number of other schools in the province for major renovations. At the present time it appears that the Junior High wing will not be retained and a new wing containing a new gymnasium will be constructed. There is a possibility of Community Enhancement, which is the willingness of Municipal Government, agencies or departments to contribute to the construction project in order to enhance the renovation to the school and provide, at the same time, for a community need. One example of this would be the size of the proposed gymnasium. An enhanced gymnasium would apparently cost approximately \$310,000.00.

In closing, the School Steering Team would like to know if Council is willing to participate financially in a community enhancement program.

Discussion took place regarding the Enhancement Program. Question was raised as to whether the program could be used to construct a public library which could be used for students as well.

**Moved** by F. Bower and seconded by E. Nickerson that the request from the School Steering Team be referred to the budgetary process.

Motion carried.

It was agreed that Councillor Atkinson would obtain additional information regarding this request since he is a member of the S.S.T. Committee.

#### Education Tax Rate

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the Southwest Regional School Board which advised that the mandatory municipal education tax rate for 2002/2003 is \$.03510 per \$100.00 of uniform assessment. The Municipality's contribution for the 2002/2003 fiscal year will be \$935,580.78.

#### Public Forum - "Clearing the Air"

The Clerk reported that a public forum "Clearing the Air" will be sponsored by Smoke Free Nova Scotia and Capital Health. The public forum will be held on June 5, 2002 at 7:00, at Dalhousie University, in Halifax. No interest was expressed by councillors.

#### Joint Meeting Re: Common Concerns

As a result of our invitation to other municipal units in Shelburne County to participate in a joint meeting to discuss common issues, the following responses were received:

- Town of Shelburne - not interested at this time in attending the proposed meeting
- Town of Clark's Harbour - interested in attending a meeting if all five (5) municipal units participate
- Municipality of Shelburne - willing to attend a meeting of the five (5) municipal units in Shelburne County
- Town of Lockeport - no official response has yet been received

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that since a consensus was not received from all municipal units to have a joint meeting, that a meeting be held with the Municipality of Shelburne to discuss common issues, and responses from the other municipal units be acknowledged and that they be advised of the date of the meeting and informed that they are welcome to attend if they should wish to do so.

Motion carried.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that the meeting will not be restricted to the five common issues noted and that other suggested topics will be welcomed. Two (2) topics which could possibly be discussed are the Family Violence Program and the C & D Landfill Site.

Seniors Garden Party

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from the Town of Clark's Harbour requesting the Municipality to once again make a contribution towards the Annual Seniors Garden Party to be held in August. It is anticipated that the total cost of the event will be approximately \$1,500.00.

**Moved** by F. Bower and seconded by E. Nickerson that the request from the Town of Clark's Harbour for a financial contribution towards the cost of the Seniors Garden Party be referred to the budget process.

Motion carried.

Shelburne County Genealogical Society

It was reported that a letter has been received from the Shelburne County Genealogical Society in which they request financial support to assist with the purchase of acid free boxes to store the school registers.

**Moved** by F. Bower and seconded by W. Smith that the request for financial support received from the Shelburne County Genealogical Society be referred to the budget process.

Motion carried.

Birding Area

It was reported that a "thank you" note had been received from the Cape Sable Important Bird Area, in appreciation for the grant recently awarded to the organization which assisted with the opening of their Welcome Centre, located at The Hawk.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden reported that on May 9, 2002 he attended the UNSM Spring Workshop held in Digby.

On May 17, 2002 he attended the UNSM Regional Meeting held in Sandy Point.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

Finance and Administration Committee

Visitor Information Centre

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by L. Halliday that the Clerk, in conjunction with the Executive Director of the South Shore Tourism Association, determine if access to properties adjacent to the highway will be allowed by the Department of Transportation, directly from the 103 highway extension being constructed near Barrington.

Motion carried.

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Barrington Regional Curling Club Debenture Payment

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality inform the Barrington Regional Curling Club that since they have indicated in their correspondence that they will be raising sufficient funds over the next season to make up the shortfall in the current debenture payment, the Municipality will expect payment of the shortfall together with its next subsequent debenture payment in November.

Motion carried.

Annual Increment

Public Works Supervisor - Rodney Shand

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by L. Halliday that the Public Works Supervisor having received a satisfactory performance evaluation be granted his annual increment.

Motion carried.

Evaluations

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by W. Smith that, in future, the CAO (Chief Administrative Officer) review all evaluations prior to approval of annual increments.

Motion carried.

UNSM Spring Workshop

Councillor Halliday informed members that she attended the UNSM Spring Workshop held in Digby, May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

She also informed members that she attended the UNSM Regional Meeting held in Sandy Point on May 17, 2002.

UNSM Regional Meeting

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by E. Nickerson that the Municipality of Barrington offer to host the UNSM Regional Meeting the next time it is held in Shelburne County.

Motion carried.

Public Works and Property Committee

Diversions Credits

**Moved** by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality contact the Town of Yarmouth and the Town of Clark's Harbour and discuss approaching the Resource Recovery Fund Board to have diversion credits paid directly to the municipal units rather than to the

Regional Authority, since three (3) of the municipal units in this region do not belong to the Authority.

Motion carried.

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#### Commercial Waste Collection

**Moved** by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality address the matter of contamination of the Municipal Waste Collection from commercial sources by:

1. Insisting the Municipal Waste Collector monitors commercial collection as strictly as he monitors the residential collection.
2. Requiring businesses to put their civic numbers on their waste for identification where there are common collection locations.
3. Educate local businesses by providing brochures and other information to them that explains the separation process and method, and have Waste Check conduct several information sessions for local businesses instructing them how to dispose of their waste and answering their questions.
4. Amending the next collection contract so that if a local collection contractor is hired he is not allowed to engage in any other collection contracts.
5. Insisting that the Municipal Collector only collect garbage placed at roadsides and not be permitted to collect commercial waste on the private property of commercial operations.
6. That the Municipal Collector only collect waste in areas designated for collection as per the garbage collection schedule. That is, on the area designated for collection on Monday, collect waste only in that area on Monday.

**Moved** by F. Bower and seconded by A. Atkinson that the above motion be amended by adding the following item #7:

7. That the Municipal Collector write the civic # on all rejected bags using a marker which can only be detected under an ultraviolet light to assist with the identification of waste found at illegal dump sites.

Motion carried.

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

#### Seal Island Light Museum

**Moved** by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that a letter be sent to the Cape Sable Historical Society indicating that the Municipality is maintaining the light at the Seal Island Lighthouse Museum as required in its agreement with the Historical Society and the Historical Society must maintain the building as previously agreed to. In addition, the Municipality has applied for funding under the Strategic Communities Investment Fund, which is administered by ACOA, and the Municipality must exhaust that possibility before contemplating any other action in this matter.

Motion carried.

#### Municipal Government Act Amendments

**Moved** by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that a letter be sent to the Minister indicating the

following:

1. The proposed legislation would effectively require that non waterfront property owners subsidize the taxation of waterfront property owners if waterfront property owners are given preference so that they pay less taxes.

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2. The municipal units would still be required to pay property taxes for education, correctional services and other services that are calculated using the uniform assessment which includes the higher assessment on waterfront property.
3. The valuation of waterfront properties is an assessment issue and not a taxation issue. The anomalies contained in rising waterfront property evaluations should be addressed through the assessment process and not through the taxation process.

Finally, although the public does not often make the distinction between the two functions the assessment function and the taxation function are distinctly different and separate. The valuation of property is an assessment function and should be dealt with through Assessment Services. Compensation for the valuation of waterfront properties then should be dealt with through Assessment Services and not be downloaded on municipal units as is presently being attempted to be done by the Province of Nova Scotia.

Motion carried.

#### Planning Advisory Committee

#### Mike Hennigar's Proposal Re: Municipal Cost to Extend Municipal Sewer

**Moved** by W. Smith and seconded by L. Halliday that Mr. Hennigar be requested to make a more specific proposal for his development at Butler's Road which would include the number of lots to be developed, the time frame during which they would be developed, and who would bear the cost of extension of the sewer and development, so that the Municipality could better evaluate his proposal.

Motion carried.

#### Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation

Deputy Warden Nickerson informed members that he recently attended an Appreciation Dinner held by the Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation.

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL POOL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

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The Clerk reported that Notice of Consideration was given at the May 8, 2002 Council Meeting. Proposed amendments to the Municipal Pool Policies and Procedures Manual will be considered now.

Proposed amendments include updating emergency numbers, to include grievance policy, etc.

**Moved** by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the proposed amendments to the Barrington

Municipal Pool Policies and Procedures Manual be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

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### MUNICIPAL POLICIES

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by W. Smith that sometime in the near future, after the budget has been completed, that Council set a date for a meeting to review and update Council Policies.

Motion carried.

### AGENDA ITEMS

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by E. Nickerson that the following agenda items be deferred to a reconvened session of the Annual Meeting to be held on June 26, 2002:

- Audited Financial Reports for Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2002.
- Estimate of Revenues and Expenditures for 2002/03.
- Resolution - Setting Tax Rates for 2002/03.
- Setting of Fire Rates for 2002/03.
- Establish Sewer Service Charges for 2002/03.
- Temporary Borrowing Resolution.
- Farm Acreage Tax.
- Capital Budget 2002/03.

Motion carried.

### INVITATIONS

The Warden reported that a number of invitations have been received for Council representation at various functions.

An invitation has been received from the West Nova Persons with Disabilities Committee requesting a Council representative to attend a "Legislative Breakfast" to be held at the Colony Inn Restaurant on June 3, 2002.

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by F. Bower that Councillor Smith attend the "Legislative Breakfast" to be held on June 3, 2002.

Motion carried.

A request has been received from Bob Garron, Royal Canadian Legion, requesting a Council representative to attend a Medal Ceremony to be held on May 26, 2002 at 9:00 a.m.

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that the Warden or an alternate attend the Medal Ceremony to be held by the Royal Canadian Legion on May 26, 2002.

Motion carried.

A request has been received from the Department of Education for a Council representative to attend a ceremony to be held on May 30, 2002, at which time Her Honour, Lieutenant Governor Myra Freeman, will present the Lieutenant Governors Medal to students who have been selected from each high school in the Tri County District.

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**Moved** by Bower and seconded by E. Nickerson that Councillor Halliday attend the ceremony to be held on May 30, 2002.

Motion carried.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

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

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Warden

Clerk

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Secretary for the Meeting

**Copied for Councillors on May 24, 2002 by Sharon Brannen.**

