

Minutes of the Continuation of the Annual Council Meeting held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Wednesday, June 26, 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

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

1. Closed Session of Council Re: Sale of Municipal Property.
2. Correspondence Re: Business Occupancy Tax.
3. Community Grants.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Halliday that the minutes of the last meeting held June 12, 2002 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

C.S.I. Causeway

It was reported that a letter has been received from Mr. Greg Newell of the Department of Transportation and Public Works. This letter was in response to our letter of May 30, 2002 regarding storm damage to the Cape Sable Island Causeway. The letter advised that repairs were carried out to the causeway following the storm of January 13, 2002. The Department has committed to undertaking a thorough inspection of the causeway to determine if further repairs are required.

The Clerk reported that a letter was also written to the Honourable David Collonette, Minister of Transport, requesting the evaluation of opening a portion of the causeway to allow the natural flow of seawater through Barrington Passage. A response has now been received from his office which advised that all concerns were noted but that the Cape Sable Island Causeway falls within the jurisdiction of the province.

Diversions Credits

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from the Town of Clark's Harbour advising that their Town Council is in agreement that the diversion credits should be paid directly to municipal units which are not part of the Regional Authority.

The Clerk advised that no written response has yet been received from the Town of Yarmouth but one is expected in the near future.

Bill No. 128

A letter has been received from the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations in response to our letter dated May 24, 2002 concerning Bill No. 128. This bill allows municipal units to change taxation on waterfront properties. The Minister advised that further consideration of the bill has been postponed pending consultation with municipalities most affected by the problem of escalating waterfront properties assessments.

Shelburne County Genealogical Society

A letter has been received from the Shelburne County Genealogical Society thanking Council for their support of the proposal to HRDC for funding for their School Register Project.

Visitor Information Centre

The possibility of locating the Visitor Information Centre near the Highway 103 extension at Barrington is still being pursued. It is hoped that additional information can be obtained and will be presented to Council at their next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

EMO Coordinator

It was reported that a letter has been received from Sergeant Michael Leighton which advised that he has had the opportunity to work with Edward Nickerson, EMO Coordinator, on a number of occasions over the past few years. The most recent instance on May 25, 2002 involved a forest fire on Cape Sable Island which threatened the communities of Stoney Island and Clam Point. Many times the efforts of people go unnoticed and the proper recognition is not given. He stated in his letter that he would be amiss if he did not take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Nickerson and the efforts he puts into ensuring that a smooth transition occurs during a time of crisis. Sergeant Leighton asked that his detachment's appreciation be conveyed to Mr. Nickerson.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Halliday that the content of the letter received from Sergeant Michael Leighton be conveyed to Edward Nickerson, EMO Coordinator, and that letters of recognition also be provided to the fire departments, Search & Rescue and the RCMP for their efforts on May 25, 2002 involving the forest fire on Cape Sable Island.

Motion carried.

Restrictive Licence Plates

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from the Nova Scotia Solid Waste Resource Management Regional Chairs Committee regarding the elimination of restricted licence plates for municipal vehicles.

By general consensus, it was agreed that this matter be placed on the next Public Works agenda for further discussion.

Municipal Solid Waste Landfill

The Clerk reported that correspondence has been received from the Department of Environment and Labour advising that all landfills in the province must be brought up to standards outlined in the Nova Scotia Department of Environment Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Guidelines, by December 31, 2005. It was noted that this does not relate to the C & D Landfill Site located within the Municipality of Barrington.

International Gathering of the Clans

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from Jean L. Watson, Co-Chair, International Gathering Committee. The letter advised that every four (4) years the International Gathering of the Clans is held in Nova Scotia. They are encouraging everyone to get involved and put on some special event between July 1st and October 4th, 2003.

It was agreed by general consensus that this matter be referred to the Recreation and Facilities Management Committee for further discussion.

Business Occupancy Tax

In advance to the meeting each member of Council was provided with a memo from the President of the UNSM regarding the possible elimination of the business occupancy tax. The letter advised that at the June 10, 2002 UNSM Executive Meeting it was agreed that all councils should be contacted and asked for their position on the possible elimination of the business occupancy tax. They are requesting that responses be received no later than July 12, 2002.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that the possible elimination of business occupancy tax be referred to the Public Works Committee for consideration at their meeting to be held on July 8, 2002 and that a response be sent directly to the UNSM.

Motion carried.

INTERVIEW - JERRY DIGOUT, PHYS ED TEACHER, B.M.H.S.

Mr. Jerry Digout appeared before members and requested a financial commitment from the Municipality for the Gymnasium Enhancement to take place at B.M.H.S. It is proposed that the gymnasium be enhanced to a 10,500 sq. ft. facility. It is estimated to upgrade the facility to this size would cost \$300,000.00. The cost of the enhancement does not have to be paid to the Department of Education in one lump sum. It can be financed over a number of years. Mr. Digout also informed members that they will be approaching Sport Nova Scotia. Mr. Digout was asked to provide information on financing and size of gymnasiums in other local schools, etc.

It was agreed that this matter be placed on the next Finance Agenda for further discussion.

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Alain Muise of Saxton Comeau appeared before the meeting and presented audited financial statements for the Municipality of Barrington for the year ending March 31, 2002. Each member was also provided with a copy of a statement of operations showing comparative figures for the last five (5) years. Mr. Muise reviewed both documents in detail with members. The year end result was a deficit of \$19,696.00.

Mr. Muise was then thanked for appearing before Council and making his presentation.

ESTIMATES OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

In advance to the meeting each member of Council was provided with a complete copy of the proposed budget as well as a brief summary of the 2002/2003 operating budget for the Municipality of Barrington. A slide presentation was then made by the Municipal Clerk providing an overview of the budget.

Tax Rates, Due Dates, etc.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday and carried:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of the District of Barrington estimates that the sum required for lawful purposes of the Municipality of the District of Barrington for the year 2002/2003 after crediting the probable revenue from all sources other than the rates for the year, including properties whose tax or grant varies with the tax rate, making due allowance for the current year which may not be collected or collectable, as the sum of Three Million, Four Hundred Seventy-six Thousand, Eight Hundred Twenty-six Dollars (\$3,476,826.00);

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the levying and collecting of a rate for the current year of Two Dollars and Four Cents (\$2.04) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) on the assessed value of the commercial property including business occupancy and commercial equipment, and One Dollar and Eight Cents (\$1.08) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) on the assessed value of the residential and resource property in the assessment rolls for the current year, and being the rate the Council deems sufficient to raise the sum required to defray current expenditures of the Municipality for the current year, and deficit from preceding years, but not including area rates, service charges or special assessments and;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the rates and taxes for the year 2002/2003 shall become due and payable on July 1, 2002, and after that date rates and taxes may be collected by warrant and;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that an additional charge of interest at the rate of Eighteen Percent (18%) per annum be charged on all current rates, area rates and special assessments not paid before September 9, 2002.

Area Rates

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by A. Atkinson that the following area rates be set for the 2002/2003 fiscal year:

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>AREA CODE</u>	<u>RATE</u>
District 5B	F1	\$0.10/\$100.00 of assessment
District 5E	F2	\$0.09/\$100.00 of assessment
District 7W, 6W & 6E	F5 & F6	\$0.05/\$100.00 of assessment
District 7E	F3	\$0.08/\$100.00 of assessment
District 8	F4	\$0.03/\$100.00 of assessment

Motion carried.

Sewer Service Charges

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Hunt that the sewer service charges be set at the rate of \$200.00 per unit for Barrington/Barrington Passage, and \$275.00 per unit for Wood's Harbour for the Fiscal Year 2002/2003.

Motion carried.

Temporary Borrowing Resolution

It was reported that it is necessary to provide for a temporary loan for the purposes of defraying the annual current expenditures of the Municipality.

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Hunt and carried:

WHEREAS the combined total of taxes levied by the Municipality and the amounts received or to be received by the Municipality from Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada or in right of the Province of Nova Scotia or from an agency, is estimated to be \$4,050,490.00.

AND the aggregate amount of the taxes estimated to be levied for the current year will exceed \$3,928,337.00.

AND it is necessary to borrow the sum of \$400,000.00 from the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce to defray the current expenditure of the Municipality which was authorized by the Council on the 26th day of June 2002, until such time as the taxes levied can be collected.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the District of Barrington (hereinafter called the "Corporation").

1ST THAT the Warden, with the Treasurer of the said Corporation, be and they are hereby authorized under the seal of the Corporation, to borrow from the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce the sum of \$400,000.00 Dollars as the same may be required from time to time for the purpose of defraying the annual current expenditure of the Corporation.

2ND THAT the said Warden, with the Treasurer aforesaid be, and they are hereby authorized to

pay or allow to the said Bank, interest on the said sum of \$400,000.00 Dollars at the Bank interest rate prevailing by way of discount or otherwise howsoever as they may deem best.

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3RD THAT the promissory note or notes of the said Corporation, sealed with the Corporate Seal and signed by the Warden and Treasurer of the said Corporation, be given from time to time as required in security for the amounts borrowed from time to time under the provision of this Resolution.

4TH THAT the said sum of \$400,000.00 Dollars so to be borrowed shall be payable on or before the 30th day of September A.D., 2002 next, and the promissory note or notes of the said Corporation given therefore, which shall be under the seal of the Corporation, and if made payable before the said 30th day of September A.D. 2002, may be renewed by the said Warden and Treasurer from time to time, but no renewal shall fall due later than the 30th day of September next.

5TH THAT the giving of such notes or renewal notes, as aforesaid, shall not be deemed satisfaction to the said Bank of the said advance or interest, but as evidence only of indebtedness.

Farm Acreage Tax

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by F. Bower that the farm acreage tax for the year 2002/2003 fiscal year be \$2.30 per acre for all land that is assessed as exempt farm land.

Motion carried.

Capital Budget

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the Capital Budget be deferred to another meeting of Council.

Motion carried.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden provided a brief summary of his activities since the last meeting of Council.

He reported that on June 17, 2002 he was scheduled to attend the official opening of the Barrington Developmental Residence but failed to do so. It was agreed that a letter of apology be forwarded to the Shelburne County Adult Sheltered Workshop Board. This letter is to be signed by the Warden.

The Warden also informed members that he attended an RDA Meeting on June 19, 2002 and attended the official opening of the River Hills Golf and Country Club on June 25, 2002.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

Public Works Committee

Barrington Regional Curling Club Request

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by E. Nickerson that the Barrington Regional Curling Club be permitted to obtain up to five (5) loads of gravel from Municipal gravel pits located on the Ridge Road providing they supply the trucks to transport the gravel and notify the Municipal Clerk prior to obtaining the gravel so that the transportation of gravel may be monitored.

Motion carried.

Commercial Waste Collection

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by E. Nickerson that the Municipal Waste Collection Contract be amended to allow the Municipal Contractor to enter private property to collect commercial waste at no cost to the Municipality.

During discussion of this motion many questions were raised.

A point of order was raised since on May 22, 2002 a motion was passed stating: "that the Municipal Collector only collect garbage placed at roadside and not be permitted to collect commercial waste on private property of commercial operators".

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt that the above motion be tabled and that the Municipal Solicitor be contacted for legal advice on the above motion.

Motion carried.

Request for Portable Toilet

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Halliday that an additional grant of up to \$500.00 be provided to the Chapel Hill Museum out of the District 2 Community Grants Fund for the purpose of renting a portable toilet.

Motion carried.

Clam Point Tourist Rest Stop

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality complete the work on the Clam Point Tourist Rest Stop at a cost not to exceed the funds that have been placed in reserve from the District 5 Community Grant Fund for this purpose; that is, the cost of the work is not to exceed the funds that are now available from the Municipality.

Motion carried.

Planning Advisory Committee

Mike Hennigar - Proposal for Residential Development on Butler's Road

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipality extend the municipal

trunk sewer line up Butler's Road a distance of approximately 1,000 feet to the developer's property providing the developer pays 50% of the cost of installation and construction and providing that the maximum amount paid by the Municipality would be 50% of the installation and construction costs or \$50,000.00, whichever is least.

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Much discussion took place regarding this motion.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by E. Nickerson that the above motion be tabled until further information is obtained.

Motion carried.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by F. Bower that Municipal Staff verify the estimates of the developer or provide alternative estimates of revenues to be received by the Municipality from the extension of the sewer line up Butler's Road.

Motion carried.

Community Health Care Advisory Committee

Deputy Warden Nickerson provided a brief update on the last meeting of the Community Health Care Advisory Committee.

C,S.I. Sewer Committee

Deputy Warden Nickerson provided a brief update on the Cape Sable Island Sewer Committee Meeting held June 19, 2002.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality proceed to develop a proposal for installation of a sewer system on all of Cape Sable Island within the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt that the Seaview Cemetery Company be provided with a grant of \$2,000.00 from the District 4 Community Grant Fund for the purpose of maintenance and repairs to the Cape Negro Church.

Motion carried.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by W. Smith that the West Baccaro Cemetery Group be provided with a grant of \$1,200.00 from the District 4 Community Grant Fund for the purpose of providing maintenance and repairs to the cemetery.

Motion carried.

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by F. Bower that the Archelaus Smith Museum be provided with a grant of \$2,000.00 from the District 6 Community Grant Fund for the purpose of

carrying out repairs on the museum.

Motion carried.

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CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

A closed session of Council was held to deal with the sale of municipal property.

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Wayne Smith declared conflict of interest and vacated his seat.

The Council Meeting was called back to order and Councillor Smith rejoined the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by F. Bower that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

Copied for Councillors on July 2, 2002 by Sharon Brannen.

