

## SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

November 4, 2002

The meeting was called to order by the Warden in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., at 8:35 p.m. on Monday, November 4, 2002, 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
- Ray Green, Recreation & Facilities Manager

### NOTICE OF MEETING

All councillors were previously given written notice of the meeting more than three (3) days in advance to the meeting.

### ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by F. Bower that “banking resolution” be added to the agenda.

Motion carried.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried.

### BANKING RESOLUTION

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by F. Bower that the banking resolution required by the Royal Bank of Canada, to establish signing authorities and transaction authorities at the RBC, as attached, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipal Clerk be authorized to transfer funds of the Municipality between the various accounts of the Municipality for municipal purposes by the transact internet services of the Royal Bank.

Motion carried.

ARENA ATTENDANT

Seven different arenas along the South Shore had been contacted regarding the use of a pager and a paging system for their guarded alarm systems. The facilities contacted included Digby, Shelburne, Bridgewater, Chester, Yarmouth, Lunenburg and Liverpool. In all cases some compensation is being paid to the individual who is required to carry a pager, with the exception of Lunenburg.

There then followed some discussion regarding the structure of the Recreation Department and Arena staffing. It was suggested that the Recreation Department and the Arena management be separated. The opinion was expressed that separation of the two may produce confusion with public perception and less coordination of activities in the facilities. More programs may be made available in the Recreation Department if these two aspects of recreation are separated. The sentiment was expressed that the Arena Manager doesn't now have the time to devote to ice making activities.

**Moved** by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that Council reconsider the previous motion to hire a full-time certified person at the Arena.

Motion to reconsider carried unanimously.

The previous motion was then reconsidered and a division requested.

Motion defeated.

**Moved** by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality advertise to hire an ice maker at the Barrington Municipal Arena for a term position for the coming season with the possibility of full-time employment.

Motion carried.

**Moved** by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that Municipal Staff draft a proposal for the restructuring of the Recreation Department and obtain information from other units who operate arenas.

Motion carried.

There then followed some discussion of the time to be paid and the amount to be paid to the Municipal employee who must carry the pager for the purposes of the guarded alarm system.

**Moved** by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipality pay the employee carrying a pager one and one half times the regular rate of pay for carrying out checks on the employees scheduled day off. If the employee is called, in the case of an emergency, he shall be paid one and one half times the regular rate of pay, with a minimum of three (3) hours being paid.

Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Council then met in Closed Session to consider the sale of Municipal property.

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FOR VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Council returned to Open Session for the purpose of discussing the purchase of property by the Municipality.

Conflict of Interest

Deputy Warden Nickerson declared a conflict of interest at this time because his stepfather made a proposal for a site for the Visitor Information Centre.

**Moved** by W. Smith and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipality purchase a portion of the property owned by Mr. Clarence Smith, in Oak Park, at the negotiated price of \$73,500.00, for approximately 6.4 acres, for the purpose of building a Visitor Information Centre.

Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Nickerson returned to the table.

**Moved** by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipality inform the South West Shore Development Authority of the purchase of this property and request a design be completed of a Visitor Information Centre for Council's approval.

**Moved** by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the previous motion be amended to delete the words "and request a design be completed of a Visitor Information Centre for Council's approval" and replace with the words "request a meeting between the South West Shore Development Authority and Council to plan for a design for the Visitor Information Centre".

Amendment carried.

A division was then requested on the amended motion. At the request of a councillor the division was recorded:

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Louise Halliday	Fred Bower
Sterling Belliveau	Eddie Nickerson
Wayne Smith	Angus Atkinson
Dwayne Hunt	

Motion carried.

**Moved** by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the purchase of property from Mr. Clarence Smith, in the amount of \$73,500.00, be paid for out of the Special Reserve Fund Capital.

Motion carried.

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#### REVIEW OF UNSM RESOLUTIONS

Members reviewed the resolutions being presented at the UNSM Conference which will be held the remainder of this week.

#### Resolution 5A - Billing for Transport of Injured Firefighters

Resolution 5A regarding the billing for transport of injured firefighters was reviewed.

The Committee was not unanimous in its position as it was felt that some departments may not be adequately insured.

**Moved** by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality support Resolution 5A.

Motion carried.

#### Resolution 14A - Repeal of Section 144 of the Municipal Government Act

Section 144 of the Municipal Government Act presently prohibits councillors and employees of municipalities and village commissions from purchasing land at a tax sale or having an interest in the purchase.

One member expressed the sentiment that he would like to see the restrictions on councillors under this resolution repealed.

**Moved** by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that members vote against Resolution 14A.

Motion carried.

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by A. Atkinson that Council review the resolutions and take a stance on each for delegates to follow at the Conference.

Motion carried.

#### Resolution 1D - Establishment of UNSM Roundtable on Municipal Issues

This resolution authorizes the UNSM to establish a Round Table on municipal issues. The Round Table will examine the range and level of service responsibilities that were not resolved by the Roles & Responsibilities process. Membership on the Round Table include the President and Executive Director of the UNSM and at least one elected official and one non elected official. A special levy of 5 to 10 cents per capita will be levied on all municipalities to offset the Round Tables expenses, if necessary.

**Moved** by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that delegates vote against this resolution.

Motion carried.

Resolution Re: Dues

This resolution proposed to increase the base fee of \$700.00 to \$1,000.00 and increase the remaining dues assessed by 3% for 2002.

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by W. Smith that delegates vote against the increase in UNSM dues.

Motion carried.

Resolution 7D - Structure Review

Resolution 7D resolved to accept and implement the report of the Structures Review Committee and encourage the three caucuses to co-ordinate, and to reflect fair and reasonable geographic representation. It further resolved a recommendation to the Legislative Assembly an amendment to the UNSM Act to provide for the continued existence of the UNSM, with existing powers, and that the Executive of the UNSM have the authority to review and approve on behalf of the UNSM the draft wording of any private and local bill to give affect to the recommendations of the UNSM Structures Review Committee which may be proposed by the Government of Nova Scotia for review by the UNSM.

It was agreed by general consensus that members would support resolution 7D.

Resolution 8D - Structures Committee Report

Resolution 8D resolved that the UNSM authorizes the Executive of the UNSM to cause to be drafted a set of by-laws which the UNSM will be empowered to make upon proclamation of the appropriate amendments to the UNSM Act, as sought by the UNSM, and upon approval by the Executive, with such amendments to remain in force until the Annual Conference immediately following the proclamation of the amendments to the UNSM Act, at which conference the by-laws may be confirmed, amended or revised.

It was agreed by general consensus that members would support resolution 8D.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual agreement at 10:59 p.m.

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Warden

Clerk

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

