

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, November 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 Louise Halliday
- Councillor Dwayne Hunt
- Councillor Wayne Smith

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

Absent was Councillor Fred Bower.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The Warden informed members that it is necessary to add the following items to the agenda:

- Matters Arising:
 - Kyoto Protocol
 - Rental at Health Centre
- Correspondence:
 - Historical Society
- 8B Closed Session Re: Purchase of Property

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Hunt that the minutes of the last meeting held November 13, 2002 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Kyoto Protocol

In advance to the meeting each member of Council was provided with a copy of a letter received from the David Suzuki Foundation regarding the Kyoto Protocol. The letter asked that the Municipality continue to play an active part in ensuring that Canada adopts the Kyoto Protocol.

Community Health Centre

The Clerk informed members that the Community Health Centre is currently being renovated and that Dr. Blair will be residing in Shelburne until the renovations are completed. The contractor has indicated that all work will be completed by Christmas. The Clerk suggested that Council may want to waive the rent on Dr. Blair's apartment for the months of November and December.

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by E. Nickerson that the Municipal Council waive the rent due from Dr. Blair for the apartment located in the Community Health Centre for the months of November and December.

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

V.I.C.

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from Mr. Stuart Clare advising that our request for permission to locate the Visitor Information Centre on the proposed connector for the new Highway 103, near Barrington, has been forwarded to the Department's head office in Halifax. He will advise us further once a decision has been made.

Insurance Seminar

A Municipal Insurance Seminar is scheduled to be held in Halifax, on Thursday, December 5, 2002. Councillors wishing to attend this seminar were asked to contact the Municipal Clerk not later than December 2, 2002.

Cape Sable Historical Society

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from the Cape Sable Historical Society. The letter advised that the Society has heard through the news media that the Municipality has purchased land upon which a tourist bureau will be situated and will no longer be in need of the land lease next to the Seal Island Light Museum. The Society is requesting to know the status of the \$50,000.00 for the lighthouse repairs. This was part of the application made for V.I.C. funding.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that the Visitor Information Centre application included funding for lighthouse repairs since the lighthouse was going to be part of the overall Visitor Information Centre project. Now that the V.I.C. is not going to be built on that site funding for lighthouse repairs was questioned.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that the Cape Sable Historical Society be advised that funding received will be used to construct a new Visitor Information Centre, and if funds are remaining and ACOA approval is received then funds may be available for lighthouse repairs.

Motion carried.

A brief discussion then took place regarding the ownership of the Seal Island Light.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by E. Nickerson that the "Seal Island Light" be added to the next Finance agenda for discussion.

Motion carried.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

During his report he informed members that there was a fire recently at the Centreville church. He suggested that a thank you letter be forwarded to the Yarmouth Fire Department for their assistance.

The Warden advised members that he attended the Nova Scotia Fisheries Minister's Conference held in Truro on November 12th and 13th. During the conference the Warden put forward two suggestions:

- (1) "That the Goldboro Pipeline Study be made public." This suggestion received the support of conference delegates.
- (2) "That the Nova Scotia fishing industry select representatives to visit the North Sea and Gulf of Mexico." The Warden suggested that Council request the RDA to coordinate these visits.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that a thank you letter be forwarded to the Yarmouth Fire Department for providing assistance at the Centreville Church fire.

Motion carried.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO POLICY 20 - SUMMER STAFF HIRING

Notice of Consideration of Proposed Amendments to Policy 20 "Recreation Department Summer Staff Hiring and Administration Policy" was given at the last meeting of Council. Proposed amendments consist of the following:

- To remove the age requirement of 16 years and replace it with the requirement that applicants must be entering Grade 12 in the next subsequent school term, or be enrolled in a post secondary institution in the next subsequent school term.
- The restriction for a maximum of two year's employment will remain unchanged.
- A paragraph will be inserted stating: "When necessary, due to lack of qualified applicants, members doing the hiring may make exceptions as required.
- In paragraph 6 "Recreation Committee" will be replaced with "CAO".

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by W. Smith that proposed amendments to Policy 20 be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

TAPING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Clerk informed members that Eastlink Cable will air one (1) council meeting per month free of charge.

Mr. Rick Davis from Shelburne will tape council meetings at an approximate cost of \$140.00 per meeting. Meetings will be aired a few days after the council meeting.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that Mr. Rick Davis be engaged to tape council meetings on a trial basis for a two month period.

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

Finance and Administration Committee

Community Grant Request

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality provide a grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Old Kirk Cemetery from the District 5 Community Grant Funds.

Motion carried.

C & D Landfill Site

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality apply to the Resource Recovery Fund Board for funding for development of the Construction and Demolition Debris Landfill Site, and that a survey be completed of the site to establish the proper boundaries and separation distances for the landfill.

Motion carried.

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by E. Nickerson that the employment of Sam Nickerson be extended for another year providing he is able to satisfactorily complete the duties of the position.

Motion carried.

Barrington Regional Curling Club

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipal Council request the president, vice president and secretary of the Barrington Regional Curling Club to discuss finances of the club with the Municipal Council, after obtaining the Solicitor's opinion regarding this matter.

Motion carried.

Tax Write-Off

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality write off the balance of the account of Alva Garron, which is taxes on a camp located on crown land, the lease for which has been terminated since 1996, but was not properly assessed by the Assessment Office since that time.

Motion carried.

Assessment Services Pilot Project

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality participate in the Assessment Services Pilot Project as there will be no significant cost to the Municipality.

Motion carried.

Visitor Information Centre Site

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipality have a Phase I Environmental Assessment completed on the property being purchased from Clarence Smith, for the purposes of a Visitor Information Centre site, and that the firm doing the assessment be made aware of the oil or fish truck spill which had taken place in the past in the vicinity of this property.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that the above motion be tabled until after the Closed Session of Council.

Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

A Closed Session of Council was held to discuss the possible purchase of property.

The Regular Council Session was recalled to order.

Visitor Information Centre Site

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that the above motion dealing with the Phase I Environmental Assessment be deferred until an agreement is reached with Clarence Smith for his property located in Oak Park.

Motion carried.

Strengthening the Provincial - Municipal Relationship

Councillor Halliday reported on attending a meeting held in Yarmouth on November 25, 2002 regarding strengthening the Provincial - Municipal Relationship. Ideas were put forward and they will be compiled and forwarded to municipal units in the future.

RDA Meeting

Councillor Halliday informed members that she attended an RDA meeting held earlier today. At that meeting the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources made a presentation on their forest strategy.

Nominating Committee

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that Louise Halliday be appointed the alternate for the South West Shore Development Authority and that the recommendations of the Nominating Committee be accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

A list of committee and board appointments are attached and form part of the minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by D. Hunt that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

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

