

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Wednesday, October 13, 2004.

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported that all councillors representing all districts of the Municipality were present with the exception of Angus Atkinson. It was reported that Councillor Atkinson was working and is expected to arrive shortly.

- Warden Sterling Belliveau
- Deputy Warden Eddie Nickerson
- Councillor Fred Bower
- Councillor Louise Halliday
- Councillor Dwayne Hunt
- Councillor Wayne Smith
- Councillor Angus Atkinson (7:15 p.m.)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the minutes of the last meeting held October 6, 2004 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Sign Regulations

As a result of a complaint being received regarding signs being posted along the Causeway, contact has been made with the Town of Yarmouth for a copy of their sign regulations. It has been learned that the sign regulations are contained in their Land Use By-law, therefore it is recommended that the matter be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee.

Resolution C041009

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that sign regulations for the Municipality of Barrington be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee for consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

- South West Shore Development Authority
- Amendment to Arena Rental Agreement

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

S.W.S.D.A.

The Clerk informed members that the S.W.S.D.A. has provided an update on the following matters:

- **Barrington CED Centre (Library)** - The South West Shore Development Authority is working with consultants to have a conceptual drawing completed for the Barrington CED Centre. Presently, the S.W.S.D.A. is awaiting funding approval from ACOA before proceeding.

- **Fisher's Companion** - The S.W.S.D.A. has contacted a private manufacturing company that is working to bring the new technology to local businesses. At present they are trying to finalize an agreement with the National Research Council.

- **Water Supply Study** - The S.W.S.D.A. has attempted to identify funding partners for this initiative. However, due to the Municipal infrastructure nature of the project, the S.W.S.D.A. has been unable to identify a funding source.

- **Causeway Study** - After discussions with many government agencies the S.W.S.D.A. has been unable to bring together the government stakeholders needed to advance this initiative.

Resolution C041010

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by F. Bower that the S.W.S.D.A. be asked to continue to pursue funding for the Causeway Study.

Motion carried unanimously.

Retirement - Robert Manuel

It was reported that an invitation has been received inviting members to attend a retirement "Roast & Toast" for Robert Manuel, Manager, Human Resources Skills Development Canada.

Resolution C041011

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that councillors wishing to attend the "Roast & Toast" for Robert Manuel be authorized to do so.

Motion carried unanimously.

Port Clyde Bridge

It was reported that information has been received from the Department of Transportation indicating that the Port Clyde bridge will be replaced next spring. Due to the situation concerning the fire department, this is unacceptable.

The Warden informed members that he and the MLA for Shelburne County met with the Minister of Transportation earlier this month and the Minister indicated a possibility of having the work carried out late this fall.

Councillor Atkinson joined the meeting.

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Resolution C041012

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by F. Bower that another letter be sent to the Minister of Transportation asking that they replace the Port Clyde bridge as soon as possible to allow access across the bridge by the fire department.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed that the Warden contact the MLA for Shelburne County to determine what plans are in place to address repairs to the Port Clyde bridge.

CORRESPONDENCE

Annual Nova Scotia Police and Prison Guard Memorial Service

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with information received concerning the 2004 Annual Nova Scotia Police and Prison Guard Memorial Service to be held on Sunday, October 17, 2004.

No action was taken on this matter.

REPORT OF WARDEN

Meeting with The Honourable Geoff Reagan

The Warden informed members that on October 1, 2004 he and members of the C.S.I. Sewer Committee as well as the Clerk traveled to Halifax to meet with The Honourable Geoff Reagan to discuss funding for the C.S.I. Sewer Project.

Basically, the Minister stated that there is no money available to fund the C.S.I. Sewer Project. New infrastructure funding expected in the spring will be approximately \$1.8 Million Dollars for all of Shelburne County. At the conclusion of the meeting the Minister advised that he was aware of the project and if additional monies become available he would keep the project in mind.

Team Shelburne County

The Warden informed members that on October 5, 2004 Team Shelburne met with six (6) MLAs to discuss the Consultant's Report regarding the Youth Centre. The document will be discussed in Cabinet and a response is expected in the near future.

Councillor Hunt informed members that he took exception to the announcement made at the Shelburne Mayoral Candidate's Forum held on October 6, 2004. At this Forum an announcement was made that Team Shelburne is asking the province for millions of dollars in a development fund for the development of the Youth Centre property. Councillor Hunt informed members that he took exception to this announcement since discussions of Team Shelburne are confidential and very little information is even reported back to Council.

Resolution C041013

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that a letter be written to Team Shelburne expressing Council's displeasure in the release of confidential information during the Shelburne Mayoral Candidate's Forum held on October 6, 2004, and ask what Team Shelburne is going to do about it.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

Finance and Administration Committee

Fire Department Financial Statements

Resolution C041014

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by E. Nickerson that Municipal Staff determine the cost of the Municipal Auditors preparing the annual financial statements for all of the volunteer fire departments at Municipal expense.

Motion carried unanimously.

R.C.M.P. Re: Arena

Resolution C041015

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by W. Smith that Municipal staff obtain comparative pricing for the placement of monitoring equipment at the Barrington Municipal Arena.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tax Write-Offs

Sandy Crowell

Resolution C041016

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday that the balance of the business occupancy tax in the name of Sandy Lendell Crowell, of approximately \$31.00, be written off due to its uncollectibility.

Motion carried unanimously.

Frank VanNorden Property

Resolution C041017

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt that the balance of Assessment Account

#06246079, in the name of Frank Arnold VanNorden, of approximately \$57.60, be written off as it is deemed to be uncollectible.

Motion carried unanimously

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Minister's Panel

Resolution C041018

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality suggest to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities that the Minister's Panel held during their annual conference be changed to include a discussion with various ministers for each of the three afternoons of the conference, and that different ministers be made available for each of those three hours.

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works and Property Committee

Camp Site Leases

Resolution C041019

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt that the number of camp site leases authorized by Council be increased by ten (10), to thirty (30) leases.

Motion carried unanimously.

Paving of Villagedale Road

Resolution C041020

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by W. Smith that correspondence be sent to the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation indicating that the province should continue to pave the Villagedale Road from the point at which pavement patching has already been completed to the junction of the Port LaTour Road.

Motion carried unanimously.

Library Board

Councillor Bower informed members that he attended a meeting of the Western Counties Regional Library Board on September 30, 2004. A copy of the Library Newsletter was circulated to all members for their information.

Recreation & Facilities Committee

A request has been received from parents of some figure skaters who wish to use the Arena on Saturday mornings from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. to allow further instruction from their "pro" who would be available at this time. The figure skaters are also requesting that they be able to pay a fee of \$5.00 each for the use of this time.

The request was referred to the Property Services Manager for his consideration and he is recommending that the request not be approved as it would seriously affect other groups renting

the Arena early in the morning.

It was noted that this request would also require the Arena to incur additional costs which may or may not be recovered as a result of renting this time at the proposed rates.

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Figure Skaters Request

Resolution C041021

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Hunt that the request of figure skating parents be denied at this time.

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

Motion carried.

Active School Communities Group

A request has been received from the Active School Communities Group to provide a coupon for free skating, or \$2.00 off, to be circulated to the community in a brochure. During discussion of this matter it was noted that the Municipality supports assistance to financially challenged individuals for activities at the Arena and other recreation activities by providing funds to the Kids Sport Program and to other organizations within the Municipality.

It was further noted that the Arena has continually run a deficit and the cost to the taxpayer must be balanced against the provision of services at the Arena to the general public.

Resolution C041022

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Hunt that the request of the Active School Communities Group be denied at this time.

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

Motion carried.

Community Health Care Advisory Committee

Physician Recruitment Incentives

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Hunt that the following incentive program be approved:

1. Physicians being recruited to the area will be required to sign a five (5) year agreement. Their families will be encouraged to come to the area at the same time as the doctor. If a five (5) year agreement is not acceptable, a shorter term agreement may be entered into at the discretion of the Committee.

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2. The agreement will provide that any physician recruited will provide at least six (6) month's written notice prior to leaving to both the Municipality and to the doctor's patients.
3. The financial assistance for moving to the area in the amount of \$2,500 will continue to be provided, and the first month's free rent for a residence and an office in the Community Health Centre will also continue to be provided.
4. The Committee, along with the District Health Authority will continue to pursue locums at no cost to the Municipality.
5. The Municipality will further determine whether a nurse practitioner can be hired and will attempt to make this possible and to attract a nurse practitioner to the area.
6. An incentive will be offered to medical students who are graduating in the form of :

- a) A financial incentive of \$10,000 per year in return for an annual commitment to practice within the Municipality.

or

Free annual rent at the Community Health Centre in exchange for a commitment to practice in the Municipality.

Either of the above incentives will be offered at the choice of the physician for a term of five (5) years.

- b) This incentive will only be offered to graduating family physicians.

Resolution C041023

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by W. Smith that the above motion be amended by changing Section 6(a) to read as follows: "A financial incentive of \$10,000 per year in return for an annual commitment to practice within the Municipality payable after each year of service."

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C041024

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by W. Smith that the above motion as amended be deferred to the Finance Committee for further discussion.

AFFIRMATIVE

Angus Atkinson

NEGATIVE

Fred Bower

Sterling Belliveau
Eddie Nickerson
Wayne Smith

Louise Halliday
Dwayne Hunt

Motion carried.

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Resolution C041025

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Hunt that correspondence be sent to the Provincial Physician Recruitment Officer, Mr. Frank Peters, requesting that the Municipality be kept informed of any job fairs that he is aware of that are being conducted for health care professionals in which the Municipality may participate in, in order to attract doctors and other health care professionals to the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by W. Smith that a letter be written to the College of Physicians and Surgeons asking that they find a way to have doctors sponsored in our area.

Motion withdrawn.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that a letter be written to the Minister of Health with a copy to Mr. Frank Peters asking that they find a way to have doctors sponsored in our area.

AFFIRMATIVE

Fred Bower
Wayne Smith

NEGATIVE

Angus Atkinson
Sterling Belliveau
Louise Halliday
Dwayne Hunt
Eddie Nickerson

Motion defeated.

Charitable Foundation

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by F. Bower that the Municipality set up a Charitable Foundation for the purpose of accepting public donations for which income tax receipts will be issued. The funds received by this foundation would be used for the purchase of equipment for the Community Health Centre and to pay potential recruitment costs for physicians to the area and other purposes for which the Foundation's Board of Directors deem necessary for the provision of satisfactory health care within the Municipality of Barrington and the Town of Clark's Harbour. It was also agreed by members that a representative from the Town of Clark's Harbour should be invited to participate on the Foundation Board.

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by E. Nickerson that the above motion be amended by deleting the last sentence.

Motion withdrawn.

Resolution C041026

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by E. Nickerson that the above motion be amended by inserting the words “pay for” after the word “Municipality” in the first sentence and by inserting the words “cost of” after the words “set up” in the first sentence and that everything beyond the word “issued” in the first sentence be deleted.

Motion carried unanimously.

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The original motion as amended now reads:

Resolution C041027

“That the Municipality pay for set up costs of a charitable foundation for the purpose of accepting public donations for which income tax receipts will be issued.”

The original motion as amended was then voted on.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLERK-TREASURER’S REPORT

The Clerk-Treasurer gave a brief report on the following matters:

- Residual Waste
- Dangerous & Unsightly Premises
- Illegal Dumping
- Animal Complaints
- Recreation Programs

NEW BUSINESS

Street Light Request

The Clerk informed members that a street light request has been received from Vernon Chetwynd, #445 Baccaro Road, West Baccaro. Mr. Chetwynd is requesting that a street light be installed in the vicinity of his property. Upon investigation, it has been determined that a street light at this location would not fall within our systematic plan of lighting, therefore Mr. Chetwynd’s request is being presented to Council for consideration.

Resolution C041028

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt that the street lights on Baccaro Road be adjusted to allow a light to be installed in the vicinity of property of Vernon Chetwynd. This will result in two lights being relocated.

Motion carried unanimously.

Next Council Meeting

The Clerk informed members that the next meeting of Council will be held on November 10,

2004.

Use of Arena Equipment

It is recommended that the Barrington Municipal Arena Policy and Procedures Manual be amended by deleting the section entitled "Arena Equipment" and replaced with the following:

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Use of Arena Equipment

1. All equipment purchased for the Arena is the property of the Municipality of Barrington.
2. Subject to the approval of the Property Services Supervisor, employees, individuals and organizations may use the Arena photocopier at the rental rate set for its use by the Supervisor and may use the Arena office computer for graphics and signage to be used in the Arena. The use of such equipment shall not interfere with the daily operation of the Arena.
3. Ice making equipment may be rented to other Arenas and Curling Clubs at a competitive rate established by the Supervisor, and loaned to the Barrington Regional Curling Club.
4. All Arena equipment may be used by other Municipal employees and Committees for municipal purposes.
5. Rental of the Arena for dances and other events includes the use of chairs and tables for that event.
6. Chairs and tables and other equipment may be rented to organizations and individuals at competitive rates determined by the Supervisor.
7. Exceptions to this policy may be made by Council upon written request.

Notice of consideration was given to Council at a previous meeting.

Resolution C041029

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by F. Bower that proposed amendments to the Barrington Municipal Arena Policy and Procedures Manual dealing with the use of Arena equipment be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Arena Rental Agreement

It is proposed that paragraph 7 of the Arena Rental Agreement be revised so that lessees are responsible for individuals who are members of their organizations, and for all on and off officials regulating their event, but are not held responsible for the general public and spectators attending events held by these organizations.

Paragraph 7 has now been revised to read as follows:

“The Lessee agrees to maintain discipline and good conduct among those persons coming into the Arena as a result of the activities contemplated by this agreement and the Lessee agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Lessor for any damages which may occur to the property, facilities or equipment of the Lessor arising out of the use of the Arena by the Lessee, its members, servants, agents, invitees, licensees and participants. In particular the Lessee shall ensure all participants will stay off the ice surface until the ice resurfacing equipment has completely departed the ice surface and the door providing access to the ice resurfacing equipment has completely closed.

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The Lessee accepts responsibility for repairs/replacements for any damages caused by its members, servants, agents, licensees and participants.

The Lessee will hire at its own expense sufficient security personnel to the satisfaction of the Arena Manager as he may determine necessary from time to time, in his sole discretion.”

Resolution C041030

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by W. Smith that paragraph 7 of the Arena Rental Agreement be amended as indicated above.

Motion carried unanimously.

C & D Landfill Disposal Site

The Clerk informed members that on October 6, 2004 the Department of Environment and Labour granted a permit for the operation of the C & D Landfill Disposal Site. Steps will now be taken to have the site designated as a Household Hazardous Waste Depot Site.

Tenders - Gazebo at McGray Avenue

The Clerk informed members that an advertisement was placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper inviting tenders for the construction of a gazebo at McGray Avenue. One (1) tender was received which was opened by the Warden. The tender was from Pete’s Seamless Gutters and was in the amount of \$24,725.00, including H.S.T.

Resolution C041031

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by F. Bower that the tender received from Pete’s Seamless Gutters, in the amount of \$24,725.00, for the construction of a gazebo at McGray Avenue be referred to the Waterfront Development Committee for their recommendation.

Motion carried unanimously.

Business Occupancy Tax

The Clerk informed members that the Warden has received a number of form letters from local businesses expressing opposition to the current business occupancy tax.

It was noted that the province has an ongoing project to remove the business occupancy tax and

this will be introduced in the provincial legislature in the spring.

It was agreed that there is very little that the Municipal Council can do until the provincial government makes a decision on the business occupancy tax.

COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

Since this is the last council meeting prior to the Municipal Elections to be held on Saturday, October 16, 2004, each council member was given an opportunity to address council.

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by F. Bower that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

Copied for Councillors on October 15, 2004 by Sharon Brannen.

