

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, July 14, 2004.

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:04 p.m.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

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

- Correspondence:
 - Community Grants
 - Letter from Town of Clark's Harbour Re: Community Health Care Centre
 - Invitations
 - Illegal Dumping
- New Business:
 - Landfill Loader

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported that all councillors from all districts were present including:

- 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by W. Smith that minutes of the 125th Annual Meeting of Council held June 29, 2004, and the Special Meeting of Council held July 6, 2004, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Coastal Communities Network

The Clerk informed members that the Coastal Communities Network has provided a copy of their new study entitled "Between the Land and the Sea, The Social and Economic Importance of Wharves and Harbours in Nova Scotia". The CCN feels that governments at all levels will be able to use the study's findings in considering where to allocate resources and how policies should be developed to help ensure a better future for Nova Scotia.

The Clerk informed members that a meeting will be held in Truro on Friday, September 17, 2004 dealing with the study. The Clerk informed members that he would be attending the meeting and requested to know whether any of the councillors planned to attend.

Resolution C040702

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by W. Smith that the information on the meeting be forwarded to the Planning Advisory Committee for consideration by their members.

Members carried unanimously.

Community Grant - Samuel Wood Historical Society

The Warden turned his chair over to the Deputy Warden.

The Warden informed members that he had received a letter from Helen Goreham, a member of the Samuel Wood Historical Society. Mrs. Goreham is seeking funding to assist with the cost of insurance for their museum. The cost of insurance is \$3,000 and to date they have been unable to raise sufficient funds to pay this amount; therefore, they have been unable to open their museum.

Resolution C040703

Moved by S. Belliveau and seconded by L. Halliday that the Samuel Wood Historical Society be provided with a Community Grant in the amount of \$1,000 from the District 1 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Warden resumed his chair.

Community Health Care Centre

The Clerk informed members that a letter has been received from the Town of Clark's Harbour in response to our letter of June 11, 2004 concerning financial contributions to the Community Health Centre in Barrington Passage. The letter advised that the Town decided not to contribute financially to the Community Health Centre. There may be citizens of Clark's Harbour receiving the benefits of the Centre, but there are also citizens using other medical facilities in the surrounding area. Council did not feel that they could financially support one without feeling obligated to supporting the others.

The letter further advised that the Town Council also feels that as the Municipality is the sole owner of the Community Health Centre, the Town should not have input into the decisions made on its operation; therefore, in the future, the Town will not be sending a representative to the Community Health Care Advisory Committee meetings.

Invitations

25th Anniversary - Shelburne County Museum

An invitation has been received inviting councillors to attend celebrations in recognition of the 25th Anniversary of the Shelburne County Museum. Celebrations will take place on July 17, 2004, at 2:00 p.m.

Resolution C040704

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Hunt that any councillors interested in attending the 25th Anniversary of the Shelburne County Museum be authorized to do so.

Motion carried unanimously.

Anniversary of UFO Siting

An invitation has been received from the Chapel Hill Historical Society inviting members to attend the UFO talk which is scheduled to take place during celebrations of the 37th Anniversary of the UFO Siting in Shag Harbour. The celebrations will take place on October 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 2004.

Councillor Halliday informed members that she would be attending the activities.

The Warden indicated that he would be attending as well.

Question was raised as to whether the Society was requesting Council representatives to be there all three days or just during specific times. Councillor Halliday agreed to obtain additional information on this matter.

Illegal Dumping

The Clerk informed members that on June 4, 2004 a letter was written to Premier Hamm regarding the amount of illegal dumping taking place in our municipal unit. A response has now been received from Barry Barnett, Minister of Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations. The Minister advised that illegal dumping is a problem throughout the province, and the situation has been reviewed and the main issue appears to be one of enforcement.

The Minister indicated that some communities have met with their local R.C.M.P. offices to discuss better enforcement, and have held community meetings as well to develop neighborhood watch programs.

He suggested that we may wish to follow up our concerns with Andrea Trusk of the Nova Scotia Association of Waste Coordinators, Cathy Trafford of Clean Nova Scotia, and the RRFB. These groups have developed programs to aid in dealing with this issue and should be able to provide further assistance.

Resolution C040705

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that contact be made with the Nova Scotia Association of Waste Coordinators, Clean Nova Scotia, and the RRFB to determine what assistance they may be able to provide regarding illegal dumping.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation

The Warden informed members that he attended a meeting of the Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation on July 8, 2004. He attended this meeting by way of tele-conference. During this meeting discussion took place regarding the contract relating to the \$100,000 provided to the Municipality of Barrington as a forgivable loan. As part of this agreement doctors are required to provide on-call service at the Roseway Hospital Emergency Department. This part of the agreement has not been fulfilled since doctors in our area have not been qualified to work in the Emergency Department.

Resolution C040706

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipal Clerk draft a letter suggesting that \$20,000 for the first year be forgiven, and state the reasons why the Municipality has not met the requirements of the contract regarding on-call services at Roseway Hospital.

Motion carried unanimously.

Team Shelburne

The Warden informed members that he and the Clerk attended a meeting of Team Shelburne earlier today. A press release on the meeting will be issued by Communications Nova Scotia. The next meeting of the Team will be held on July 20, 2004.

Sikh's Reunion

The Warden informed members that on July 12, 2004 he attended a reunion of Sikhs who had landed in Charlesville in 1987 which was held in the Wood's Harbour Fire Hall.

Halloween

The Warden informed members that he has been contacted by the Fire Chief of the Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department regarding concerns he has about Halloween night. Steps are being taken to arrange a meeting with councillors, R.C.M.P., and members of the Fire Department early in August to discuss this matter.

New School

The Warden informed members that MLA Cecil O'Donnell has arranged for a meeting with the Deputy Minister of Education and Mr. Paul MacLellan of the Department of Education. This meeting will take place on July 21, 2004.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

Community Grant Request

Resolution C040707

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by W. Smith that the West Baccaro Cemetery Club be provided with a Community Grant in the amount of \$1,000 from the District 4 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance & Administration Committee

Greenhill Senior Citizens Club

Resolution C040708

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by W. Smith that the Greenhill Senior Citizens Club be provided with a Community Grant in the amount of \$2,500 from the District 4 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

New Newellton Cemetery

Resolution C040709

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by W. Smith that the new Newellton Cemetery be provided with a Community Grant in the amount of \$500.00 from the District 6 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Barrington Municipal Exhibition

Resolution C040710

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality provide an additional grant of \$500 to the Barrington Municipal Exhibition from the District 3 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Canadian Federation of Independent Business

Resolution C040711

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt that Municipal Staff prepare a response to the correspondence received from the CFIB for review of the Finance & Administration Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Doers and Dreamers Ad

Resolution C040712

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipality not advertise in the Doers and Dreamers Guide this year due to the lack of effectiveness of the advertisement.

AFFIRMATIVE

Angus Atkinson
Fred Bower
Louise Halliday
Dwayne Hunt
Eddie Nickerson
Wayne Smith

NEGATIVE

Sterling Belliveau

Motion carried.

Community Health Care Advisory Committee

Deputy Warden Nickerson excused himself from the meeting in order to take a phone call.

Resolution C040713

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt that the Community Health Care Advisory Committee be informed that Council would like to proceed with the next phase of expansion to the Community Health Centre, once the committee advises what components should be included in that expansion, an estimated cost of the expansion, and the proposed sources of funding to finance this expansion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Warden Nickerson returned to the meeting.

Recreation Summer Staff

Resolution C040714

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday that the hiring of Michelle Nickerson for the position of Day Camp Coordinator be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works and Property Committee Meeting

Brass Hill Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade

Resolution C040715

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality proceed with the Brass Hill Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade, both Phases II and III to be completed this year.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Resolution C040716

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt that Horner Associates continue to act as owner's engineers for the third and final phase of the Brass Hill Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Grants Request

Resolution C040717

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipality provide a grant to the Wayne Perry Memorial Park Committee for the purpose of assisting in the cost of filling in their playground and ball field, in the amount of \$2,500, from the District 2 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Drinking Brook Park

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by W. Smith that Municipal Staff obtain three (3) competitive bids for the construction of a gazebo at Drinking Brook Park and that Municipal Staff choose the best and lowest bid received.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by F. Bower that the above motion be amended to indicate that Municipal staff obtain at least three (3) competitive bids.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Halliday that the above motion be amended by deleting "Municipal staff choose the best and lowest bid received" and inserting in its place "bids be analysed by staff and a recommendation be forwarded to Council".

AFFIRMATIVE

Angus Atkinson
Sterling Belliveau
Fred Bower
Louise Halliday
Eddie Nickerson
Wayne Smith

NEGATIVE

Dwayne Hunt

Motion carried.

The original motion as amended now reads as follows:

Resolution C040718

"...that Municipal Staff obtain at least three (3) competitive bids for the construction of a gazebo at Drinking Brook Park and that bids be analysed by staff and a recommendation made to Council."

AFFIRMATIVE

Angus Atkinson
Sterling Belliveau
Fred Bower
Louise Halliday
Eddie Nickerson
Wayne Smith

NEGATIVE

Dwayne Hunt

Motion carried.

Department of Transportation - Marathon

Resolution C040719

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt:

WHEREAS the Nova Scotia Marathon and Half Marathon will take place on Cape Sable Island, within the Municipality of Barrington, on July 25, 2004;

AND WHEREAS along the route taken there are numerous places where the grass has grown out to the pavement and shouldering of the road is required;

THEREFORE it is recommended to Council that the Department of Transportation be contacted and asked to rectify this situation prior to the date of the Marathon.

Motion carried unanimously.

Loader at Landfill

Resolution C040720

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by W. Smith that Municipal Staff contact Wajax Inc. to determine if the cause of problems with the loader at the Landfill is as a result of employee abuse and a report be made back to Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

S.S.T.

Councillor Halliday informed members that she recently received two (2) e-mails from Dave Buckland regarding the new school. Mr. Buckland advised that two (2) sites are currently being considered for the location for the new school. One site is located in Barrington Passage and the other site is located in Oak Park. Both sites are currently being assessed. Plans are underway to call tenders for the school on July 28th with a closing date of August 31st. It is hoped that additional information on the school can be obtained when councillors meet with the Deputy Minister of Education and Paul MacLellan on July 21, 2004.

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

The Clerk-Treasurer provided a report on activities during the month of May.

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NEW BUSINESS

Construction Agreement Re: Penney Road

Resolution C040721

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign the Construction Agreement No. 2004-011 for the paving of the following J Class street, Penney Road.

Motion carried unanimously.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that the following clause will be included in the tender documents:

“Tenderers take note that this project may not proceed if submitted tenders exceed the amount budgeted for the project by the Municipality.”

Landfill Loader

The Clerk informed members that he was in conversation with the Service Manager of Wajax on July 13, 2004 regarding the loader at the Landfill Site. The Service Manager has advised that there was no evidence of any employee abuse of the machine.

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

A Closed Session of Council was held to deal with a personnel matter.

The Regular Council Meeting was reconvened.

YEARLY INCREMENT

Resolution C040722

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by E. Nickerson that Thomas Hennigar, Deputy Keeper of Lock-up, receive his yearly increment in the amount of \$0.51 per hour, effective August 10, 2004.

Motion carried unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by F. Bower that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

_____ Warden _____ Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

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

