

Minutes of the continuation of the 122nd Annual Meeting of the Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Wednesday June 27, 2001.

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

The Warden reported that it is necessary to add the following two (2) items to the agenda:

1. Correspondence from Greenwood Cemetery Club.
2. Correspondence from Discover Shelburne County Tourism Association.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the minutes of meetings held June 13th and June 20th, 2001 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Family Violence Program

The Clerk reported that clarification has now been received, on the letter addressed to Warden Pat Nickerson of the Municipality of Shelburne, from the Minister of Justice, Michael Baker, regarding the Family Violence Program.

The Clerk reported that he has been in telephone conversation with Kim Langille, Assistant to the Minister, and she confirmed that funding will be provided to the R.C.M.P. to develop a one-half time Community Assistance Coordinator position, which will be used to assist the Family Violence Program. This funding will commence April 1, 2002.

CORRESPONDENCE

Greenwood Cemetery Club

The Clerk reported that correspondence has been received from the Greenwood Cemetery Club, which is a non-profit group of local citizens of Wood's Harbour trying to raise money to open up a new section of the cemetery. Since the group is not incorporated they are unable to get a lottery number in order to sell tickets on items to generate funds for this project. They are requesting a letter be forwarded to the Lottery Commission on their behalf in an attempt to receive a lottery number.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the request received from the Greenwood Cemetery Club be approved and that a letter be written to the Nova Scotia Gaming Commission on behalf of the Club in support of their application for a lottery number.

Motion carried.

Discover Shelburne County

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from Discover Shelburne County Tourism Association requesting the appointment of a representative to serve on the Association.

Councillor Halliday informed members that she is currently serving on the Association and that it was her understanding that her term would continue until the Nominating Committee meets in November.

It was agreed that Councillor Halliday continue to serve until November.

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, 2001.

Prior to Mr. Muise's presentation he provided each member of Council with a copy of the audited financial statements as well as a statement of operations showing comparative figures for the last five (5) years. Both documents were reviewed in detail. Mr. Muise advised that the year-end result was a surplus of \$240,318.00. This surplus is as a result of monies previously allocated for specific projects which have not yet been carried out. These funds have been transferred to the Capital Reserve Fund to be expended in the future when these projects have been completed.

Due to a change in accounting policy \$370,858.00 has been transferred to the Operating Reserve Fund. This amount covers a Valuation Allowance for uncollectible taxes and interest now being recorded as part of the Taxes Receivable.

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the audited financial statements as presented by Alain Muise of Saxton Comeau be accepted.

Motion carried.

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 2001/2002 Operating Budget for the Municipality. This summary was reviewed page by page with the Clerk providing explanations.

Tax Rates, Due Dates, Etc.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by E. Nickerson 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 2001/2002, 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, Three Hundred Eighty-five Thousand, Three Hundred Sixty-two Dollars (\$3,385,362.00);

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 2001/2002 shall become due and payable on July 1, 2001, 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 10, 2001.

Area Rates

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the following area rates be set for the 2001/2002 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 6W and portion of 6E	F6	\$0.04/\$100.00 of assessment
District 7W and portion of 6E	F5	\$0.04/\$100.00 of assessment
District 7E	F3	\$0.11/\$100.00 of assessment
District 8	F4	\$0.03/\$100.00 of assessment

Motion carried.

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Sewer Service Charge

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the sewer service charge be set at the rate of \$125.00 per unit for Barrington/Barrington Passage, and \$275.00 per unit for Wood's Harbour, for the Fiscal Year 2001/2002.

Motion carried.

Temporary Borrowing Resolution

The Clerk 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 F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday 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 \$3,843,400.00.

AND the aggregate amount of the taxes estimated to be levied for the current year will exceed \$3,721,603.00.

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 27th day of June 2001, 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.

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., 2001 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. 2001, 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.

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Partial Tax Exemption - Non-profit Organizations

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt that the Clerk be authorized to adjust the tax accounts on property shown on Schedule A of By-law #25, to an amount of taxes equal to the amount receivable, if the properties have been assessed as residential and rated at \$1.08 rather than \$2.04 per \$100.00 of assessed value for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002, and also that all organizations contained in Schedule A of By-law #25 receive a one-third reduction in their General Municipal Taxes only after applying the adjustment to the reduction from the commercial rate to the residential equivalency.

Motion carried.

Farm Acreage Tax

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Halliday that the Farm Acreage Tax for the Year 2001/2002 Fiscal Year be \$2.24 per acre for all land that is assessed as Exempt Farmland.

Motion carried.

Capital Budget

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

Motion carried.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

Students Smoking - D.O.T. Right-of-Way

The Warden reported that he and the Clerk met with members from B.M.H.S., Department of Transportation and the Tri-County School Board to discuss the matter of students smoking in the Department of Transportation Right-of-Way in Barrington Passage. It is felt by Council members that this poses a safety hazard. Many possible solutions were discussed. The members will meet again on July 5, 2001, at 1:00 p.m., at the site. Mr. Leroy Legere of the Tri-County School Board will be on site at this time.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

Finance and Administration Committee

Barrington/Barrington Passage Public Sewer

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality conduct an evaluation of the Barrington/Barrington Passage Sewer System by professional engineers and that the cost of this evaluation be paid out of the accumulated surplus of the system.

Motion carried.

Fire Inspectors Association of Nova Scotia

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that Andrew Goreham the Assistant Building Inspector serve as a Director of the Fire Inspectors Association of Nova Scotia.

Motion carried.

S.E.M.A.C.A.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the Warden be authorized to attend the South Eastern Massachusetts Atlantic Canada Association Conference.

Motion carried.

The Clerk reported that the South West Shore Development Authority is seeking funding for members to attend this conference. It is anticipated that 50% of the funding will be obtained.

FCM Conference

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that a letter be sent to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities requesting that business matters for the conference be placed earlier in the conference agenda so that they may be dealt with prior to other non-essential matters such as information workshops.

Motion carried.

Rural and Regional Municipalities Association

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by E. Nickerson that the Warden attend a meeting as requested by the Warden of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland regarding a Rural and Regional Municipalities Association.

Motion carried.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that at the meeting of Rural and Regional Municipalities the Warden inform those attending that it is the Council of the Municipality of the District of Barrington's opinion that towns and rural municipalities do not have separate meetings but should be acting together as part of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities.

Motion carried.

R.C.M.P. Sign

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipality purchase decals to be placed on signs for safety purposes along the highway in Barrington and Oak Park, at a cost of \$748.00, plus tax, and the Public Works Department install them with the charges for these purchases being to the Roads and Streets Expenditure.

Motion carried.

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Community Health Care Advisory Committee

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from Mr. David Eldridge, Acting Chairperson of the Barrington Health Clinic Steering Committee. The Committee is suggesting one doctor who is a tenant in the Clinic, one councillor and one member from each of the seven municipal districts, as well as one member from the Town of Clark's Harbour form the proposed Community Health Care Advisory Committee.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that a Community Health Care Advisory Committee be established to advise Council regarding Community Health Care issues and that the main purposes of the Committee be:

1. to supervise the operation of the Community Health Care Clinic in Barrington Passage;
2. to recruit health care professionals to the Clinic; and
3. to advise the level of services and cost of such and any additions or deletions from the Clinic.

Motion carried.

November 11th - National Holiday

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by A. Atkinson that the Municipality recognize the efforts of the Yarmouth Memorial Club to establish November 11th as a national holiday and that Council request the Federal Government to establish November 11th as a national holiday and that Council suggest to the Yarmouth Memorial Club that they have their local municipal council suggest that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities put forward a resolution for this purpose.

Motion carried.

It was suggested that a letter of thanks should be forwarded to the person who initiated action to have November 11th declared a national holiday.

Recruitment Committee

Councillor Halliday informed members that she and the Clerk, as well as Dr. Blair, met with Dr. Gogna on June 14, 2001. Dr. Gogna was given a tour of Cape Sable Island and Barrington Passage as well as the Medical Clinic. Supper was hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Walter Wilson of Barrington Passage.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that a letter of thanks be forwarded to Mr. & Mrs. Walter Wilson in appreciation of their hospitality.

Motion carried.

Bay Side Home

Councillor Smith provided a brief update on renovations being carried out at Bay Side Home. Councillor Smith advised that the target completion date has been set for the end of July.

Planning Advisory CommitteeSeptic Works Facility

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by F. Bower that when the engineering evaluation is being done on the Brass Hill Sewage Treatment Plant, that part of the engineering evaluation to be done on the capacity of the Brass Hill Treatment Plant also include evaluation of the capacity of the plant, to accommodate the addition of septic waste, and the approximate cost of changes that may be required in order to accommodate this service.

Motion carried.

Recreation Department Policy No. 6 - Mileage Rates

Notice was given at the last meeting of Council that it is being proposed that Policy #6 of the Recreation Department "Mileage Rates" be deleted. This would enable support staff in the Municipal Recreation Department to be paid \$0.30 per kilometer for travel. This will be consistent with the rate paid to all other municipal employees.

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by A. Atkinson that Recreation Department Policy #6 "Mileage Rate" be deleted.

Motion carried.

Policy #41 - Low Income Property Tax Exemption Policy

At the last meeting of Council notice was given that Council consider amendments tonight to Policy #41. Amendments will include the following:

- Grant an exemption from taxation for the current year to an applicant whose total household income was below \$15,000.00, excluding Veteran's Allowance and pensions paid pursuant to the Pension Act, for the preceding calendar year.

The exemption will be as follows:

- \$150.00 for household income up to \$13,999.
- \$125.00 for household income of \$14,000. to \$15,000.
- Affidavits must be signed by a Councillor, Commissioner of Oaths or Justice of the Peace.
- Deadline now May 31st.
- The applicant is willing to provide a copy of their last year's Income Tax Return, if requested by Council.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by F. Bower that amendments to Policy #41 "Low Income Property Tax Exemption Policy" be accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

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Municipal Tourism Brochure

The Clerk informed members that the new municipal tourism brochure has been completed. Fifty-four hundred (5,400) copies were printed and have now been circulated to various locations within the Municipality, as well as locations outside.

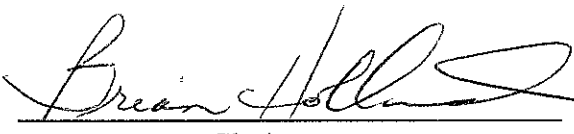
ADJOURNMENT

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 June 29, 2001 by Sharon Brannen.