

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 28, 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 (7:08 p.m.)

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

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

It was reported that Phyllis Shand has requested an opportunity to address Council regarding water testing. It was agreed that Mrs. Shand be placed on the agenda for 8:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the minutes of the last meeting of Council held November 14, 2001 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Playground Equipment - Port LaTour School

Deputy Warden Nickerson requested an update on this matter.

The Clerk advised that Ms. Karla Wambach of the Lockeport and Area Home & School Group contacted him and advised that she has been unable to reach Steven Stoddart to determine whether or not the equipment could be used at another school. Ms. Wambach has advised that she will communicate with us further once she has had an opportunity to discuss the matter with Mr. Steven Stoddart.

Remembrance Day

The Clerk informed members that a letter has been received from the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs. The letter advised that our request that each province in the country be required to put in place rules and regulations dealing with Remembrance Day will be copied and distributed to all members of the Standing Committee.

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Sherose Island Trail

The Clerk reported that the following motion was tabled at the last meeting of Council.

The motion was as follows:

“Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that “No Hunting” signs be placed on municipal lands on Sherose Island.”

The Clerk reported that the Department of Natural Resources has been contacted and we have been advised that the walking trail located at Sherose Island is not covered under Section 11(2) of the Firearm and Bow Regulations. This section only applies to discharging a firearm loaded with a rifle cartridge, single ball, or slug within 402 meters of a dwelling, playground, golf course, athletic field, woods operation, place of business or public building other than a school.

It was agreed that this matter be dealt with later in the meeting after the interviews.

CORRESPONDENCE

Coral Display Funding

The Clerk reported that a thank you letter has been received from Stanford Atwood and Derek Jones for Council’s financial assistance to develop the Coral Display Project.

SEMACA Conference

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from the South West Shore Development Authority advising that the Town of Yarmouth will be hosting the 2002 SEMACA Conference. The Authority is requesting a contribution from the Municipality of Barrington in the amount of \$2,500.00. The scheduled dates for the conference are July 24th to 26th, 2002.

The Warden then turned the chair over to the Deputy Warden in order that he may speak on this matter.

The Warden informed members that the conference will be of great benefit to this area. The conference will bring many delegates and participants to the area and will give them an opportunity to view the area first-hand. During discussion it was noted that tentative conference plans include a dinner in the Barrington area.

The chair was then resumed by the Warden.

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by F. Bower that the request for funding for the SEMACA Conference be referred to the next Finance Committee meeting for consideration.

Motion carried.

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Traffic Control Signal Analysis

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from the Department of Transportation which advised that staff have completed a Turning Movement Study at the Route 330/Trunk 3 intersection. Vehicular and pedestrian volumes were collected from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on October 18, 2001. The Traffic Engineering Services has analyzed the information and has determined, based on the information provided, the intersection does not warrant traffic signals at this time. The letter further advised that this is an unexpected result and a further analysis will be undertaken to verify the traffic volumes at the intersection.

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Hunt that a copy of the letter received from the Department of Transportation be forwarded to B.M.H.S. and the B.M.H.S. Parent Support Group.

Motion carried.

INTERVIEW - DAVID ELDRIDGE RE: FRAM APPLICATION - MARINA PROJECT

Mr. David Eldridge and Mr. Jim Shand, members of the Marina Project Committee, along with Mr. Chris d'Entremont of the South West Shore Development Authority, appeared before the meeting.

Mr. Eldridge commenced the presentation by providing detailed information on the Marina Project. Early in Mr. Eldridge's presentation Deputy Warden Nickerson requested to know if the presentation would include the CNR property located at the end of Station Road. Mr. Eldridge informed Deputy Warden Nickerson that the presentation tonight did not include the CNR property.

Mr. Eldridge then continued his presentation and provided detailed information on each phase of the project. There are five (5) phases in total.

The Committee would like to access FRAM funding to provide for Phase I of the project. Phase I will include a boat ramp, boardwalk and parking. Since the Marina Committee has no legal recognition the Committee is requesting that the Municipality submit the application for funding. A copy of the proposed application was then circulated to members.

Discussion then took place regarding land at the end of Station Road which the Municipality is currently attempting to acquire.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that once the land and water lot at the end of Station Road, that is currently owned by the Department of Natural Resources, has been acquired by the Municipality of Barrington, it shall be made available for the establishment of a marina facility.

Motion carried.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipal Council allow the South West Shore Development Authority to go ahead with the FRAM application for funding for Phase I of the Marina Project as circulated this evening.

Motion carried.

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It was agreed that a copy of this motion be forwarded to Mr. Chris d'Entremont of the South West Shore Development Authority.

INTERVIEW PHYLLIS SHAND RE: TESTING REQUIREMENTS

Mrs. Phyllis Shand of North East Point appeared before the meeting and expressed concern regarding water testing and sewage treatment plant testing required by the Department of Environment. Mrs. Shand informed members that she has a child who attends the Arena and Curling Club and she wants to be certain that proper water testing is being carried out on the water supply.

Mrs. Shand also expressed concern regarding the liability involved with testing to be carried out at the sewage treatment plants. She informed members that she has been in contact with the Department of Environment and she has been advised that testing must be carried out by a qualified person, and this would mean that this person would be required to carry out the tests personally, and not just supervise another individual.

Mrs. Shand was informed that Council has confidence in the Clerk that steps will be taken to have the proper procedures put in place to meet the requirements of the Department of Environment, as it relates to water and sewage treatment plant testing.

Mrs. Shand was then thanked for appearing before Council and expressing her views.

SHEROSE ISLAND TRAIL

The Clerk informed members that he has been in conversation with the Municipal Solicitor and Mr. Darryl Wilson of Bell & Grant Limited regarding the legal questions raised by Council. The Municipal Solicitor has advised that the Municipality would be exercising more diligence by placing signs on the walking trail than by not putting up signs. Policing requirements would include the Municipality reporting any known hunters in the area.

The Warden then turned the chair over to the Deputy Warden so that he could speak on the matter.

The Warden informed members that Section 78 (1)(b) of the Wildlife Act allows the Minister of Natural Resources to close an area to hunting if the continuation of hunting constitutes a safety hazard to any person and, therefore, he believes this is not the responsibility of the Municipality.

A brief discussion then took place regarding Ken Anthony's request and report of incidents which are taking place on Sherose Island. Each incident reported by Mr. Anthony appears to involve illegal hunting, which are matters that are regulated by the Department of Natural Resources.

The tabled motion was once again brought forth. The motion is as follows:

"Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that "No Hunting" signs be placed on municipal lands on Sherose Island."

Motion defeated.

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Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by L. Halliday that an advertisement be placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper stating "No Hunting" shall take place on municipal property on Sherose Island.

Motion carried.

It was agreed that the advertisement should be placed in the paper once before hunting season starts each year.

REPORT OF WARDEN

- November 15, 2001 - The Warden reported that he and Deputy Warden Nickerson; Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk; and Chris d'Entremont of the South West Shore Development Authority, met with representatives of El Paso Energy. Representatives toured the Municipality and the Town of Clark's Harbour.
- November 16, 2001 - The Warden attended a meeting of the Yarmouth & Area Industrial Commission.
- November 20, 2001 - The Warden attended a meeting of the Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation. A contract is being drafted to provide for the \$100,000.00 loan to the Municipality to be applied towards the purchase of the Community Health Clinic.
- November 21, 2001 - The Warden reported that he and Deputy Warden Nickerson and Councillor Smith attended an EMO Executive meeting held in Clark's Harbour
- November 21, 2001 - The Warden reported that he attended a meeting of the South West Shore Development Authority held in Shelburne. The Marine Resource Centre Study is currently being reviewed by a subcommittee and is not yet available for public release.
- November 22, 2001 - The Warden informed members that he participated in a walk carried out to promote organ transplants. Miss Tia-Toni Wilson of Step-by-Step Organ Transplant Association made a presentation to students at B.M.H.S. Miss Wilson experienced some car problems while in the area and the Warden provided her with one (1) night accommodations which was charged to the Municipal Visa card.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that Municipal Council approve payment for the one (1) night accommodations provided to Tia-Toni Wilson representing the Step-by-Step Organ Transplant Association.

Motion carried.

- November 24, 2001 - The Warden attended the christening ceremonies for the new Coast Guard Vessel "Cape Light".

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

Finance and Administration Committee

Proposed Office Changes

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the proposed office renovations be completed provided that they can be done within the budget allocated at the present time.

Motion carried.

Yearly Increment - David Nickerson

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that David Nickerson receive his annual increment in the amount of \$0.52/hr.

Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Waste Collections

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by F. Bower that the Municipality contact the Goose Lake Association and Sebim Beach Property Owners Association requesting that the inadequate waste separation problem of residents in those areas be addressed by these associations, and indicating to the associations that if satisfactory results are not obtained, the Municipality would have to take further steps to address this problem.

Motion carried.

Community Grants Request

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the Parent Support Group of Forest Ridge Academy be granted \$2,000.00 from the District 3 Community Grants Fund for the purchase of soccer nets for the school.

Motion carried.

Barrington and Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Councillor Hunt informed members that he attended the Barrington & Area Chamber of Commerce meeting held last evening at which time he presented Mr. Walter Wilson with a plaque in recognition of his many years of volunteer service to the community.

Joint EMO Executive Meeting

Councillor Smith informed members that EMO training is being offered in the near future. Members were previously provided with a list of courses and dates.

Western Counties Regional Library Board

Councillor Bower advised that he attended a Library Board Meeting on November 22, 2001.

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Community Health Care Advisory Committee

The Clerk informed members that a meeting of the Community Health Care Advisory Committee was held on November 22, 2001. He informed members that the committee will be naming the community health centre and proposed names can be submitted to the Committee for consideration.

The Committee has agreed to offer free space to the Shelburne Mental Health Centre until March 31, 2002. At that time the Shelburne Mental Health Centre will be asked to rent space at a cost of \$200.00 per month.

The Committee has also agreed to provide office space free of charge to visiting medical specialists who operate a permanent office in another area. Visiting specialists will be offered free space as long as space conditions allow.

Office Equipment

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by E. Nickerson that the Municipality issue a tax certificate for an "in kind" donation of a new telephone system for the Community Health Centre, by Dr. Blair.

Motion carried.

Nominating Committee

Committee Structure

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt that six (6) councillors be members of the Planning Advisory Committee for the coming year.

Motion carried.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday that four (4) councillors be members of the Hiring Committee for the coming year.

Motion carried.

Committee and Board Membership Selections

Tourism Committee

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by W. Smith that representation, on the Tourist Industry Association of Nova Scotia Semi-annual and Annual General Meetings, at the South Shore Tourism Association, and Discover Shelburne County is not required by the Municipality as these are tourist industry associations designed for membership of tourist establishment operators.

Motion carried.

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Physician Recruitment Committee

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt that the Physician Recruitment Committee be thanked for their efforts in the past to recruit physicians to the Municipality and that members be informed that this function would now be filled by the Community Health Care Advisory Committee, and that the Physician Recruitment Committee of Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation be notified of this change.

Motion carried.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday that the attached nominations be made for committees for the coming year. (see attached list)

Motion carried.

Planning Advisory Committee

Proposed Amendments By-Law No. 21 and By-Law No. 27

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that the proposed amendments to By-Law No. 21 and By-Law No. 27 to make both documents consistent with the Municipal Government Act, Subdivision By-Law, Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law be approved.

Motion carried.

First reading of amendments to By-Law No. 21 "Public Sewers" and By-Law No. 27 "Wastewater Management District" was then held.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt that proposed amendments to By-Law No. 21 "Public Sewers" and By-Law No. 27 "Wastewater Management District" be approved in first reading.

Motion carried.

Second reading of the by-law amendments will take place after advertising has been carried out.

TAX REDUCTION POLICY

Notice of Consideration of the adoption of the Tax Reduction Policy was given at a previous meeting of Council.

The Clerk suggested that two (2) items be added to the policy which are as follows:

1. The policy be made retroactive to April 1, 1999.
2. An application form to provide for the reduction form part of the policy.

Members were provided with information on the above two matters prior to the Council meeting.

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Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by F. Bower that the Tax Reduction Policy be approved as presented including the application form and that it be made retroactive to April 1, 1999.

Motion defeated.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that the Tax Reduction Policy be approved as circulated, including the application form, and that the policy be effective immediately.

Motion carried.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PURCHASING POLICY

The Clerk reported that notice is given tonight that proposed changes to the Purchasing Policy will be considered at the next meeting of Council.

It is proposed that a new Section 8 be added which will read as follows:

8. Tenders will close at 6:30 p.m. on the evening prior to the Council Meeting at which time tenders will be opened.

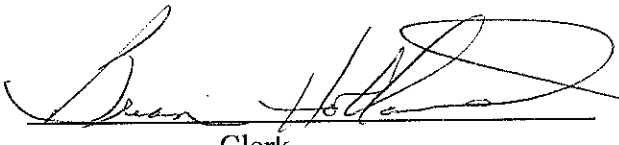
ADJOURNMENT

Moved by F. Bower that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.



 Warden



 Clerk



 Secretary for the Meeting

Copied for Councillors on November 29, 2001 by Sharon Brannen.