

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, December 12, 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 Fred Bower
- Councillor Louise Halliday
- Councillor Dwayne Hunt
- Councillor Wayne Smith

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

Councillor Atkinson was absent due to work commitments.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Since only one council meeting will be held during the month of December it was agreed that the following items be added to the agenda:

- FRAM Applications
- S.S.T. Committee
- Correspondence - Letter from Department of Justice
 - Utility Review Board Decision

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that the minutes of the last meeting held November 28, 2001 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

SOUTHWEST NOVA BIOSPHERE RESERVE ASSOCIATION

Heather Jorissen-Small appeared before the meeting and made a presentation regarding the Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve Association. She informed members that over the last two years a committee of citizens from Queens and Annapolis counties have been pursuing a UNESCO (United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization) biosphere designation for Southwest Nova Scotia. The reserves comprise of a core protected area, buffer zone and a zone of cooperation. The Biosphere Reserve should also have a functioning environmental research capability to advance principles of sustainable resource use and education. Kejimikujik National Park and the Tobeatic Wilderness Area have been chosen as the core areas in the Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve (SNBR)

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The Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve Association was formed to develop and maintain contact within the community including those with businesses, educators, government bodies and private citizens. Subsequently, the organization has prepared a nomination document that was submitted to UNESCO in July of 2001. At present the municipalities of Digby and Yarmouth and the Region of Queens have all supported the Association's initiative.

The Association feels that the presence of a biosphere reserve in this area will be beneficial to everyone and complement the function of protected areas like Kejimikujik and the Tobeatic while promoting sustainable development in the surrounding regions. The Biosphere Reserve concept offers the opportunity for ongoing dialogue in partnership with community members, landowners, government agencies, educational institutions and industry to achieve cultural and environmental sustainability.

The Association at this time is requesting a letter of support, in principle, of the development of the biosphere designation.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that the request for a Letter of Support, in principle, of the designation of the biosphere reserve be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

Motion carried.

BARRINGTON/BARRINGTON PASSAGE SEWER SYSTEM EVALUATION

Mr. Mike Topley of Horner Associates appeared before the meeting. He informed members that the evaluation of the Barrington/Barrington Passage Public Sewer System has been carried out. He reported that the evaluation revealed that the original system was designed to accommodate 92,000 imperial gallons per day. At present the system is handling 134,000 imperial gallons per day, approximately 40% more than the system was designed for.

Mr. Topley informed members that the collection system is generally in good condition although the sewage pumping stations require attention as there are a number of deficiencies. The Department of Environment now requires separate valve chambers, and overflows are no longer permitted. Mr. Topley also suggested each station should have an operating alarm. He also informed members that these upgrades are necessary now in all new construction.

The treatment plant requires upgrading which would include the following:

- oxidation ditch renovations
- new clarifier
- convert clarifier to digester
- new UV disinfection

Estimates of upgrading the collection system and treatment facility is \$1,525,000.00.

If the plant were to accept septage waste the estimated cost would increase to \$2,190,000.00.

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Mr. Topley informed members that before proceeding they will have to determine whether the upgrades will include septage waste. During discussion of this matter it was questioned whether the upgrades can be carried out in phases, and Mr. Topley indicated that it was possible.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the report on the study of the Barrington/Barrington Passage Public Sewer System be referred to the Public Works Committee for further consideration.

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Cape Sable Historical Society

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from Brenda Maxwell, Manager of the Cape Sable Historical Society. The letter informed members that the society was formed to preserve the heritage of the Municipality and Clark's Harbour. Their records are extensive and have room for further information on the area.

The letter expressed the society's concern that the minute book of the Free Baptist Church of Barrington was recently donated to the United Baptist Archives of Acadia University. The Society is willing to assist in the preservation of the books remaining in our care and would be pleased to have them located in their vault.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by E. Nickerson that a letter be sent to the Cape Sable Historical Society indicating that the Temple United Baptist Church requested that the minute book be forwarded to the United Baptist Archives of Acadia University.

Highway #103

The Clerk reported a letter has been received from the Minister of Transportation and Public Works. The letter advised that the completion of the new Highway #103 near Barrington is important to the Department, and it remains one of the top two priorities on Highway 103, along with the twinning from Otter Lake to Route 213. The letter advised that they will be resuming the pre-tender planning work on the Barrington project in the next couple of months, to prepare for its tender when funding becomes available. Unfortunately, due to budget constraints they are not able to allocate any funding to capital expansion projects on Highway 103 in the 2002/2003 capital program. The Barrington project will again be seriously considered for the 2003/2004 capital program.

Assessment Services

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from the Municipality of Yarmouth. The letter requested that Council consider the proposal to establish assessment service to be carried out by municipal units. The letter further asked that if Municipal Council concurs with the proposal that Councils' views be passed on to the Minister.

No action was taken on this matter.

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FCM Municipal Rights-of-Way Defence Fund

The Clerk reported that correspondence has been received from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities requesting Council to contribute to the Municipal Defence Fund. In January 2001 the Canadian Radio, Television and Telecommunications Commission denied municipal governments the authority to manage their public lands, or charge for their use by telecommunication companies. FCM has filed an appeal to the Federal Court of Appeal. The contribution requested is 5.9 cents per capita, per year, for three (3) years.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Hunt that the request to contribute to the Municipal Defence Fund in the amount of 5.9 cents, per capita, per year, for three (3) years, be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

Motion carried.

Freedom of Information Appeal

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from the Minister of Justice and Attorney General in response to our letter dated November 6, 2001, regarding the decision of Justice Gruchy and Lee Keating Freedom of Information Appeal. The letter stated that any disclosure available under and permitted by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, to employees and former employees of the Shelburne Youth Centre, will be provided.

Loyalist Lanes Appeal

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from the Nova Scotia Utilities and Review Board regarding the Loyalist Lanes appeal. The Clerk reported that the Board found that Council's decision reasonably carries out the intent of the Municipal Planning Strategy and that the Board confirms the decision of Council.

OPEN TENDERS RE: WATER SYSTEM

The Clerk reported that no tenders were received as a result of an advertisement placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper. It was agreed that this matter be placed on the agenda for the next Finance Committee Meeting.

REPORT OF WARDEN

Marine Resource Centre

The Warden reported that on December 5, 2001 he attended the Marine Resource Centre Committee to review the feasibility study. The results of the study are confidential and a press release will be issued on December 19, 2001. In advance to the press release, copies of the study are to be provided to all councillors. The Clerk was asked to contact S.W.S.D.A. to determine when councillors will receive their copy of the study.

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Thank You

The Warden took this opportunity to thank councillors and staff for their support and cooperation over the past year and extended Seasons Greetings.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS - PURCHASING POLICY

The Clerk reported that at the last meeting of Council notice was given that proposed amendments to the Purchasing Policy will be considered at tonight's meeting. The proposed amendment is as follows:

Under the Heading "Tender Process" a new #8 be added:

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

The proposed amendment was considered and discussion took place regarding the closing time.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that the proposed amendment be changed to provide for tenders to close at 7:00 p.m.

Motion carried.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the proposed amendments to the purchasing policy to provide for a new #8 be approved as amended.

Motion carried.

The new Section 8 will read as follows:

8. Tenders will close at 7:00 p.m. on the evening prior to the Council Meeting at which tenders will be opened.

INTERVIEW GRANT MILROY RE: PROPOSED WALKING TRAIL

Mr. Grant Milroy appeared before the meeting and advised that it is the intention of the Cape Sable Island Important Bird Area Committee to construct a walking trail at The Hawk. The proposed walking trail will cross property of Greg Sears. The Committee is also proposing to build a viewing platform in that area.

During discussion Mr. Milroy requested the advice of Council regarding liability and agreements required with landowners. Mr. Milroy was advised that it may be in his best interest to contact a lawyer.

After much discussion it was agreed that Deputy Warden Nickerson would meet with Mr. Milroy to discuss the matter further.

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CROSSWALK - BARRINGTON PASSAGE

The Clerk reported that Council, at their meeting held September 12, 2001, decided to deal with the matter of a crosswalk being installed in Barrington Passage once a traffic survey had been completed.. It is time to once again consider this matter since a traffic survey has been completed and it has been determined by the Department of Transportation that traffic lights are not warranted at the Causeway intersection at this time.

Much discussion took place regarding this matter. Some councillors feel that the installation of a crosswalk at the location proposed by the Department of Transportation would create a more dangerous situation.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by E. Nickerson that a crosswalk not be placed at the location identified by the Department of Transportation at Highway 330 and Trunk #3.

Motion defeated.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by F. Bower that a crosswalk be installed at the location proposed by the Department of Transportation.

Motion defeated.

Moved by E. Nickerson that the Department of Transportation be informed that the Municipal Council does not want a crosswalk installed at the location identified by their department, at this time.

There being no seconder to this motion, the motion was lost.

It was agreed that this matter be added to the agenda for the next meeting of Council.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S CERTIFICATION

The Clerk reported that Andrew Goreham has now been certified and can use the designation "Certified Building Official, SR1".

The Clerk recommended that Andrew Goreham now be placed on the salary scale for the building inspector.

Mr. Goreham will start at the bottom of the scale.

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by F. Bower that Andrew Goreham be appointed Building Inspector for the Municipality of Barrington and be placed at the bottom of the salary scale for the building inspectors position.

Motion carried.

It was agreed that Council's congratulations be extended to Mr. Goreham on his recent certification.

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TAX EXEMPTION - CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the taxes outstanding on property owned by the Children's Aid Society of Shelburne County be written off since it was the intention of Council that the Society would be exempt from taxes when they purchased the former Barrington Consolidated School.

Motion carried.

FRAM APPLICATION

The Clerk reported that he has received an email from Chris d'Entremont of the South West Shore Development Authority. Mr. d'Entremont has advised that some activity has taken place on ACOA's part on our FRAM applications. It is necessary that we change the applicant name on the Visitor Information Centre and Waterfront proposals from the South West Shore Development Authority to the Municipality of Barrington. This is due to the question of ownership of the property in the end, and the sustainability of the sites in the future.

In order to simplify the project management, Mr. d'Entremont is requesting the Municipality forward two (2) letters to ACOA, to accompany the applications, designating the South West Shore Development Authority as project managers for the duration of the projects, and that all cheques for payment be written jointly to the Municipality and South West Shore Development Authority.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign the FRAM applications for the Visitor Information Centre and Waterfront, and that letters be forwarded along with the applications designating the South West Shore Development Authority as project manager, and further requesting that all cheques pertaining to payment be written jointly to the Municipality and the Authority.

Motion carried.

S.S.T. COMMITTEE

The Clerk reported that Councillor Atkinson requested this matter be placed on the agenda for consideration tonight. The Committee is requesting that a council representative be appointed to serve on this committee.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that Councillor Atkinson be appointed to serve on the S.S.T. Committee.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the above motion be tabled until the next meeting of Council.

Motion carried.

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COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

Recreation Committee

Figure Skating Request

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by W. Smith that the request from Mrs. Margaret Doane for funding for two figure skaters to attend a national figure skating competition be denied.

Motion carried.

Waterfront Development Committee

Budget 2002/2003

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that the Provincial Department of Transportation be requested to upgrade McGray Avenue to present day standards for both drainage and ditching.

Motion carried.

Public Works and Property Committee

No Hunting on Sherose Island

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality place "No Hunting" signs on municipal property on Sherose Island.

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

The Warden raised a point of order since this motion was defeated by Council at their meeting held November 28, 2001. He made reference to By-Law No. 3, Section 9(10) which outlines the procedure for reconsideration of a motion.

The Deputy Warden ruled that this motion was out of order since it is the same motion that was made by Council on November 28, 2001 and was defeated at that time.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by F. Bower that Notice of Reconsideration be given to reconsider the motion made at the November 28, 2001 Council Meeting to post "No Hunting" signs on municipal property at Sherose Island at the next meeting of Council.

Motion carried.

The chair was then resumed by the Warden.

C & D Landfill Project

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by F. Bower that the Municipality contact the Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Works Program and ask for a commitment on the Municipality's application for the C & D Landfill Project.

Motion carried.

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Moved by W. Smith and seconded by F. Bower that the Municipality prepare an application to the RRFB for funding for the C & D Landfill Project.

Motion carried.

Emergency Measures Organization

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Halliday that the Emergency Measures Coordinator be contacted in order to determine what communication facilities are necessary at the Administrative Centre in the case of an emergency.

Motion carried.

Community Health Care Advisory Committee

Proposed Rental Policy for Health Care

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that notice be given that the proposed rental policy for the Health Centre be considered at the next meeting of Council.

Motion carried.

Medical Centre Name

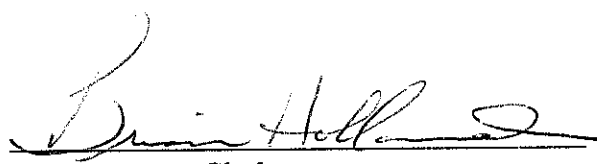
Deputy Warden Nickerson informed members that a name has been selected for the Medical Centre. The new name of the centre will be "Community Health Centre".


ADJOURNMENT

Moved by F. Bower that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.


Warden


Clerk


Secretary for the Meeting

Copied for Councillors on December 14, 2001 by Sharon Brannen.