

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, February 27, 2002.

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

It was agreed that the following items be added to the agenda:

- Clark's Harbour Sewer Proposal - Closed Session
- Interview Robert Crowell - Re: Illegal Dumping (7:15 p.m.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held February 13, 2002, and the Emergency Council Meeting held February 25, 2002, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

INTERVIEW ROBERT CROWELL - ILLEGAL DUMPING

Mr. Robert Crowell of Oak Park appeared before the meeting and informed members that illegal dumping was taking place along the 103 By-pass. Illegal dumping is taking place at the rear of his property and at least three (3) other properties in that area. On his property someone has deposited a washer, dryer, fridge and household garbage. He has obtained a name from the waste left behind and has been in conversation with the R.C.M.P. The R.C.M.P. are currently investigating the matter.

During discussion it was revealed by Mr. Crowell that he feels that access is being gained through the pit.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that the R.C.M.P. be asked for an update on their investigation dealing with illegal dumping taking place on the 103 By-pass .

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Marine Resource Centre

It was reported that a response has been received from the Town of Clark's Harbour which advised that the Town Council has passed a motion in support of having the Marine Resource Centre located in Western Shelburne County.

It was also reported that a letter has been received from the Town of Lockeport which advised that they wish to support the establishment of a Marine Centre of Excellence in a location somewhere within either Shelburne or Yarmouth counties. The exact location is to be determined at a later date.

Kids Fair Play Fun

It was reported that correspondence has been received which thanked Council for their support of the Kids Fair Play Fun in the past and requested a donation of \$200.00 for the 2002/2003 budget year.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the request received for funding of the Kids Fair Play Fun be referred to the budget process.

Motion carried.

Canadian Liver Foundation Dinner and Silent Auction

It was reported that information has been received from the Canadian Liver Foundation requesting a financial contribution to assist with a dinner and silent auction.

No action was taken on this request.

Cape Sable Island Causeway

It was reported that a letter has been received from the Town of Clark's Harbour requesting the support of the Municipal Council, by writing a letter to the Department of Transportation, requesting that they place additional armor rock on the western side of the Causeway, as reinforcement against future storms.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by A. Atkinson that a request be forwarded to the Department of Transportation asking that armor stone be placed on the western side of the Causeway as reinforcement against future storms.

Motion defeated.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by F. Bower that the request from the Town of Clark's Harbour be forwarded to the Public Works Committee for further discussion.

Motion carried.

2002/2003 R.C.M.P. Service Costs

It was reported that information has been received from the Department of Justice advising that the 2002/03 R.C.M.P. cost estimates have equated to an increase in the per capita rate from \$83,979.00 to \$90,543.00. This represents an increase of 7.8%.

Necessary Communication Facilities

It was reported that correspondence has now been received from the E.M.O. Coordinator advising that it is his opinion that most emergency situations can be handled with the present phone system, and a good VHF radio system with battery backup power. This correspondence was provided for information purposes only.

H.S.T. Offset Payments

It was reported that correspondence has been received from the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities which advised that the Municipality's 2002 H.S.T. Offset Payment will be \$14,493.28. Last year's payment was \$15,489.31.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden provided information on his activities since the last council meeting.

During his report he informed members that Anne Smith from the Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation will be serving on the Community Health Care Advisory Committee. Robert Legere will be acting as her alternate.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

Finance and Administration Committee

Policy #18 "Fire Department Funding"

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by E. Nickerson that notice be given that Council will consider amendments to Policy #18 "Fire Department Funding" at their next meeting.

Motion carried.

Waste Check

Transportation Equalization Payments

It was reported that transportation equalization payments have not been paid since November 2001. These payments were put in place to encourage all units in the region to support the Composting Facility in Yarmouth. Question was raised as to why payments have been stopped by Waste Check.

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that Waste Check account for Transportation Equalization Payments being stopped, be requested to advise when the previous arrangement was reviewed, and request a copy of the motion.

Motion carried.

Diversions Credits

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by W. Smith that Waste Check be requested to forward Diversions Credits to the Municipality within thirty (30) days.

Motion carried.

The Warden advised that he has been unofficially informed that the matter of Diversions Credits will be considered by Waste Check at the next meeting.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by A. Atkinson that the Municipal Clerk contact Waste Check to determine when their next meeting is scheduled to be held, and that representatives from the Municipal Council attend the meeting during discussion of Diversions Credits.

Motion carried.

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Warden attend the meeting of Waste Check when Diversions Credits are being discussed, and if he is unable to attend that the Deputy Warden attend in his place.

Motion carried.

Militia Island

It was reported that a letter has been received from Judith Ryan in which she proposes that she and the Municipality, being co-owners of 7 ½ undivided shares of Militia Island, put the property up for sale. She is suggesting that as co-owners she and the Municipality will share equally in the expenses and sale proceeds.

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that a letter be sent to Ms. Judith Ryan explaining the Municipality's interest in selling their share of property on Militia Island.

Motion carried.

Request from Rebekah Brannen

Correspondence has been received from Rebekah Brannen requesting financial assistance from Council to help further her education.

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality send 100 municipal pins and a letter of explanation to Rebekah Brannen.

Motion carried.

Tax Sale Properties

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Wayne Smith declared conflict of interest and retired to the gallery since Beatrice Nickerson is related to him.

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that Beatrice Nickerson be informed by the Municipality that she can buy her property from the Municipality within sixty (60) days, at a cost of the total taxes and expenses outstanding. If the property is not purchased, by her, the Municipality will take action to remove her mobile home and take full possession of the vacant property.

Motion carried.

Councillor Smith then returned to his chair.

Fees and Expenses

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by E. Nickerson that consideration of the Schedule of Fees and Expenses paid to municipal employees and councillors, be deferred for consideration during the budget process.

Motion carried.

Pasture Lease

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the pasture lease with Mr. Ray Harris, for property at The Neck in Brass Hill, be extended for another five (5) years.

Motion carried.

Annual Increments

Luella Belliveau

Conflict of Interest

Warden Sterling Belliveau declared conflict of interest and vacated his seat. Luella Belliveau is Warden Belliveau's wife.

The chair was turned over to the Deputy Warden.

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by W. Smith that Luella Belliveau having completed another year of service in the employ of the Municipality, as Accountant, and having received a satisfactory performance evaluation, be approved to receive her annual increment.

Motion carried.

The Warden then returned to the table and resumed the chair.

Michelle DeSantis

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by W. Smith that Michelle DeSantis having completed another year of service to the Municipality, in the position of Tax Clerk, and having received a satisfactory performance evaluation, receive her annual increment.

Motion carried.

Sharon Brannen

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by F. Bower that Sharon Brannen having completed another year of service to the Municipality, as Secretary, and having received a satisfactory performance evaluation, receive her annual increment.

Motion carried.

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by F. Bower that the Municipality review the job description and pay scale for the position of secretary.

Motion carried.

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

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality pay for two (2) nights accommodations for the Warden, in Yarmouth, during the S.E.M.A.C.A. Conference.

Motion carried.

South West Shore Development Authority

Councillor Halliday reported on a meeting she recently attended of the South West Shore Development Authority. She informed members that she had copies of financial statements to January 30, 2002, project reports, staff reports and information on onshore and offshore petroleum. Information will be forwarded to the Clerk and anyone wishing a copy may request it from the office.

Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality sign the agreement with Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation as amended in paragraphs 3 and 4.

Motion carried.

Community Health Care Advisory Committee

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality include up to \$25,000.00 in its 2002/2003 budget in order to hire consultants to draft plans for future development of the Community Health Centre.

Much discussion took place regarding this motion.

The Warden turned the Chair over to the Deputy Warden in order that he may speak on the motion.

After expressing his concerns he resumed the Chair.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by F. Bower that the above motion be referred to the budget process for consideration.

Motion carried.

Planning Advisory Committee Meeting

Proposed Amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law Re: Tourist Accommodations in the Rural Centre and Rural Development Zones

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that Council approve of amendments in first reading to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law dealing with tourist accommodations in the Rural Development Zone, as well as amendments in the Commercial General and Residential Zones dealing with lounges, taverns and cabarets as accessory uses in hotels and motels.

Motion carried.

A Public Hearing dealing with these amendments will be held at a future meeting of Council.

PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAMS BY CHALLENGED CHILDREN POLICY

Notice was given at the last meeting of Council that approval of the proposed policy "Participation in Programs by Challenged Children" would be considered tonight.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the proposed policy "Participation in Programs by Challenged Children" be approved.

Motion carried.

LEGAL SERVICES

The Clerk reported that the current tender for legal services is to expire May 31, 2002. An advertisement has been placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper requesting proposals for provision of legal services, for the period June 1, 2002 to May 31, 2005. Only one (1) proposal was received and that was from Donald G. Harding, Barrister Solicitor.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by E. Nickerson that the tender for legal services be awarded to Donald G. Harding, Barrister Solicitor for the period June 1, 2002 to March 31, 2005.

Motion carried.

PROCEDURE OF STANDING TO SPEAK

At the Council Meeting held February 28, 2001 a motion was passed that the procedure of standing to speak be reviewed after a one year period. It is now time to review that procedure.

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Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipal Council continue with the procedure of standing to speak.

Motion carried.

P.A.C. MEMBERSHIP

It was reported that membership of Non-Council Members serving on the Planning Advisory Committee is to expire on March 30, 2002. An advertisement has been placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper requesting applications from interested individuals wishing to serve on this committee. Three (3) applications have been received. They were from the following: A. Roy Quinlan, Richard A.D. Nickerson and Larry Stewart.

It was the decision of members that membership selection be carried out by secret ballot.

The two (2) applicants receiving the majority of votes were Larry Stewart and A. Roy Quinlan.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that Larry Stewart and A. Roy Quinlan be appointed to serve as members on the Planning Advisory Committee for a two (2) year term, effective April 1, 2002.

Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

At 8:56 p.m. it was agreed that a Closed Session of Council be held to discuss the C.S.I. Sewer.

The regular Council Meeting was called back to order at 9:15 p.m.

C.S.I. SEWER

It was reported that a proposal was forwarded to the Town of Clark's Harbour on February 14, 2002 regarding the Clark's Harbour Sewage Collection and Treatment System. The proposal was for the transfer of ownership, upgrading and operation of the sewage collection and treatment systems in Clark's Harbour. A response to our proposal has now been received which advised that the Town Council will not relinquish the Town's ownership of any assets pertaining to the Sewage Treatment Plant or the Collection System. The Town will not increase the amount of the sewer fee that is charged to properties in the Town which are connected to the sewer system. The Town is requesting that a more realistic proposal be submitted by the Municipality.

Much discussion took place regarding this matter.

Moved by W. Smith that the Municipality proceed to provide sewer services on Cape Sable Island and have no further negotiations with the Town of Clark's Harbour for the use of their systems.

There being no seconder the motion was declared lost.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipality contact the Town of Clark's Harbour and ask what it would cost the Municipality of Barrington to connect the adjacent communities of, The Hawk, Lower Clark's Harbour, South Side and a portion of Newellton to their public sewer system, and that the Town be requested to reply not later than March 12, 2002.

Motion carried.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by E. Nickerson that the proposal to the Town, contained in our letter dated February 14, 2002, and the response received from the Town of Clark's Harbour, be public information.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by F. Bower that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

Copied for Councillors on March 1, 2002 by Sharon Brannen.

