

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, June 12, 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 Louise Halliday
- Councillor Dwayne Hunt
- Councillor Wayne Smith

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

Absent was Councillor Fred Bower due to vacation.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

It was agreed that the following two (2) items be added to Correspondence:

- Trail Funding.
- Request for Letter of Support.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held May 22, 2002, and minutes of a Special Meeting of Council held June 3, 2002, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Visitor Information Centre

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from the Department of Transportation and Public Works, in response to our letter dated May 22, 2002, regarding the location for a Visitor Information Centre near the Highway 103 extension at Barrington. The letter advised that the Highway 103 extension, by-passing Barrington, is a controlled access highway and as such direct access will not be permitted.

It was agreed that this matter be further discussed with Lynne Perry, Director of the South Shore Tourism Association, and the Department of Transportation. A further report is to be made to Council on June 26, 2002.

Illegal Dump Sites

As directed by Council, the Municipal Solicitor was asked whether it is legal for Municipal employees to enter private property to clean up illegal dump sites. A response has now been received from the Solicitor which states that it is his view that Municipal employees have no authority to enter private property for the purpose of cleaning up illegal dump sites unless they follow the procedure set out in the Municipal Government Act. Any trespass could be considered an illegal trespass and potentially expose the Municipality to liability.

PROCLAMATION - SENIOR CITIZENS WEEK

The Warden reported that correspondence has been received from Senior Citizens Secretariat advising that June 16 -22, 2002 has been designated Senior Citizens Week throughout Nova Scotia.

There being no opposition to the Proclamation, the Warden declared the week of June 16 - 22, 2002 as Senior Citizens Week in the Municipality of Barrington.

CORRESPONDENCE

B.M.H.S.

It was reported that a letter has been received from the Minister of Education which advised that their investigation continues with the assistance of Dr. John Walker, Indoor Air Quality Manager for Jacques Whitford Consultants. He further advised that they are confident that Dr. Walker will ensure a complete review of the events that have disrupted the Barrington Municipal High School. Meanwhile, the school is scheduled for major renovations and this process is underway with the appointment of the architectural firm which has already started working on the project.

In closing, he stated that the appropriate action has been taken to date and that they will continue to work with the School Board in resolving this matter.

Upper Clyde River Road

It was reported that a letter has been received from the Department of Transportation and Public Works in response to our letter dated May 13, 2002 concerning paving of a nine (9) kilometer section of the Upper Clyde River Road. The letter advised that at this time the paving of the Upper Clyde River Road is not possible considering that it would cost at least \$1.8 million to pave the requested nine (9) kilometer section. The letter provided assurance that the Upper Clyde River Road will be considered for paving when the Department once again starts paving existing gravel surface roads.

During discussion of this matter question was raised regarding micro-surfacing roads as mentioned in the letter from the Department of Transportation.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by A. Atkinson that more information be obtained on micro-surfacing and whether the Department plans to carry out micro-surfacing on the Upper Clyde River Road.

Motion carried.

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September 11th

It was reported that a letter has been received from the Consulate General of the United States of America. The letter thanked Council for the expressions of support and sympathy contained in the condolence book which was forwarded to them following the trouble events of September 11th.

Cape Sable Island Causeway

A letter has been received from the Department of Transportation in response to our letter expressing concern with the Cape Sable Island Causeway causing pollution to the western side of Cape Sable Island. The letter stated that since the causeway has been in place for over 50 years the local environment has adjusted to its existence. To open the causeway now may cause some unintended consequences to occur. The Department of Transportation has no plans to place an opening in the causeway for free flow of water. In closing, it was stated that the Department will review the physical condition of the causeway and carry out maintenance.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that Cecil O'Donnell, MLA for Shelburne County, be invited to attend a future Finance Committee Meeting to discuss the Cape Sable Island Causeway and that he be provided with correspondence relating to this matter.

Motion carried.

INTERVIEW TREVOR CUNNINGHAM, VICE PRINCIPAL, B.M.H.S.

Mr. Trevor Cunningham, Vice Principal at the Barrington Municipal High School, appeared before the meeting and provided a brief update on the planned retrofit for the school and also the Enhancement Program. It is hoped that the enhancement of the gymnasium can be carried out providing a facility containing 10,500 square feet. This enhancement is estimated to cost \$300,000.00.

Upon questioning, Mr. Cunningham informed members that it is proposed that six (6) portable classrooms will be brought on site in September to accommodate students. All details of this proposal have not been worked out as yet.

Councillors requested to be kept more up to date on the situation at the Barrington Municipal High School and Mr. Cunningham was invited to appear back before Council prior to the new school year beginning in September.

INTEVIEW KRISTA KRAFVE RE: SEWER SYSTEM

Mrs. Krista Krafve of North East Point appeared before the meeting and presented a proposal to Council requesting that applications be made for federal and provincial funding to provide for an adequate sewer system on Cape Sable Island. The Chairman of the C.S.I. Sewer Committee informed Mrs. Krafve that the next step in the process is to identify the area to be addressed. He informed Mrs. Krafve that a meeting will be held within the next couple of weeks and the area will be identified and then the required applications for funding will be made.

INTERVIEW CORBETT BLADES RE: WASTE COLLECTION

Mr. Corbett Blades, Municipal Waste Collector, appeared before the meeting. He expressed concern over the recent decision of Council that he only collect garbage placed at roadside and not be permitted to collect commercial waste on private property of commercial operators. He informed members that by allowing him to collect commercial waste on private property of commercial operators he is getting his vehicle off the road and does not hold up traffic while collecting waste. He informed members that he had previously received a letter from the Municipal Office asking him to haul off the road where possible to cut down on blocking traffic.

He also raised question regarding the requirement of Council that he only collect waste in areas designated for collection as per the garbage collection schedule; that is, on the area designated for collection on Monday, collect waste only in that area on Monday. He informed members that sometimes on Mondays he collects some commercial waste in Barrington Passage. This helps speed up the process of collecting waste in Barrington Passage on Tuesdays and also cuts down on blocking traffic.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by E. Nickerson that this matter be referred to the Public Works Committee for further discussion on Monday, June 17, 2002. In the interim, the Clerk and Waste Collector have discussions on this matter.

Motion carried.

CONTINUATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

Trail Development Funding

It was reported that a letter has been received from the Nova Scotia Sport and Recreation Commission in response to our letter requesting to know how much the province is budgeting on trail development in Nova Scotia. The letter advised that there is no designated trail funding program currently in existence in the province. Volunteer trail groups apply for dollars from a number of provincial and federal program areas. All applications are in competition with other non trail related initiatives and until the final announcement is made it is impossible to determine how much will be spent on trails from each program area.

Letter of Request for Letter of Support

Kevin and Patricia Perry are requesting Council to sign a Letter of Support for their project to establish cottages in the Port LaTour area. They are currently in the process of putting together a business plan to enable them to receive funding and the Letter of Support will be forwarded with the plan. They anticipate that once the project is completed the new operation will be a full 4.5 - 5 Star Canada Select full service fixed roof accommodation.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the Clerk be authorized to sign the Letter of Support requested from Kevin and Patricia Perry.

Motion carried.

Cape Sable Island Causeway

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that a letter be written to the Department of Transportation asking when and what repairs they plan to carry out on the Cape Sable Island Causeway.

Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION RE: PERSONNEL MATTERS

At 8:50 p.m. a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with personnel matters.

The regular Council Meeting was called back to order at 9:00 p.m.

YEARLY INCREMENTS

Samuel Nickerson

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that Samuel Nickerson, Landfill Attendant, having received a satisfactory performance evaluation, be granted his annual increment.

Motion carried.

Thelma Ross

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that Thelma Ross, Secretary for the Building Inspector, having received a satisfactory performance evaluation, be granted her annual increment.

Motion carried.

Ken Richardson

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that Ken Richardson, having completed another year as Deputy Keeper of Lock-up, be granted his annual increment.

Motion carried.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden reported that on June 6, 2002 he attended the opening ceremonies of the Shelburne County Lobster Festival held in Lockeport.

On May 26, 2002 the Warden attended the Medal Ceremony held by the Royal Canadian Legion

in Yarmouth.

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COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

327 Unicorn Sea Cadets

Councillor Hunt informed members that he attended the Annual Inspection Review of the 327 Unicorn Sea Cadets held on June 1, 2002.

Finance and Administration Committee

Trail Development Position

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality again advertise for a Trail Development person to work in the Municipal Recreation Department for the coming year.

Motion carried.

Proposed Sale of Municipal Property

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the nine properties listed below, which are owned by the Municipality of the District of Barrington, be placed for public sale with a local realtor after approval is obtained from the Municipal Solicitor:

- Assessment Account No. 01990217 - Municipality of Barrington formerly assessed to Heirs of Nora Henry
- Assessment Account No. 03377687 - Land at South Side vested in the Municipality of Barrington
- Assessment Account No. 00159417 - Municipality of Barrington formerly assessed to Edna Crowell et al
- Assessment Account No. 01810561 - Municipality of Barrington formerly assessed to M. Eugene Greenwood
- Assessment Account No. 03004295 - Municipality of Barrington formerly assessed to Vernon E.P. Malone
- Assessment Account No. 01020811 - Municipality of Barrington formerly assessed to Heirs of Elezer Crowell
- Assessment Account No. 01020803 - Municipality of Barrington formerly assessed to Cerefitia Crowell
- Assessment Account No. 01019902 - Municipality of Barrington formerly assessed to Estate of Wilson Crowell
- Assessment Account No. 03093751 - Municipality of Barrington formerly assessed to Kevin A. Maxwell

Motion carried.

Raymond Ko - Business Occupancy Taxes

Moved by A. Atkinson that the remaining Business Occupancy Tax on the account of Raymond Ko of approximately \$118.75 be written off.

The Clerk reported that the Business Occupancy Tax on the account of Raymond Ko has been paid in full.

The motion was then withdrawn.

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Dog By-Law

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by W. Smith that proposed amendments to the Municipal Dog By-Law be approved in first reading as presented.

Motion carried.

Bursary Selection

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipal Bursary for the year 2002 be awarded to Michelle Crowell.

Motion carried.

Lease of Loader

Conflict of Interest

Deputy Warden Eddie Nickerson declared conflict of interest, vacated his seat and proceeded to the spectator area.

A lease proposal was submitted by Arthur Bud Nickerson who is Deputy Warden Nickerson's stepfather.

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality accept the proposal of Arthur Bud Nickerson for the lease of a front end loader for the Construction and Demolition Debris Landfill Site for a period of twelve (12) months.

Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Nickerson then returned to the meeting.

Hiring Committee

Program Supervisor

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by A. Atkinson that Kristen Swim, Amy Swaine, Kerrie Scheel and Melinda Crowell be hired as Program Supervisors and that Amanda Messenger be designated the alternate for this position.

Motion carried.

Aquatic Instructor/Lifeguard

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by W. Smith that the following applicants be hired for the position of Aquatic Instructor/Lifeguard: Shawn Newell, Kendra Christie, Amy Messenger, Shasta Nickerson, and that Felecia Thomas be designated the alternate.

Motion carried.

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Forest Ridge Academy

Councillor Halliday informed members that she was recently asked to address the Grade 6 class at Forest Ridge Academy. Students are currently studying local government.

Lieutenant Governor Medal

Councillor Halliday informed members that she recently attended a ceremony on May 30, 2002 at which time Lieutenant Governor's medals were presented to students who have been selected from each high school in the Tri County District. She was pleased to announce that recipients from Barrington Municipal High School were Jonathan Dunnnett and Amy Swaine.

It was noted that Amy Swaine will be employed by the Municipal Recreation Department this summer.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Halliday that letters of congratulations be forwarded to both students acknowledging their achievement.

Motion carried.

HOPE

Councillor Smith informed members that on June 3, 2002 he attended a legislative breakfast held by the West Nova Persons with Disabilities Committee.

It was agreed that disability access be added to the next PAC agenda for discussion.

Community Health Care Advisory Committee

Development of the Community Health Centre

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Hunt that the recommendation of the Community Health Care Advisory Committee that the Municipality provide funding for renovation of the Community Health Centre to provide two (2) additional offices on the main floor and to complete an apartment on the second floor with sufficient additional parking, at a total estimated cost of \$60,000.00 be referred to the budget process.

Motion carried.

MEETING WITH THE MUNICIPALITY OF SHELBURNE

It was reported that arrangements have been made to meet with members of the Municipality of Shelburne on July 3, 2002 to discuss matters of mutual concern. The Clerk asked for agenda items in order that staff can prepare background information prior to the meeting. Suggested topics were as follows:

- C & D Landfill Site
- Marine Resource Centre
- Family Violence Program

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BILL NO. 125 "SMOKE-FREE PLACES ACT"

The Clerk reported that Bill No. 125 "Smoke-Free Places Act" received royal assent on May 30, 2002. Requirements of the Act become effective January 1, 2003.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality implement all provisions of Bill #125 "Smoke-Free Places Act" by August 31, 2002.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by A. Atkinson that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

Copied for Councillors on June 14, 2002 by Sharon Brannen.

