

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, August 28, 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

- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

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

- Closed Session of Council Re: Possible Sale of Municipal Property.
- Birding Best Practices Mission.
- RDA.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by A. Atkinson that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held August 14, 2002 and minutes of the Emergency Council Meeting held August 19, 2002 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Shelburne County Adult Workshops

It was reported that a response has been received from the Shelburne County Adult Workshops regarding directors' and officers' liability insurance. The response advised that they were without directors' and officers' liability insurance for about two (2) weeks since their insurer refused to provide coverage one week before the policy expired. Coverage has now been obtained through Bell & Grant Insurance.

Question was raised as to whether council members were covered by the Municipal Insurance Policy. Council was informed that if the council member is required and directed by Council to sit on the Workshop Board, the Errors & Omissions coverage carried by the Municipality automatically extends to that councillor. If the councillor simply chooses to sit on the Board, the Municipality's Errors and Omissions coverage does not extend.

CORRESPONDENCE

Gas Pipeline

It was reported that a letter has been received from the Office of the Premier, acknowledging receipt of our letter dated July 30, 2002, concerning the proposed gas pipeline which may be constructed in Shelburne County. The letter advised that the information will be reviewed and a reply will be forwarded shortly.

It was reported that a copy of a letter has been received from the Town of Yarmouth which was addressed to Premier John Hamm supporting Council's request that the province establish a transparent review process regarding the effects of the construction of the proposed pipeline.

It was reported that a letter has been received from Hugh Jones and Bruce Blakemore thanking Council for requesting the province to establish a transparent review process regarding the proposed pipeline and also commended Council on considering the wind power industry.

22nd Annual Terry Fox Run

It was reported that an invitation has been received from the Terry Fox Foundation inviting Council members to participate in the 22nd Annual Terry Fox Run, which is scheduled to be held on September 15, 2002. Information on the Terry Fox Run was circulated to all members.

Shubenacadie Court Case

In advance to the meeting, each member was provided with an up-to-date summary of the amount paid, from the Joint Municipal Fund, in connection with the Shubenacadie Court Case.

BIRDING BEST PRACTICES MISSION

It was reported that we have an opportunity to participate in the "Birding Best Practices Mission" scheduled for September 26 - 29, 2002. Participants will fly to Winnipeg to a birding site, discuss product development and marketing, etc. The program is funded 50% by ACOA, 25% by the Province; and if we participate, 25% by us. This translates into a cost of approximately \$400.00, plus travel to Halifax and one (1) night's accommodation at the Halifax Airport. This program is offered by Tourism Atlantic which is made up of the Department of Tourism for the provinces of Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, P.E.I. and New Brunswick. It is felt that Diane Smith, V.I.C. Manager, would benefit from this program. Diane has assisted Lynn Perry of the S.S.T.A. with the Cape Sable Island Birding Study and it is hoped that she will also be assisting Lynn this winter in developing a festival and eco-tourism conference. Diane is also a member of the newly formed South Shore Birding Committee. The S.S.T.A. will provide funding to have Lydia Deinstadt work in the Visitor Information Centre until Diane returns. Lynn Perry, from the South Shore Tourism Association was invited to attend this mission but was unable to do so due to prior commitments.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that Diane Smith, V.I.C. Manager, be authorized to attend the Birding Best Practices Mission at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00.

Motion carried.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden reported that he attended no meetings since the last meeting of Council.

TENDERS - COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

It was reported that tenders were once again invited by way of an advertisement being placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper and the Vanguard Newspaper. No tenders were received.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Clerk be authorized to locate someone to proceed with renovations at the Community Health Care Centre.

Motion carried.

INTERVIEW - RECREATION DEPARTMENT STAFF

Carolyn Thurber, Program Supervisor; Miranda Snow, Program Coordinator or Special Events/Outdoor Recreation Coordinator; and Lorraine Swim, Aquatic Supervisor; appeared before the meeting to express concern regarding the Summer Staff Policy which limits employment in the Recreation Department to two (2) years. They stated that they have found that two (2) years is not long enough to gain adequate experience. In the first year, in a position you become oriented and familiar with the program. In the second year, you become more comfortable with your responsibilities. In the third year, you are ready to improve on your current responsibilities and take on new ones. The longer you hold the position, the more the quality of the programs improve.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Summer Staff Hiring and Administration Policy be referred to the Recreation Committee for review.

Motion carried.

Carolyn Thurber, Miranda Snow and Lorraine Swim were thanked for appearing before Council and expressing their concerns.

CLOSED SESSION

Possible Sale of Municipal Property

A Closed Session of Council was held to deal with the possible sale of municipal property.

The Regular Council Session was then called back to order.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that the offer received to purchase land at Crowell's Point be rejected.

Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO VARIOUS POLICIES

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that consideration of amendments to various policies be referred to the next meeting of Council.

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

Island and Barrington Passage Fire Department

Councillor Hunt informed members that the Island and Barrington Passage Fire Department recently purchased a piece of land on Cape Sable Island and they are now working on a tender package.

Finance and Administration Committee

Banking Proposal

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by F. Bower that the Municipality invite tenders for banking proposals, for the next three (3) year period, from banks within the Municipality.

Motion carried.

Tax Write-Off

John Cummings

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by E. Nickerson that the balance on the tax account of John Cummings be written off, as the Municipality and the Assessment Office has been unable to determine or establish that there is such an individual and that such an assessment exists.

Motion carried.

Heirs of Nora Henry

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by W. Smith that the balance on the tax account of the Heirs of Nora Henry be written off, as this property has already come under the ownership of the Municipality and the assessment account no longer exists.

Motion carried.

Gravel Request

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by W. Smith that the request of Ronnie Ryer to obtain gravel from pits located on municipal property in Goose Lake be denied.

Motion carried.

Community Grants Request

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by W. Smith that a grant in the amount of \$2,500.00 be approved from the District 5 Community Grants Fund to the Stoney Island Cemetery for the purpose of renovations at the cemetery.

Motion carried.

News Release

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by L. Halliday that Municipal staff obtain information and prices on purchasing one-half page in the Coast Guard Newspaper, for Municipal business, and report back to the Finance Committee.

Motion carried.

CD Brochure - Nova Scotia Festivals, Fairs and Events

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality advertise on the Interactive CD Brochure 2003 by becoming a regional sponsor, at a cost of \$2,000.00

Motion carried.

Physician Incentive Package

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by L. Halliday that legal advice be sought on the incentive package.

Upon request of two (2) members the division was recorded on the motion:

FOR

AGAINST

Councillor Angus Atkinson
Councillor Fred Bower

Warden Sterling Belliveau
Councillor Louise Halliday
Councillor Dwayne Hunt
Deputy Warden Eddie Nickerson
Councillor Wayne Smith

Motion defeated.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that letters be written to Dr. Yee and Dr. Mikhail explaining our position on the physician incentive package and instruct them to meet with the Community Health Advisory Committee to discuss the incentive package.

A Point of Order was then called and the Warden declared the above **motion lost** since a similar motion was made and tabled at the Finance and Administration Committee Meeting held August 26, 2002.

Barrington Municipal Waterfront Development Committee

Tenders - McGray Avenue Project

Councillor Smith provided a brief report on the Barrington Municipal Waterfront Development Committee Meeting held August 27, 2002. Some concerns have been raised regarding the tender process for the McGray Avenue Project.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipal Solicitor be contacted to determine whether the tender has to be awarded to Hurlburt Construction Ltd., if we can still make a decision based on the tenders received and invite him to attend the meeting on Thursday, August 29, 2002, at 7:00 p.m.

Motion carried.

Shelburne County Adult Workshops

Councillor Bower provided minutes of the Shelburne County Adult Workshops Meeting held July 16, 2002. These minutes will be kept in the Municipal Office.

Barrington Municipal Exhibition

Deputy Warden Nickerson informed members that he attended the opening of Barrington Municipal Exhibition on behalf of the Warden.

C.S.I. Causeway

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by F. Bower that the South West Shore Development Authority be asked to seek funding and to carry out a study to determine the impact of opening the Cape Sable Island Causeway to allow the flow of water.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by F. Bower that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Motion carried.

Warden

Secretary for the Meeting

Copied for Councillors on August 29, 2002 by Sharon Brannen.

