

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, October 9, 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
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- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
 - Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held September 25, 2002 and minutes of the Emergency Council Meeting held September 30, 2002 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Transparent Review Process

It was reported that correspondence has been received from the Minister of Energy. One letter was addressed to Mayor Charles Crosby, Town of Yarmouth, with a copy to us. This letter advised that the Province of Nova Scotia be directly involved in the establishment of the review process, and will be a full participant in it. The other letter was addressed directly to the Municipality of Barrington in response to our letter to the Premier regarding the proposed construction of gas pipelines in Shelburne County. The letter advised that there will be many opportunities for the public to provide input to El Paso and to obtain information on the proposed Blue Atlantic Project as the company continues its work. If, and when, El Paso decides to seek regulatory approval for its project, there will be additional opportunities for comment on the project. He further advised that officials in his department are working with municipalities in our area, and the South West Shore Development Authority, to organize an information session on the regulatory process and provincial energy policies. They hope to hold a session for local municipalities and another session for the general public later this fall.

Notification of S.S.T. Committee Meetings

The Clerk reported that correspondence has been received from Francis Perry, Chairman of the S.S.T. Committee, advising that the Municipal Council will be informed of future meetings of the committee and that the next meeting is November 5, 2002.

CORRESPONDENCE

El Paso Proposal

A letter has been received from Ms. Susan Wallet of Jordan Ferry expressing opposition to the El Paso proposal.

Clean Air for Healthy Communities

Information has been received from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities requesting Council to pass a resolution urging action on clean air.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by W. Smith:

WHEREAS a high quality of life depends on healthy and sustainable communities;

WHEREAS air pollution threatens quality of life;

WHEREAS exposure to today's concentrations of fine particulate matter, a major component of smog, increases the risk of premature death, asthma attacks, breathing difficulty, lung cancer and heart attacks;

WHEREAS thousands of Canadians die prematurely each year from air pollution;

WHEREAS health costs from air pollution reaches \$1 billion dollars annually in Ontario alone, according to the Ontario Medical Association;

WHEREAS Canadians need to be fully informed on the state of the air they breathe;

WHEREAS Canadians need to better understand options for cutting air pollution;

WHEREAS it is known that the pollution causing smog can contribute to climate change, and that taking action on clean air will also help protect the climate;

WHEREAS municipal governments must partner with federal and provincial/territorial governments to develop and implement programs and policies to improve air quality;

WHEREAS the 2001 Speech from Throne made clean air a priority for the Government of Canada;

WHEREAS more scientific research is needed to better understand the link between air pollution and health;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of the District of Barrington call on the Government of Canada to accelerate the delivery of its Clean Air Agenda and specifically focus on the need to develop and implement a comprehensive Clean Air Action Plan that will:

- advance scientific understanding of the link between air pollution and health;
- provide financial resources to municipal governments for programs that cut smog and climate pollution;
- ensure Canadians have access to accurate information on the quality of their air and on action they can take to reduce their exposure and their emissions;
- ensure significant emission reductions from the transportation sector; and
- partner with provincial/territorial governments to encourage stronger pollution reduction standards for industry and the electric power generation sector; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be communicated to our Member of Parliament, federal environment, health and finance ministers, provincial/territorial finance, health, environment and energy ministers, federal and provincial/territorial opposition leaders, community media and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Motion carried.

Thank You Letter

A letter has been received from Iona Chetwynd thanking Council for the Community Grant provided to the West Baccaro Cemetery Group.

Building Code Act

Correspondence has been received advising that, effective September 13, 2002 the responsibility for the Building Code Act of Nova Scotia has been transferred from Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations to the Department of Environment and Labour.

Additions to Correspondence

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

- Letter from Saxton Comeau
- Minister's Conference.
- Adult Learning
- C & D Landfill Site

Letter from Saxton Comeau

A letter has been received from Saxton Comeau thanking Council and staff for the excellent cooperation throughout the many years that their firm and its predecessors were engaged as auditors for the Municipality.

Minister's Conference

A Minister's Conference will be held on Tuesday, November 12th, and Wednesday, November 13th, at AgriTECH Park in Truro, hosted by the Nova Scotia Minister of Agriculture & Fisheries.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday that Warden Belliveau be authorized to attend this two day conference.

Motion carried.

Adult Learning

An invitation has been received from the Nova Scotia School for Adult Learning inviting council members to attend an informal information session for prospective adult learners and interested community members. The information session will be held on October 29, 2002, at the Barrington Lions Hall, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Members interested in attending were asked to notify the Clerk not later than October 18, 2002.

C & D Landfill Site

Correspondence has been received from the Department of Environment and Labour regarding the Construction & Demolition Debris Landfill Site. The Department is recommending that alternatives for handling and disposing of waste from the fishing industry be investigated, since these items cannot be disposed of at the C & D Landfill Site. The Clerk informed members that Mr. Bob Petrie, of the Department of Environment & Labour, has informed him that waste from the fishing industry, lobster traps, rope products and nets, must be disposed of at the Yarmouth Town Landfill Site. The Clerk suggested that one option would be to set up a transfer station at the C & D Landfill Site and transport the waste to the Yarmouth Landfill, at the expense of the Municipality.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that the Clerk set up a transfer station at the C & D Landfill Site and that the waste from the fishing industry be transported to the Yarmouth Landfill Site at the expense of the Municipality.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by F. Bower that the above motion be amended to insert the word "temporary" before the word "transfer".

Motion carried.

The main motion as amended was then put to a vote and carried.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that this matter be referred to the next Public Works Committee Meeting for further discussion.

Motion carried.

SOUTH WEST NOVA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GROUP

Anne Smith, Joselyn Haggman and Ricky Hallett of the South West Nova Environmental Protection Group appeared before the meeting. Mrs. Smith addressed Council first and expressed concern regarding inconsistencies in El Paso's plan. She also expressed concern regarding taxes and assessments. The Goldboro Project was assessed at \$6 million. This included machinery and equipment. Machinery and equipment are supposed to be exempt by the province and, therefore, this matter is held up in the appeal courts. Due to the project being assessed at \$6 million, the Municipal Unit is faced with paying higher education tax. Mrs. Smith

also questioned the number of jobs to be created by this project. Goldboro has reported 600 jobs at the peak of construction. El Paso is saying that 1,200 jobs will be created for this project.

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Mrs. Haggman then addressed Council. She is suggesting that a scientific approach be taken when dealing with this issue. A copy of her presentation is attached and forms part of the official proceedings of the meeting.

Ricky Hallett then addressed members. He advised that it is the position of the South West Nova Environmental Protection Group that El Paso's proposed Blue Atlantic Transmission System and all related projects threaten to harm the public. The S.W.N.E.P.G. is opposed to negotiations about compensation for the following reasons:

1. Those in the fishery you propose to compensate cannot be compensated sufficiently. The fishery (**a renewable resource**) represents the past, present and future generational backbone of Shelburne County. Natural gas (**a non-renewable resource**), subsea pipelines and refineries jeopardize and offer no alternative to our livelihood in the fishery and related support industries.
2. There is absolutely no way to compensate for losses of population, health, lifestyle, quality of life, marine and/or onshore habitat.
3. There is no consideration for other stakeholders e.g., landowners, tourism. These projects strike at our cultural heritage of valuing and protecting our homes and land for future generations.
4. Should you consider compensation only for the fishery, you will be discriminating against other stakeholders.
5. Should you seek to redress all stakeholders through compensation, the liabilities would exceed all assets of any pipeline company.

INTERVIEW JUDY HITCHENS RE: BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

Ms. Judy Hitchens representative of the Public Library Support Group called, Friends of the Library, appeared before the meeting. She made reference to a presentation made by Mrs. Weeks earlier in the year, at which time it was expressed that the Municipality needs to find another building to house the Barrington Municipal Library. Mrs. Hitchens stated the current building is far too small, is in an unsuitable location, requires repairs, has no safe drinking water, and offers no washroom access to anyone who cannot climb stairs. Trudy Amirault, Director of the Western Counties Regional Library System, has indicated that the Barrington Passage Fire Hall would be an acceptable location for the library, after renovations. In closing, Ms. Hitchens requested that the Municipal Council consider purchasing the Barrington Passage Fire Hall, now, so that it can be renovated and used as a public library. She asked that Council consider the amount of tax dollars that are disbursed for athletic pursuits in the community and consider disbursing the necessary funds to ensure continued library services in this community. She also requested a written response to her group's request, which can be directed to the President, Mrs. Weeks.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday that the request from the Friends of the Library Group to purchase the Barrington Passage Fire Hall be referred to the Public Works Committee for further consideration.

Motion carried.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden reported on his activities since the last meeting of Council. His activities were as follows:

- September 26, 2002 - The Warden attended an open house held by El Paso. At this meeting the different stages of the project were discussed, the effects on the fishing industry, jobs, etc.

- September 30, 2002 - The Clerk, Warden & V.I.C. Manager met with representatives from the Nova Scotia Museums, Cape Sable Historical Society and a representative from the RDA, to discuss the construction of a Visitor Information Centre, on property located adjacent to the Lighthouse Museum.

The Clerk informed members that notification has recently been received that the Department of Transportation is not interested in selling the property to the Municipality for the purpose of constructing a Visitor Information Centre. The Province is, however, interested in discussing the possible lease of that property.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that due to the fact that we cannot purchase the property located adjacent to the Cape Sable Light Museum that we look for other possible sights.

Motion carried.

- October 2, 2002 - The Warden attended an RDA Energy Committee Meeting. At this meeting the draft oil and gas study was reviewed.

- October 4, 2002 - The Warden attended a meeting of the South West Nova Environmental Protection Group which was held at the Barrington Lions Hall.

- October 15, 2002 - The Warden will be meeting with the Honourable Robert Thibeault regarding infrastructure applications, for the Barrington Sewer System Upgrade, the C & D Landfill Site and C.S.I. Sewer. At this meeting, he also plans to discuss the Cape Sable Island Causeway Study.

- October 28, 2002 - The Warden informed members that a meeting is scheduled to be held regarding the Marine Centre of Excellence.

REPORT OF CLERK

The Clerk gave a report on his activities for the month of September. Activities included various meetings, preparation for tax sale, Community Health Centre renovations, etc.

The Clerk also reported on waste collection for the six (6) month period ending September 30, 2002.

	<u>Bags</u>	<u>KG</u>
Blue Bags	64,207	216,453
Organics		264,853
Residual		<u>362,080</u>

TOTAL:	843,386
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BANKING PROPOSALS

The Clerk reported that two (2) banking proposals have been received. The proposals were turned over to the Warden and he reported that one proposal was from the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and the other was from the Royal Bank of Canada.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday that proposals be reviewed by staff and a recommendation be made to Council.

Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO POLICY NO. 40

It was reported that it is being proposed that Policy No. 40 "Notice of Meetings" be amended by deleting the following section: "(b) advertised on a local cable television network; and".

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that the proposed amendment to Policy No. 40 be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

TENDER - SNOW REMOVAL

It was reported that tenders for snow removal were once again advertised in the Coast Guard Newspaper for two (2) editions. Tenders were invited from individuals interested in carrying out snow removal on the sidewalks in Barrington Passage and entryways at various Municipal properties. Only one (1) tender was received and that was from Calvin Blades Sr., of Oak Park. The tenderer did not meet the requirements of the tender call since he requested the Municipality to supply all materials, including a snowblower.

At present, the snowblower owned by the Municipality is not operational, and if we have to purchase a new snowblower, it may be more feasible to have the snow removal carried out by Public Works staff.

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by L. Halliday that Municipal Staff explore the option of having a by-law put in place to require property owners abutting the sidewalk to be responsible for clearing their portion of the sidewalk.

Motion carried.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the tender received from Mr. Calvin Blades Sr., of Oak Park, not be accepted.

Motion carried.

Upon questioning, it was reported to members that last year the sidewalk was cleared by an individual using a four-wheeler with a plow.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that contact be made with Kirby Levy , Courtney Ross and others in an attempt to find someone to plow the sidewalk.

Motion defeated.

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Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by F. Bower that an advertisement be placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper inviting tenders for snow removal on sidewalks only.

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

Finance and Administration Committee

Community Grant Request

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality grant the Barrington Area Lionettes \$500.00, from the District 3 Community Grant Fund, for the purpose of constructing a building at the Barrington Municipal Exhibition Grounds.

Motion carried.

Bowman and Doris Adams Property

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by E. Nickerson that the balance of the account of Doris and Bowman Adams, on a mobile home in Wood's Harbour, in the amount of \$107.40, plus interest to the date of write-off, be written off by the Municipality as uncollectible.

Motion carried.

Municipal Elections Act Review

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by F. Bower that correspondence be sent to the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations indicating that Council would prefer to see School Board Elections separated from the Municipal Elections as the School Board is no longer the responsibility of municipalities, and the requirement for tax certificates for individuals running for municipal elections remain unchanged.

Motion carried.

Schools

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that representatives from both the South West Regional School Board and the Tri County District School Board be requested to attend Council to inform members of the current situation at Barrington Municipal High School.

Motion carried.

Wood's Harbour Area Fire Rate

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipal Clerk and Warden meet with representatives of the Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department to discuss the area tax

rate for District 1, and to present any options that may be available in regards to correcting this matter, and bring a recommendation to Council.

Motion carried.

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Visitor Information Centre Project

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by F. Bower that the South West Shore Development Authority allow a member of Council to serve on the Visitor Information Centre Project Management Committee.

Motion carried.

C.S.I. Sewer

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by W. Smith that a conventional sewer system be constructed for Cape Sable Island.

Motion carried.

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by E. Nickerson that the Municipality construct a sewer system to include sections 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 13 and 14, as indicated in the study completed by ABL Environmental which would include approximately 573 civic addresses.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that the above motion be amended to include sections 10, 11 and 12.

Motion carried.

The original motion as amended was then put to a vote and carried.

Dental Equipment

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality sell the dental equipment that it owns, and advise Dr. Cullingworth to sell his dental equipment as well, rather than have the Municipality purchase it.

Motion carried.

Time Cards

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Hunt that Municipal time sheets record the actual hours worked and the actual hours paid per pay period, for summer staff, and that summer staff be paid at a salaried rate of pay.

Motion carried.

ARENA STAFFING

In advance to the meeting each member of Council was provided with a proposal for staffing

requirements at the Barrington Municipal Arena for the fall 2002. It was reported that this season the two Arena Attendants previously employed at the Arena were laid off due to fiscal constraints. The estimated deficit of the Arena was reduced by eliminating the two positions.

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Subsequently, notification was received from Blair Atkinson that he had accepted employment elsewhere. This now means that there are two (2) ice makers at the Arena, instead of three (3), as anticipated, and that there is only one (1) certified employee. The second ice maker will be writing his certification tests on November 12th. Passing this test will mean any concerns with certification should be resolved, at least for the foreseeable future. Because there are only two (2) ice makers, both will have to work shifts every weekend while the facility is operating. Also, this leaves us in a precarious position if one of them is absent for any reason, for any extended period of time, or if one of them accepts alternative employment.

It is, therefore, the recommendation of both the Recreation & Facilities Manager and the Municipal Clerk that an Arena Attendant be hired. This new Arena Attendant would be required to perform the same duties as the previous Arena Attendants, and in addition would be required to learn to operate the Olympia machine and to do some basic ice maintenance as instructed by the ice makers and the Manager. The new Arena Attendant would not be required to become certified, but may be encouraged to do so. The Attendant would be scheduled to operate the Olympia and to do basic maintenance on a regular basis so that he could be trained and could maintain his skills on an ongoing basis. His primary duties would be cleaning and janitorial work. As part of the recommendation a new job description and salary scale was prepared for this position.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Recreation and Facilities Manager and the Clerk to hire an Arena Attendant and adopt a new job description and salary scale for the position.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the above motion be amended to indicate that the trainee is required to obtain a Class II certification within two (2) years.

Motion carried.

The main motion as amended was then put to a vote and carried.

The Clerk informed members that the first step in filling this position was to advertise it internally for two (2) weeks.

It is agreed that "Arena Staffing" be added to the agenda for the next Council meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

A Closed Session of Council was held to deal with possible purchase of land.

The regular Council Meeting was then called back to order.

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by D. Hunt that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

Copied for Councillors on October 11, 2002 by Sharon Brannen.

