

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, November 13, 2002.

The meeting was called to order by the Deputy Warden at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

- 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

Warden Sterling Belliveau was absent from the meeting due to his attendance at the Minister's Conference in Truro.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt that minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held October 23, 2002, the Emergency Council Meeting held October 28, 2002 and the Special Council Meeting held November 4, 2002 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

##### Barrington Municipal High School

A letter has been received from Mr. Leroy Legere, Chief Executive Officer of the South West Regional School Board. The letter was in response to Council's request for him to identify locations within the Municipality where B.M.H.S. students experiencing health problems may go to be educated in the interim. Mr. Legere advised in his letter that they are working diligently with students and parents to resolve any issues and maintain their educational well being. Students and parents have been kept informed and various possible options have been explored in order to meet their educational needs. They have not at this time identified any specific location, nor have they seen a need to do so. In closing, the letter informed members that should they have any locations that they wish to suggest, or offer, they would most certainly welcome the opportunity to explore their appropriateness in case they should need them in the future.

The Clerk informed members that he has been in telephone conversation with Mr. Legere and arrangements have been made for him to appear before Council on December 11, 2002, at 7:15 p.m.

##### El Paso Pipeline

It was noted that William and Kathleen Maher of Granville, MA, have forwarded letters to each councillor expressing their concerns regarding El Paso's pipeline proposal.

McGray Avenue Project

As requested, the South West Shore Development Authority has forwarded a copy of an invoice, dated June 30, 2002, from Vaughan Engineering in the amount of \$10,235.00. This invoice was circulated and viewed by members.

Visitor Information Centre Site

The Clerk informed members that verbal approval has been received from the Department of Transportation for the access permit submitted for the V.I.C. site. This approval is subject to a site plan being forwarded to the Department prior to work commencing on the site. It appears that the existing driveway will be acceptable.

CORRESPONDENCE

C.S.I. Causeway Study

A letter has been received from Mr. Frank Anderson of the South West Shore Development Authority reporting their findings, to date, as it relates to the request of Council for a study to be carried out on the Cape Sable Island Causeway.

- (a) The letter advised that a meeting has been held with Mr. Greg Newell of the Department of Transportation to discuss the matter and seek funding assistance for the study. At this time the Department is unable to provide any funding for a study.
- (b) A Terms of Reference must be established in order to determine a cost for the study. The Authority will commence developing the Terms of Reference and would appreciate Council's input on this matter.
- (c) Once the Terms of Reference is completed the Authority will request an estimate from professionals on what they believe a study of this nature would cost and a time frame for completion.

**Moved** by F. Bower and seconded by A. Atkinson that the Terms of Reference for the Cape Sable Island Causeway Study be referred to the Public Works Committee for further consideration.

Motion carried.

Regulatory Review of Pipeline Projects

It was reported that a copy of a letter has been received, which was addressed to Mr. Aldric d'Entremont, Warden of Argyle, from the Premier, regarding regulatory review of pipeline projects in our area. The letter advised that an offshore pipeline reaching landfall in South West Nova Scotia would currently fall under the jurisdiction of three facility regulators: Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board, Federal National Energy Board and the Canada/Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board. The province is currently working with these regulators and other stakeholders to streamline and simplify the regulatory process which would be used to assess such a pipeline project. While the eventual regulatory review will depend in part on these efforts and the specifics of the project, the Premier gave his assurance that such a review will involve a transparent public consultation process to deal with all issues of public concern. The Province of Nova Scotia will be directly involved in the establishment of the review process and be a full

participant in it.

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B.M.H.S. - Request for Smoking By-Law

It was reported that a letter has been received from Gerry Digout, S.A.C. Chairperson, advising that the adoption of new smoking policies by the province has lead to a potentially hazardous situation for students at B.M.H.S., and for community members travelling along Highway #3. The letter advised that the students have now moved to an area that is municipally owned, to smoke. The School Advisory Council felt it best to seek the advice of Barrington Municipal Council on ways to minimize the traffic hazard created by the congestion of students off school grounds.

The Clerk informed members that he has been in telephone conversation with Mr. Digout and it now appears that students are on property of the Department of Transportation and not the Municipality of Barrington as indicated in this letter.

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from Nancy Whittaker, Chair of the Tri County District School Board asking that the Municipality enact a by-law that there be no smoking within 1000 feet of Barrington Municipal High School.

This request was discussed in detail with concerns being raised regarding the enforcement of such a by-law. It was also noted that 1000 feet from the High School would take in many private residences and businesses.

During discussion of this matter it was also noted that the provincial smoking regulations coming into effect on January 1, 2003 should address the concerns raised by the School Board and the School Advisory Committee.

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the request received from the Tri County District School Board, for the Municipality to put in place a smoking by-law requiring that there be no smoking within 1000 feet of the Barrington Municipal High School, be denied.

Upon the request of one member the vote was recorded:

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Angus Atkinson	Fred Bower
Louise Halliday	
Dwayne Hunt	
Eddie Nickerson	
Wayne Smith	

Motion carried.

Discussion Paper - Strengthening the Relationship

It was reported that an email has been received from the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities and Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations stressing the importance of strengthening the relationship between municipalities and the provincial government. The discussion paper focuses on the principles that should guide the municipal/provincial relationship and specific actions that can be taken to improve the process.

It was agreed that this matter be further discussed after the scheduled appointments.

Interview - Diane Smith, V.I.C. Manager

Mrs. Diane Smith, V.I.C. Manager, appeared before the meeting and gave a summary of statistics for the year 2002:

- Total Visitors who signed Guest Book - 6, 490. This is a 3.7% decrease from last year.
- Total Clickers for the year was 293, bringing the grand total for 2002 to 6,972.

Mrs. Smith informed members that the tourist season got off to a bad start in June and the first two weeks in July, but quickly picked up during the last of July and on into August and September. The last week of operations showed a steady flow of visitors, with the last day having a count of 60.

All visitors were pleased with the new beach signs but requested better highway signage. Those who stayed in the area enjoyed the slow pace, friendly people and good weather. Mrs. Smith reported on her participation in the "CATSELL" and the "Best Practice Mission". Her suggestions for next year would be to keep the Tourist Bureau open for as long as the "CAT" ferry is in operation.

Mrs. Smith was thanked for appearing before Council and making her annual report.

Interview Sergeant Michael Leighton

Sergeant Michael Leighton appeared before the meeting and informed members that he was here tonight to answer any questions councillors may have regarding the "On Parade" publication and to also answer any other questions members may have.

Sergeant Leighton gave a brief report on activities of the detachment and informed members that they are currently short one (1) staff member.

Members discussed various R.C.M.P. related matters with Sergeant Leighton.

CONTINUATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

Discussion Paper - Strengthening the Relationship

The email received from the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities and Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations was further discussed. They are requesting that the discussion paper be read by members and that Council be represented at one of the Idea Gathering Sessions to be held around the province this month. It was noted that the Idea Gathering Session for this area will be held at the Rodd Grand Hotel, in Yarmouth, on Monday, November 25, 2002 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

It was agreed that Councillor Louise Halliday attend this session as well as Councillor Dwayne Hunt, if possible. Each member was asked to review the discussion paper and forward comments and concerns to the Municipal Clerk in order that they may be compiled and forwarded to members attending the Idea Gathering Session.

REPORT OF WARDEN

This item was removed from the agenda since the Warden was not in attendance.

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

The Municipal Clerk gave a report on activities carried out during the month of October. Activities included:

- minor accident at the Arena,
- remote monitoring system for the Wood's Harbour public sewer system,
- McGray Avenue Project,
- Brass Hill Sewage Treatment Plant,
- Waste Collection, etc.

RE-SURFACING & RE-SHINGLING OF OLD COURT HOUSE ROOF

It was reported that the re-surfacing and re-shingling of the Old Court House Roof has once again been advertised in the Coast Guard Newspaper. One tender was received and that tender was from Terry Reashore Carpentry, in the amount of \$7,522.33. This tender is to re-surface and re-shingle the eastern side of the Old Court House roof only. The contractor is also requesting that he be covered under the Municipality of Barrington's Workers Compensation.

**Moved** by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the tender received from Terry Reashore Carpentry, in the amount of \$7,522.33 for re-surfacing and re-shingling a portion of the Old Court House roof be accepted.

Motion carried.

TENDERS RE: SNOW REMOVAL

It was reported that tenders for snow removal on the sidewalks in Barrington Passage was once again advertised in the Coast Guard Newspaper. Two tenders were received which were as follows:

- Levy's Service Centre Ltd. - \$200.00 + taxes per daily
- D.M. Snow Contracting Ltd. - \$1,400.00 plus H.S.T., per month, plus an additional \$65.00 per hour, plus H.S.T. for actual time spent plowing

**Moved** by D. Hunt and seconded by A. Atkinson that the tender received from Levy's Service Centre Ltd., in the amount of \$200.00 + H.S.T. per daily for snow removal and salting on sidewalks in Barrington Passage be accepted.

Motion carried.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE VACANCY

It was reported that an advertisement was placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper inviting applications from individuals residing in District 5 who wish to serve on the Community Health Care Advisory Committee. No applications were received.

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**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by F. Bower that the councillor for the district, Councillor Wayne Smith, check with individuals in his area to determine if anyone is interested in serving on the Community Health Care Advisory Committee.

Motion carried.

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**Moved** by D. Hunt and seconded by F. Bower that a meeting of the Nominating Committee be held on Monday, November 18, 2002.

Motion carried.

#### COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

##### Public Works Committee

##### C & D Landfill Site

**Moved** by W. Smith and seconded by F. Bower that until we have an opportunity to further discuss the disposal of lobster traps with the Department of Environment, that they be stockpiled at the C & D Landfill Site, not transported to Yarmouth, and continued to be offered for sale.

Motion carried.

##### Recreation & Facilities Management Committee

##### Amendments to Policy 20

It was reported that it is proposed that various amendments be made to Policy 20 "Recreation Department Summer Staff Hiring and Administration Policy"

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by W. Smith that notice be given that amendments to Policy 20 be considered by Council at their next meeting.

Motion carried.

##### CanAm Wheelers Request

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Hunt that the request of CanAm Wheelers to stay overnight at Sherose Island be approved.

**Moved** by F. Bower and seconded by W. Smith that the above motion be amended to allow CanAm Wheelers to stay at our facilities as long as there is no vacancy at local campgrounds.

Motion defeated.

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

Capital Replacement Fund

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Hunt that the annual payments received from the Pepsi and Gatorade agreements at the Arena be deposited to the Special Reserve Fund Capital to form a Capital Replacement Fund for Arena Capital Equipment.

Motion carried.

S.S.T.A. Committee Meeting

Councillor Halliday reported on a Barrington Municipal High School, S.S.T.A. Committee Meeting, held November 5, 2002. She informed members that she has information on the architectural drawings for renovations and updates, as well as a copy of the phasing in schedule. She informed members that this information is available for them to review if they so wish.

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by W. Smith that the Clerk contact Mr. Buckland, Principal for B.M.H.S. and ask him to provide regular reports to Council of any students coming to the office with any illness of any kind.

Motion defeated.

UNSM Conference

Councillor Louise Halliday provided a report on activities and workshops held during the UNSM Conference.

Barrington Municipal High School

**Moved** by W. Smith that Mr. Buckland, Principal for B.M.H.S., be invited to attend the last council meeting of every month to provide a report on health concerns at B.M.H.S.

There being no seconder the motion was declared lost.

Official Launch of Voters and Vendors

Deputy Warden Nickerson informed members that he attended the official launch of "Voters and Vendors", a Political Science and Economics Manual. A copy of the manual is available at the Barrington Municipal Library.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:24 p.m. a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with a possible legal matter.

At 9:27 p.m. the regular Council session was called back to order.

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ADJOURNMENT

**Moved** by D. Hunt that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

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Deputy Warden

Clerk

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Secretary for the Meeting

**Copied for Councillors on November 15, 2002 by Sharon Brannen.**

