

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, March 12, 2003.

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:05 p.m. with the following members present:

- Warden Sterling Belliveau
- Councillor Angus Atkinson
- Councillor Louise Halliday
- Councillor Dwayne Hunt
- Councillor Wayne Smith

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

Absent were members Deputy Warden Eddie Nickerson due to work commitments and Councillor Fred Bower due to illness.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

- Matters Arising:
 - Upper Clyde River Road
 - Shelburne County Rifle Range Advisory Council
- Correspondence:
 - 2 requests from Minor Hockey Association

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by A. Atkinson that the minutes of the last meeting held February 26, 2003 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS

Canadian Liver Foundation

Warden Belliveau informed members that information has been received from the Canadian Liver Foundation requesting Council to designate March 2003 as “Help Fight Liver Disease” month. The proclamation was read and there being no objections received, the Warden declared the month of March 2003 as “Help Fight Liver Disease” month in the Municipality of Barrington.

Elimination of Racial Discrimination

The Warden informed members that information has been received requesting Council to declare March 21, 2003 as the “International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination”. There being no objections received, the Warden declared March 21, 2003 as the “International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination” in the Municipality of Barrington.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

B.M.H.S.

It was reported that a letter has been received from the Minister of Education advising Council that the Department has yet to receive all the information needed to determine the requirements of a successful retrofit at the Barrington Municipal High School. Once all the necessary information has been received, it will be reviewed to determine the most appropriate course of action to provide educational facilities to students at B.M.H.S. The Minister advised that he will continue to keep the South West Regional School Board informed of this process and recommended that we continue to communicate with the Board on the decision making process.

Diversion Credits

A response to our letter dated January 29, 2003 has now been received from the Minister of Environment regarding Solid Waste Diversion Credits. The Minister is suggesting that all of the municipal units in the Western Region meet to have an in depth discussion of the issue at hand in order to resolve this matter.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that the Western Region has been contacted many times in an attempt to obtain our share of the diversion credits.

Resolution C030301

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by A. Atkinson that a letter be written to Waste Check informing them that until such time as they are prepared to forward diversion credits to the Municipality of Barrington that the Municipality will no longer be providing information on diversion to the Authority.

Motion carried.

Resolution C030302

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by A. Atkinson that letters be sent to the Town of Clark's Harbour and the Town of Yarmouth advising them of the above decision of Council and asking them to support the decision and to consider doing the same.

Motion carried.

Industrial Landfill Site

It was reported that a letter has been received from Mr. Bob Petrie of the Department of Environment and Labour which outlines conditions which would apply to the establishment of an Industrial Landfill Site.

Resolution C030303

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that establishment of an Industrial Landfill Site be referred to the next Finance Committee Meeting for further discussion.

Motion carried.

Upper Clyde River Road

Members were informed that a copy of a letter addressed to the Honourable Michael Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works, from Cecil O'Donnell, MLA for Shelburne County has been received. Mr. O'Donnell is requesting that the Upper Clyde River Road be considered a top priority for paving for the 2003 construction season. This letter was presented for information purposes only.

Shelburne County Rifle Range Advisory Council

A request has been received that a member of Council be appointed to serve on the Shelburne County Rifle Range Advisory Council.

Resolution C030304

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that Councillor Louise Halliday be appointed to serve on the Shelburne County Rifle Range Advisory Council and that Councillor Wayne Smith be appointed the alternate.

Motion carried.

S.W.S. ENGERGY OFFICE

Mr. Frank Anderson and Mr. Chris d'Entremont of the South West Shore Development Authority appeared before Council. Mr. Anderson informed members that it is the intent of the Authority to submit an application for federal and provincial funding to establish an Energy Office to focus entirely on the oil and gas industry. They are hoping to receive funding for this project for a minimum of three (3) years. The role of the Energy Office will be as follows:

- explore benefits of offshore,
- coordinate regional cooperation,
- facilitate regional planning,
- internal and external communication; and,
- identify and promote energy related development opportunities.

The office will carry out research into the oil and gas industry and take steps to prepare industry and individuals through education and training to benefit from any opportunity which may arise as a result of the oil and gas industry.

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by W. Smith that the request from the South West Shore Development Authority for a letter of support for the establishment of an Energy Committee be deferred to the Finance Committee for further consideration.

Motion defeated.

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by W. Smith that the Barrington Municipal Council provide a letter of support for the establishment of the South West Shore Energy Office.

At this time the Warden turned the chair over to Councillor Hunt in order that he could address council on this issue.

After expressing his views he resumed the chair.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the above motion be amended to state that funding for the establishment of the South West Shore Energy Office is not to come directly from municipal units.

Upon the request of a councillor the division was recorded.

FOR	AGAINST
Sterling Belliveau	Angus Atkinson
Louise Halliday	
Dwayne Hunt	
Wayne Smith	

Motion carried.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Halliday that the above motion be amended to state that this motion in no way indicates that the Municipal Council is in support or not in support of the oil and gas industry being established in the area.

Motion carried.

The motion as amended is as follows:

Resolution C030305

“...that Barrington Municipal Council provide a letter of support for the establishment of the South West Shore Energy Office and that funding for the office is not to come directly from municipal units. Also it is to be noted that this support in no way indicates that the Municipal Council is in support or not in support of the oil and gas industry being established in the area.”

Upon the request of a councillor the division on the amended motion was recorded.

FOR	AGAINST
Sterling Belliveau	Angus Atkinson
Louise Halliday	
Dwayne Hunt	
Wayne Smith	

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Provincial Policing

It was reported that information has been received from the Department of Justice Policing and Victims Services advising that the cost per R.C.M.P. member will increase from \$86,863.00 to \$90,800.00 for the fiscal year 2003/2004.

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DNA Agreement

Information has been received from the Department of Justice Policing and Victims Services advising that the current DNA Agreement with the federal government expires on March 31, 2003. The agreement is currently being negotiated and an extension to the existing agreement is proposed until March 31, 2004, or until such time as a new agreement is reached.

Last year only one DNA analysis was carried out at a cost of \$3,025.00. The Municipality was responsible for 55% of this cost.

Solid Waste Resource Management Policy and Regulations

It was reported that a letter has been received from the Department of Environment which advised that after December 31, 2005, municipal solid waste may only be deposited in landfills in the province that meet the requirements of the Municipal Solid Waste Guidelines. The Department would like to know how the Municipality of Barrington plans to dispose of solid waste after December 31, 2005.

Resolution C030306

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by A. Atkinson that a response be forwarded to the Department of Environment advising that the Municipality plans to dispose of municipal solid waste at the landfill site owned by the Town of Yarmouth.

Motion carried.

Solid Waste Management Services

It was reported that a letter has been received from the County of Cumberland requesting to know if the Municipality has any interest in utilizing their facilities and services for the disposal of solid waste.

Resolution C030307

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the County of Cumberland be advised that the Municipality has no interest in utilizing their facilities.

Motion carried.

It was reported that a letter has been received from the Town of Yarmouth advising that their landfill site tipping fees will increase effective April 1, 2003. We are currently paying \$38.50 and this fee will increase to \$52.50 per ton.

Request from Dean Nickerson

It was reported that a letter has been received from Mr. Dean Nickerson requesting permission to operate private vending services on or near the boardwalk located at North East Point.

Resolution C030308

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the request from Dean Nickerson be referred to the Waterfront Development Committee for their advice.

Motion carried

Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia

A letter has been received from Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia requesting a listing of municipally designated buildings and the year of designation so that they may plot a year by year histogram of heritage building designations.

Resolution C030309

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Hunt that Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia be supplied with the information they have requested on municipally designated buildings.

Motion carried.

Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation

A letter has been received from the Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation advising the first \$20,000.00 of their loan to the Municipality will not be forgiven in the calendar year 2003.

Resolution C030310

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by L. Halliday that the letter received from the Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation be referred to the Finance Committee for further consideration.

Motion carried.

Fire Safety Act

It was reported that the Fire Safety Act became effective on February 28, 2003. This act requires that municipal units appoint a Fire Inspector not later than September 1, 2003. When Andrew Goreham was hired as Building Inspector, it was the intention of Council that he would also be appointed Fire Inspector at a later date. Mr. Goreham has completed some fire safety training to date, and will continue training in the future. It would now be appropriate for Council to appoint Mr. Goreham as Fire Inspector for the Municipality of Barrington.

Resolution C030311

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that Mr. Andrew Goreham be appointed Fire Inspector for the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried.

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Requests from Minor Hockey Association

Atom AA Flames

It was reported that a letter has been received from the Shelburne County Atom AA Flames advising that they have advanced to Provincial Finals to be hosted in Cheticamp. The team is requesting a monetary donation to help with travel expenses.

Resolution C030312

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the Atom AA Flames be advised that their request for financial assistance was denied in keeping with past practice.

Motion carried.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that lapel pins have been forwarded to the team for distribution at Provincial Finals.

Peewee AAA Hockey Team

A letter has been received from the Peewee AAA Fundraising Committee advising that the South West Nova Mariners Peewee AAA Hockey Team is hosting provincials at the Barrington Municipal Arena. They are looking for financial support from the local communities to make this a successful and memorable tournament. They are, therefore, requesting Council consider placing an ad in their program booklet.

Resolution C030313

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the Peewee AAA Fundraising Committee be advised that the Municipal Council does not have any funds remaining in the current advertising budget.

Motion carried.

BARRINGTON REGIONAL CURLING CLUB

The Clerk reported that he met with Mr. Richard Nickerson, President of the Barrington Regional Curling Club on February 24, 2003, to discuss their debenture payment. As a result of that meeting it is proposed that the agreement between the Municipality and the Club should be amended to:

1. Revise the amount of the annual payments requiring the Club to pay the principal portion only of the debenture each year leaving the Municipality to pay the

interest on the debenture.

2. Require financial statements annually from the Club.

Concern was expressed over this proposal since the original agreement with members of the Barrington Regional Curling Club was that the facility could be established at no cost to taxpayers.

The Warden turned the chair over to Councillor Hunt in order that he could address the matter.

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After expressing his views he resumed his chair.

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Hunt that the proposal be accepted as presented.

Moved by D. Hunt that the above motion be amended requiring the Barrington Regional Curling Club to be responsible for interest payments after the principal payments have been made in full.

The Warden did not allow the amendment since it was felt that it changed the intent of the original motion.

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

Resolution C030314

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by A. Atkinson that the Clerk inform the Barrington Regional Curling Club that the proposed amendments to the agreement between the Municipality and the Club were not accepted and that the Club needs to look into other ways of paying the debt.

Motion carried.

Resolution C030315

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Halliday that the Barrington Regional Curling Club Executive be invited to meet with the Finance and Administration Committee to discuss repayment of the loan and interest.

Motion carried.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden provided a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

The Clerk-Treasurer provided a report outlining municipal activities for the month of February 2003.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

Waterfront Development Committee

Councillor Smith briefly reported on a recent meeting of the Waterfront Development Committee. At that meeting a new chairperson was selected, that being Deputy Warden Eddie Nickerson.

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Recreation Committee

Volunteer of the Year 2003

Resolution C030316

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Hunt that Mr. Brayton Nickerson, who was nominated on behalf of the Shelburne County Learning Network, be nominated Volunteer of the Year for 2003 for the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried.

2003 Municipal Recreation Seminar

Resolution C030317

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the Chairperson of the Recreation and Facilities Management Committee attend the 2003 Municipal Recreation Seminar.

Motion carried.

Recreation and Facilities Department Restructuring

Resolution C030318

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that Municipal staff obtain information from the Municipal Solicitor regarding the affects of labour standards regarding layoff, notice of termination, offering of jobs to current employees, and posting jobs internally.

Motion carried.

Seniors Services Meeting

Councillor Halliday informed members that she attended the Seniors Services Meeting held at the Samuel Wood Museum in Wood's Harbour.

Birding Festival

Councillor Halliday informed members that she took part in the Brant Festival held on Cape Sable Island on March 1, 2003. She reported a good turnout and termed the event a success.

Public Works and Property Committee

Barrington Consolidated School

Resolution C030319

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by W. Smith that Council reply to Mrs. Perry's letter and advise her of the following:

1. Barrington Municipal Council decided that the former Barrington Consolidated School site would be used for a new Visitor Information Centre for which the Municipality has obtained government funding to assist in building.
2. Council has asked the South West Shore Development Authority to manage the Visitor Information Centre Project, nothing more. This means that the South West Shore Development Authority are only responsible for getting the project completed. The Visitor Information Centre and land are now, and will still be, owned by the Municipality.
3. The Warden is Council's representative on the South West Shore Development Authority, and as such is there to represent the entire Municipality, not just Wood's Harbour.
4. Councillors elected by district and are there to represent their district and also to work toward the betterment of the entire Municipality.
5. The Barrington 7E Fire Department is interested in the property, yes, and when the Municipality no longer has a use for it then the Fire Department will definitely be given consideration.
6. There is a right-of-way for access and parking already in place so that the use of the ballfield will not be affected.
7. Council's intention at this time is to have the Visitor Information Centre movable so that when the 103 By-Pass is finished it may be moved to a closer proximity to the highway.

Motion carried.

Sherose Island Recreation Centre Repairs

Resolution C030320

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Property Condition Assessment Report on the Sherose Island Recreation Centre be deferred for consideration during the budget process with the intent that it be addressed within the next 90 days.

Motion carried.

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Disposition of Tax Sale Properties

Resolution C030321

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipal Clerk proceed to address the disposition of properties acquired at tax sale once the redemption period has been completed. These properties will be cleaned up or moved at the discretion of the Clerk who will keep Municipal Council informed of the disposition of each.

Motion carried.

Grass Mowing Tender

Resolution C030322

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality tender for grass mowing of various properties for the coming season.

Motion carried.

Resolution C030323

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the grass mowing tender be extended to cover a two year period.

Motion carried.

Shag Harbour Rest Stop

Resolution C030324

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipality begin the construction of a rest stop at the Shag Harbour UFO Site, using a total of \$5,000.00 from the District 1 and District 2 Community Grants Fund, (\$2,500.00 from each district).

Motion carried.

Community Grants Request

Greenwood Cemetery - Wood's Harbour

Resolution C030325

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by L. Halliday that a Community Grant of \$1,000.00 be provided from the District 1 Community Grants Fund to the Greenwood Cemetery in Wood's Harbour.

Motion carried.

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Samuel Wood Museum Complex - Wood's Harbour

Resolution C030326

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that a grant in the amount of \$1,500.00 from the District 1 Community Grants Fund be provided to the Samuel Wood Museum Complex for the purpose of creating a video library for public use.

Motion carried.

Purchase of Property

Resolution C030327

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the consideration of purchase of property be deferred until information has been received from the Waterfront Development Committee regarding the property.

Motion carried.

TAPING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

It was the decision of Council that Council meetings be taped for a two month trial period. That period has now expired.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipal Council continue to have one council meeting taped per month.

Motion withdrawn

Resolution C030328

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that the next council meeting be taped and a final decision be made after that time.

Motion carried.

POLL OF ELECTORS - SHAG HARBOUR/BEAR POINT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

On March 4, 2003 a Poll of Electors/Taxpayers served by the Shag Harbour-Bear Point Volunteer Fire Department was held to present a proposal to establish an operating levy of \$0.06 per \$100.00 of assessment.

Eight people voted on this matter and all eight were in favour of the operating levy.

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Resolution C030328

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Hunt that the results of the Poll of Electors/Taxpayers served by the Shag Harbour-Bear Point Volunteer Fire Department that an area rate in the amount of \$0.06 per \$100.00 of assessment be put in place, effective April 1, 2003 for a five (5) year period on all taxable property in District 2, be approved.

Motion carried.

BARRINGTON/BARRINGTON PASSAGE SEWER UPGRADE

The Clerk reported that two proposals for engineering services for the Barrington/Barrington Passage Sewer Upgrade were received which were as follows:

- Horner Associates Limited \$68,000.00
- ABL Environmental Limited \$89,884.00

Both proposals were considered by the Steering Committee and it is their recommendation that the proposal from Horner Associates be accepted.

Resolution C030329

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the proposal for engineering services for the Barrington/Barrington Passage Sewer Upgrade submitted by Horner Associates in the amount of \$68,000.00 be accepted.

Motion carried.

HRDC GRANT APPLICATION-TRAVEL COUNSELOR

The Clerk informed members that the Municipality has an opportunity to apply for an HRDC Grant for a Travel Counselor to work at the Tourist Bureau. This grant will provide 50%

funding.

Resolution C030330

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that application be made for funding for a Travel Counselor for the Barrington Visitor Information Centre.

Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL RE: PERSONNEL MATTER

At this time a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with a personnel matter.

The Regular Council Meeting was called back to order.

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by D. Hunt that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

Copied for Councillors on March 14, 2003 by Sharon Brannen.

