

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 26, 2003.

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
  
- 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 meeting held March 12, 2003 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

##### Request from ERMES Support Group

In February, a request was received from the Evelyn Richardson Memorial Elementary School Support Group for the playground equipment from the former Barrington Consolidated Elementary School. A letter was forwarded to the Southwest Regional School Board to determine whether the equipment was suitable for use at ERMES. A response has now been received advising that the playground equipment does not meet the requirements of the CAN/CSA-Z614-98 Children's Playspaces and Equipment.

##### Resolution C030331

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by W. Smith that the ERMES Support Group be advised that the Southwest Regional School Board is recommending that the equipment not be used at the Evelyn Richardson Memorial Elementary School since it does not meet the required standards and therefore their request has been denied.

Motion carried.

##### Resolution C030332

**Moved** by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the South West Shore Development Authority be requested to include the disposal of the playground equipment in the building demolition tender.

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

2003 UNSM Conference Planning Committee

It was reported that correspondence has been received inviting the Warden and/or a member of Council to sit on the Conference Planning Committee.

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by W. Smith that the Warden be appointed to serve on the 2003 UNSM Conference Planning Committee.

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by W. Smith that the above motion be amended to include Councillor Halliday.

Motion carried.

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

The amended motion is as follows:

Resolution C030333

“...that the Warden and Councillor Halliday be appointed to serve on the 2003 UNSM Conference Planning Committee.”

Request from BMHS Girls Hockey Team

This item was deleted from the agenda.

Municipal Emergency Preparedness Evaluation

It was reported that information has been received from EMO Nova Scotia advising that the Municipality's state of preparedness has been rated as “good”.

HRDC Proposal - Patricia Scott Hudson

A letter has been received from Patricia Scott Hudson advising Council that she is making an application to Human Resources Development Canada for funding for the mapping of a coastal water trail from Yarmouth to Lockeport. She is requesting Council to provide a Letter of Support for her project.

Resolution C030334

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that Barrington Municipal Council provide a Letter of Support to Patricia Scott Hudson for her application for mapping a coastal water trail from Yarmouth to Lockeport.

Motion carried.

Calendar - Western Counties Regional Library

A letter has been received from the Western Counties Regional Library advising that their major fundraiser this year will be the publication of a calendar for 2004. This calendar will feature the library's ten branches and the communities they serve. The letter advised that they are offering government partners and agencies prime space on the left hand side of the monthly calendar for \$150.00.

Resolution C030335

**Moved** by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the request from the Western Counties Regional Library for advertising space on their calendar be referred to the budget process.

Motion carried.

Report from Diane Smith

Diane Smith, Manager of the Barrington Visitor Information Centre, provided a written report on the "For the Birds" Eco Tourism Conference, along with the Brant and Winter Birding Festival held February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003. In closing, she thanked Council for their attendance and support of the Brant and Winter Birding Festival and especially for their vision and continued sponsorship in these important missions.

Condition of Highway

It was reported that a letter has been received from the Town of Shelburne advising that their Council has discussed the deplorable condition of Highway 103, from Yarmouth to Bridgewater. Their Council has approved a motion to write to the Premier of Nova Scotia, with copies to the Ministers of Transportation and Public Works and Economic Development, calling their attention to this section of the 103 Highway. The Town of Shelburne is requesting support from the Municipality of Barrington on this matter.

Resolution C030336

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Hunt that a letter be forwarded to the Premier of Nova Scotia supporting the request from the Town of Shelburne to address the condition of the 103 Highway from Yarmouth to Bridgewater.

Motion carried.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden informed members that he attended no outside meetings since the last meeting of Council.

MEETING WITH MUNICIPAL UNITS RE: FAMILY VIOLENCE PROGRAM

A meeting of municipal units was held on March 13, 2003 to discuss the Family Violence Program. It was the general consensus of members present that a proposal for meeting with the ministers responsible for the Family Violence Program, and possibly holding a public forum in Halifax, be proposed to their respective councils for consideration.

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The Clerk informed members that the Town of Shelburne has advised that they are in favour of the proposal for a meeting with the ministers responsible for the Family Violence Program.

Resolution C030337

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipal Council send representation to meet with the ministers responsible for the Family Violence Program in an attempt to gain financial support for this program.

Motion carried.

REQUEST FROM DEAN NICKERSON

Councillor Nickerson, Chairman of the Waterfront Development Committee, informed members that the request from Dean Nickerson was considered by the Committee at their meeting held March 25, 2003.

It is the recommendation of the Committee that no commercial activity take place at McGray Avenue.

Resolution C030338

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that Mr. Dean Nickerson be advised that no commercial activity will be permitted at McGray Avenue at this time.

Motion carried.

Chairman Nickerson informed members that it is the recommendation of the Waterfront Development Committee that Council put in place a policy regulating activities at McGray Avenue.

COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDS

Councillor Smith informed members that there is \$1,500.00 remaining in the District 5 Community Grant Fund, and \$631.20 placed in the Special Reserve Fund. He would like to use the total of \$2,131.20 to purchase Class A gravel to cover the parking area and driveway at Drinking Brook Park. It was suggested material should be approximately three (3) inches deep. It was felt by Councillor Smith that the funds available should also cover leveling and rolling of the material, as well as purchase of some cement curbing to divide the roadway and the grass area.

Resolution C030339

**Moved** by W. Smith and seconded by F. Bower that the funds remaining in District 5 Community Grant Fund of \$1,500.00, and the \$631.20 in the Special Reserve Fund, be used to

purchase, level and roll Class A gravel at the parking area and driveway at Drinking Brook Park, and that any funds remaining are to be used to purchase cement curbing.

Motion carried.

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Deputy Warden Nickerson informed members that the Cape Sable Important Bird Area is requesting funding to assist them in landscaping around the sign they installed at The Hawk. The land they are hoping to landscape is currently owned by the Federal Government, but is in the process of being transferred to the Municipality. Deputy Warden Nickerson informed members that there is currently \$2,400.00 remaining in the District 7 Community Grant Fund and he would like to apply it toward the landscaping project proposed by the Cape Sable Important Bird Area.

Resolution C030340

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that the remaining funds in District 7 Community Grant Funds, of \$2,400.00, be allocated to the landscaping project proposed by the Cape Sable Important Bird Area, to be carried out on municipal property located at The Hawk.

Motion carried.

ORDER OF NOVA SCOTIA

Debbie Goreham has nominated Mrs. Hattie Perry for the Order of Nova Scotia. Mrs. Goreham is requesting that a Letter of Support for this nomination be forwarded from Council.

Resolution C030341

**Moved** by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt that Barrington Municipal Council support the nomination of Hattie Perry for the Order of Nova Scotia.

Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY KEEPER OF LOCK-UP

It was reported that an advertisement has been placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper inviting applications for the position of Deputy Keeper of Lock-up. Three (3) applications were received which were from the following:

- Thomas Michael Hennigar
- Douglas Thomas Swaine
- Richard Marshall Crowell

The above applicants have all been approved by the R.C.M.P.

A fourth application was received after the deadline from Lionel Jerard Dennis. This application has also been forwarded to the R.C.M.P. for approval but no word has yet been received.

**Moved** by D. Hunt and seconded by F. Bower that Douglas Swaine be appointed Deputy Keeper

of Lock-up.

Motion withdrawn.

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Resolution C030342

**Moved** by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that Thomas Michael Hennigar, Douglas Thomas Swaine and Richard Marshall Crowell all be appointed Deputy Keepers of Lock-up.

Motion carried.

During discussion of this matter it was suggested that the three (3) newly appointed Deputy Keepers of Lock-up be called in on a rotational basis.

POLL OF ELECTORS - WOOD'S HARBOUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

On March 19, 2003, a Poll of Electors/Taxpayers served by the Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department was held to present a proposal to establish a capital area fire rate of \$0.05 per \$100.00 of assessment, to be collected for the next eight (8) years, to cover the capital expenditure of \$195,000.00, plus H.S.T., for the purpose of purchasing a new pumper/tanker fire truck. Forty-eight (48) people voted on this matter and the results of the poll are as follows:

- 44 in Favour
- 3 opposed
- 1 spoiled ballot

Resolution C030343

**Moved** by D. Hunt and seconded by E. Nickerson that the results of the Poll of Electors/Taxpayers served by the Wood's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department that an area rate in the amount of \$0.05 per \$100.00 of assessment be put in place effective April 1, 2003 for an eight (8) year period on all taxable property in District 1 be approved.

Motion carried.

TRI COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT

An advertisement had been placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper inviting Expressions of Interest from individuals wishing to serve on the Tri County Housing Authority Board. Three (3) Expressions of Interest were received which were from the following:

- Randall Ross (current Board member)
- Richard Nickerson
- Clyde Nickerson

**Moved** by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that Clyde Nickerson be appointed to serve as

Council's representative on the Tri County Housing Authority Board.

Much discussion took place regarding this matter and the criteria to be used for selecting a member was questioned.

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Resolution C030344

**Moved** by E. Nickerson and seconded by W. Smith that the above motion be tabled until the Clerk has established the criteria and process to be used to review applications, and an applicant to be chosen at that time.

Motion carried.

DEFERRED MOTION RE: PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

This matter was referred to the Closed Session of Council since it deals with the purchase of property.

SALARY AND WAGE REVIEW

Conflict of Interest

The Warden declared conflict of interest, turned the chair over to the Deputy Warden and vacated his seat.

The Clerk informed members that the Salary and Wage Scale is reviewed every three (3) years and as part of the regular review the Finance Committee is recommending various changes in salaries and wages.

At 7:55 p.m. Councillor Hunt received a fire call and left the meeting.

Prior to dealing with the recommendation of the Finance Committee the Clerk requested Council to take another look at the salary scale for the position of Accountant. Further comparison has been done relating to this position and in light of the new information, it is the recommendation of the Clerk that the salary scale be adjusted to \$30,000.00 - \$35,000.00 which is to include all adjustments including the Consumer Price Index for the year.

**Moved** by F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday that the salary scale for the position of Accountant be increased to \$30,000.00 - \$35,000.00 per year and be included in the salary and wage review.

Motion defeated.

Much discussion took place about the proper way to deal with this matter.

Resolution C030345

**Moved** by W. Smith and seconded by F. Bower that the salary and wage scale, including the Cost of Living Adjustment be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

**Moved** by W. Smith that the salary scale for the position of Accountant be referred to the Finance Committee for further consideration.

There being no seconder, the motion was declared lost.

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The Warden then resumed his chair.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

Finance and Administration Committee

Yarmouth Hospital Charitable Foundation

Resolution C030346

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by L. Halliday that the request of the Yarmouth Hospital Charitable Foundation, for the Municipality's funding of the current campaign, be included in this year's budget.

Motion carried.

Visitor Information Centre

Resolution C030347

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by F. Bower that Municipal Staff investigate the availability of property for the location of a Visitor Information Centre near Highway 103.

Motion carried.

Barrington 7E Fire Department Request

Resolution C030348

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by W. Smith that the Barrington 7E Volunteer Fire Department be informed that several other requests have already been received for the salvage of materials from the former Barrington Consolidated School, and have been denied, and that the previous decision of Council was not to allow salvaging at the site.

Motion carried.

South West Shore Development Authority

Councillor Halliday informed members that she attended a meeting of the South West Shore

Development Authority on March 19, 2003. At that meeting the 2003/2004 Business Plan, balance sheet for the month of February 2003 and the 2003/2004 budget were presented. Anyone wishing to view these documents may contact Louise or the Municipal Office.

Councillor Halliday also informed members that she attended a meeting of the South West Shore Energy Committee. At that meeting it was indicated that the Energy Office will be located in Shelburne.

#### Municipal Recreation Seminar

Councillor Halliday informed members that she attended the Municipal Recreation Seminar held in Halifax on March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> and provided a brief report.

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#### Active Communities Launch

Councillor Halliday informed members that she attended the Active Communities Launch held on March 24, 2003 at ERMES. This is a three (3) year program put in place to increase the activity level of students.

#### Waterfront Development Committee

Chairman Nickerson reported on the Waterfront Development Committee meeting held March 25, 2003. He informed members that Mr. Frank Anderson of the South West Shore Development Authority attended that meeting and gave an update on the cost to date of the McGray Avenue Project. The cost to date is \$277,715.93. This leaves approximately \$90,000.00 in the budget to carry out the walkway across the causeway.

#### Conference

Councillor Louise Halliday informed members that on April 12, 2003 a Conference will be held in Sackville regarding skateboard parks. Councillor Halliday requested that the Recreation and Facilities Manager be made aware of this conference and that the matter be placed on the next Recreation Committee agenda for further discussion.

#### Planning Advisory Committee

It was the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee that the Municipality proceed with the necessary amendments to revise the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law for wind turbine generators to be constructed as a use within the Municipality.

#### Resolution C030349

**Moved** by A. Atkinson and seconded by E. Nickerson that proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law for wind turbine generators to be constructed as a use within the Municipality be approved in first reading, and that we proceed to the required public hearing.

Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

At this time a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with a personnel matter, the sale of property and the purchase of property.

Councillor Hunt returned to the meeting at 9:07 p.m. and joined the Closed Session of Council.

The Regular Session of Council was called back to order.

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Sale of Property

Resolution C030350

**Moved** by W. Smith and seconded by L. Halliday that Policy 43 be waived as there is a limited market and value for this type of equipment, and the Clerk be authorized to sell the remaining dental equipment located at the Old Court House.

Motion carried.

Purchase of Property

Resolution C030351

**Moved** by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Hunt that the Waterfront Development Committee be advised that Council has considered their recommendation to purchase property located in Barrington Passage but the Municipality is not interested in purchasing this property at the present time.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

**Moved** by F. Bower that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

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Warden

Clerk

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Secretary for the Meeting

**Copied for Councillors on March 28, 2003 by Sharon Brannen.**