

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, June 11, 2003.

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:03 p.m., with the following members present:

- Warden Sterling Belliveau
- Deputy Warden Eddie Nickerson
- Councillor Angus Atkinson
- Councillor Louise Halliday
- Councillor Dwayne Hunt

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

Absent were members Councillor Fred Bower due to work commitments and Councillor Wayne Smith due to vacation plans.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

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

- Correspondence:
 - Letter of Resignation
 - Letter from Cape Sable Historical Society
- Closed Session of Council Re: Personnel Matter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Hunt that the minutes of the council meetings held May 28th, June 5th, 9th, & 10th, 2003 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Sewer Extension Request

The Clerk reported that on June 3, 2003 he received a telephone call from Kim Scott indicating that they have decided not to purchase the property on Petticoat Lane and, therefore, will not be pursuing the sewer connection requested.

The Clerk informed members that a letter has been received from John & Judy Leech requesting the Municipality to look into the possibility of extending the sewer system in Barrington Passage to the Department of Fisheries building.

Reference was made to the motion made at the May 28, 2003 Council meeting that the Municipality will not be doing any extensions to the Barrington Passage sewer and that the only work to be done is that which is identified in the upgrade under the present Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Works Program Funding, which the Municipality is now receiving. Any extension to the Barrington sewer will be considered if property owners will incur the cost of such a project as there are other areas in the Municipality that have been identified as priority for public sewer.

It was agreed that this decision of Council be communicated to Mr. & Mrs. Leech and that any further requests for sewer extensions be responded to in the same way.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Councillor Atkinson requested updates on the following matters:

Excavator for Landfill

Conflict of Interest

Deputy Warden E. Nickerson declared conflict of interest, vacated his seat and proceeded to the spectator area.

The Municipality currently has a lease agreement with his father, Bud Nickerson, for a loader which is being used at the Landfill.

Councillor Atkinson inquired whether the Municipality had been in contact with Mr. Bud Nickerson to discuss possible extension of the rental agreement for the machine currently used at the C & D Landfill Site, for a further six month period.

The Clerk informed members that contact has been made with Mr. Nickerson and he has verbally agreed to extend the contract by six (6) months at the same rental rate.

A letter has been forwarded to Mr. Nickerson asking him to confirm the lease agreement extension, in writing.

Deputy Warden Nickerson returned to the meeting.

Mediation Process

Councillor Atkinson asked whether it has been determined what is involved in the mediation process for Diversion Credits.

The Clerk informed members that he had been in telephone conversation with Gerard MacLellan and he advised that the mediation process is not binding arbitration. Mr. MacLellan has been requested to advise, in writing, of procedures involved in the mediation process.

Diversion Credits

Question was raised as to whether arrangements have been made for the Warden, Deputy Warden and Municipal Clerk to meet with the Manager and Chairperson of Waste Check for the purpose of obtaining Diversion Credits owed to the Municipality of Barrington.

The Clerk informed members that a letter has been received from the General Manager of Waste Check advising that our letter requesting a meeting will be presented to Waste Check on June 16, 2003.

CORRESPONDENCE

Heritage Grant Program

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with information on the Heritage Grant Programs for 2003/2004. There are three (3) programs which may be of interest to municipal property owners. These programs are as follows:

- Conservation Work Grant
- Conservation Advice Grant
- H.S.T. Rebate

Request from Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Shelburne County

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Shelburne County. In their letter they advised that they understand that the Old School Board building in Barrington Passage will be demolished. Their association would like to have the windows from the building for a project they are working on.

Resolution C030603

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by L. Halliday that the request from Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Shelburne County be referred to the Tri County District School Board since the Municipality has no jurisdiction over the building.

Motion carried.

Kyoto Protocol

It was reported that a letter has been received from the Minister of Finance advising that the Federal Climate Change Plan released in November 2002 will guide the federal government's approach to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The plan will encourage innovation and economic growth. Each member was provided with a copy of this letter in advance to the meeting.

Senior Citizens Week

A letter has been received from the Senior Citizens Secretariat requesting Council to designate the week of June 15 - 21, 2003 as Senior Citizens Week.

Resolution C030604

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality of Barrington recognize June 15 - 21, 2003 as Senior Citizens Week in the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried.

Letter of Resignation

The Clerk informed members that Sandra Wilson, By-Law Enforcement Officer for the Dog and Animal By-law, tendered her resignation. Mrs. Wilson has advised that she will provide her services to the Municipality for the next two (2) weeks and will be available to provide training

to someone taking over as By-Law Enforcement Officer.

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Cape Sable Historical Society

The Clerk informed members that a letter has been received from Mrs. Marjory Weeks, President of the Cape Sable Historical Society. Mrs. Weeks advised that it will be necessary for the Society to carry out major repairs to the Seal Island Lighthouse Museum. The letter advised that they understood that the Municipality was applying for \$40,000 in the V.I.C. grant application for repairs to the museum. In closing, Mrs. Weeks advised that the Society has never been advised as to why they are not receiving this grant and would appreciate a reply to this matter.

The Clerk informed members that he has researched this matter and by letter dated December 2, 2002 Mrs. Weeks was advised that if the property next to the Seal Island Lighthouse Museum was used for the V.I.C. site, the lighthouse would have been an integral part of the overall concept being developed but since Council has decided to seek an alternate sight the lighthouse will no longer be part of the development of a V.I.C. Therefore, any funding received will be applied to the design and construction of a Visitor Information Centre as originally planned. Should there be surplus funds remaining after the completion of the Centre, and providing approval is required from our funding partner, then funds may be directed toward repairs to the lighthouse. The December 2, 2002 letter further advised that Council cannot guarantee that a surplus of funds will be available or that the funding partner would approve using any surplus for lighthouse repairs.

It was agreed that a response be forwarded to the Cape Sable Historical Society making reference to the December 2, 2002 letter.

REPORT OF WARDEN

Warden Belliveau provided a brief update on activities since the last meeting of Council.

He informed members that he attended an announcement today at the Barrington Municipal High School made by the MLA for Shelburne County and the Minister of Education. The announcement was that a new school will be built to replace the existing B.M.H.S. The opening date for the new school has been set at September 2005. The Warden suggested that Council should consider identifying municipally owned lands to be considered for a new school.

COMMITTEE AND BOARDS REPORTS

Hiring Committee Meeting

Trail Development Person

Resolution C030605

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that Jeffery Ross be hired as Trail Development Person.

Motion carried.

Summer Staff Interviews

Resolution C030606

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that Katiann Mood, Glynis Malay, Amanda Messenger and Chantel Aylward be hired as Program Supervisors and Jenilee Goreham be designated as alternate for the positions of Program Supervisors.

Motion carried.

Resolution C030607

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that all three applicants: Beth Thurber, Shasta Nickerson and Stephanie Swim, be hired as lifeguards at the Barrington Municipal Swimming Pool since all applicants qualify and all applicants conducted acceptable interviews and there are three (3) vacant positions.

Motion carried.

Lieutenant Governors Awards

Resolution C030608

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by A. Atkinson that letters of congratulations be forwarded to Bethany Thurber and Michael Thurber on being this year's recipients of the Lieutenant Governors Awards.

Motion carried.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee is proposing that \$10,946.00 for a library project and \$24,200.00 for a V.I.C. project be transferred to the Special Reserve Fund Capital so that these funds will be available to complete these projects.

It is further the recommendation of the Audit Committee that \$100,000.00 be transferred from the General Revenue Fund to the Special Reserve Fund Capital in order to increase Municipal reserves so that provision is made for future capital projects that may be approved by Council.

Resolution C030609

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by E. Nickerson that \$135,146.00 be transferred from the General Revenue Fund Surplus to the Special Reserve Fund Capital for the funding of future capital projects.

Motion carried.

FRA Grassroots Project

Councillor Hunt informed members that she attended the official launch of the Forest Ridge

Academy website “We will remember them”. The website is a tribute to war veterans in the Barrington area.

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Resolution C030610

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Hunt that a letter be forwarded to students and staff of Forest Ridge Academy congratulating them on their website “We will remember them”.

Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF POLICY #38

It was reported that notice of consideration of amendments to Policy #38 “Construction and Demolition Landfill Policy” was given at the last meeting of Council.

It is proposed that Section 3 of Policy #38 be amended by adding the following:

- h) fishing nets - to be stockpiled for recycling
- i) rope - to be stockpiled for recycling
- j) lobster traps - to be stockpiled for recycling

It is also proposed that Section 7 of Policy #38 be amended to include fishing nets, rope and lobster traps.

It is also recommended that Section 9, Hours of Operation, be amended by deleting the existing wording and replacing it with the following:

- Hours of Operation of the C & D Landfill Site will be as determined by resolution of Barrington Municipal Council.

Resolution C030611

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by E. Nickerson that amendments to Policy #38 “C & D Landfill Policy” be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

ILLEGAL DUMPING

Councillor Halliday reported on illegal dumping which is taking place on Station Road in Shag Harbour. She also informed members that illegal dumping is taking place on a side road in Bear Point.

REQUEST FOR STREET LIGHT

Members were informed that a request for a street light has been received from Chris and Kathy Cox. They are requesting that a street light be installed on the pole in the vicinity of civic #1432 in Upper Clyde. This request was investigated by the Supervisor of Public Works and it was found that the request did not fit the Street Lighting Policy. The Municipal policy, however,

does allow requests to be referred to Municipal Council if they do not conform with the Street Lighting Policy.

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After much discussion it was agreed that the street light request does not meet the requirements of the Municipality.

Resolution C030612

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by A. Atkinson that the request for a street light received from Chris and Kathy Cox be denied.

Motion carried.

POLL OF ELECTORS - PORT LATOUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

On May 30, 2003 a Poll of Electors/Taxpayers was held at the Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department on a proposal to borrow the sum of \$150,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a new pumper vehicle. The result of the poll was as follows:

48 in favour
3 opposed
2 spoiled ballots

Resolution C030613

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the results of the Poll of Electors/Taxpayers served by the Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department that an Area Rate in the amount of \$0.10 per \$100.00 of assessment be put in place effective April 1, 2003, for a ten year period on all taxable property in District 1, be approved.

Motion carried.

BURSARY SELECTION

The Clerk reported that twelve (12) applications were received for the Municipal Bursary. Each member, excluding Councillor Bower who is away, rated applicants in 1st, 2nd and 3rd position.

Resolution C030614

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by A. Atkinson that the Municipal Bursary be awarded to Maggie Watt, in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Motion carried.

SECOND READING BY-LAW NO. 25

At 8:00 p.m. the second reading of By-Law No. 25 was carried out. Public notice of second

reading was given by way of an advertisement being placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper.

It is proposed that various properties be deleted from the by-law since they no longer qualify for the tax exemption. It is also proposed that properties of the Island and Barrington Passage Fire Department be added to the by-law.

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During discussion of this matter it was questioned why the Atlantic Hall and the Little Red School House were not included in the by-law.

Resolution C030615

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by D. Hunt that proposed amendments to By-Law No.25 "Tax Exemption By-Law" be approved as presented in second and final reading, and that the Atlantic Hall and the Little Red School House be added to the by-law if they qualify for the tax exemption.

Motion carried.

SECOND READING RE: DEED TRANSFER TAX

The Clerk informed members that second reading of the proposed Deed Transfer Tax By-Law was advertised in the Coast Guard Newspaper.

It is proposed that a Deed Transfer Tax By-Law be put in place to provide for a one-half percent (1/2%) Deed Transfer Tax to be applied to the sale price of every property transferred by deed.

Letters of Opposition to the Deed Transfer Tax By-Law were received from the following:

- Barrington & Area Chamber of Commerce
- Wilson's Shopping Centre
- East Bay Realty
- Mike Hennigar's General Construction Ltd.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by A. Atkinson that Section 2(2) of the proposed Deed Transfer Tax By-Law be amended by increasing the Deed Transfer Tax from 1/2% to 1 1/2%.

Motion defeated.

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by A. Atkinson that Section 2(2) of the proposed Deed Transfer Tax By-law be amended by changing the Deed Transfer Tax from 1/2% to 1%.

Motion defeated.

The Warden then turned the chair over to the Deputy Warden in order that he could address the matter.

The Warden made reference to the letters of opposition and stated that he takes the concerns expressed by the local businesses very seriously and does not see the need to implement a Deed Transfer Tax By-Law at this time.

The chair was then resumed by the Warden.

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Resolution C030616

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by A. Atkinson that second reading of the proposed Deed Transfer Tax By-Law be deferred until such time as all councillors are present to vote on the motion.

Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

A Closed Session of Council was held at this time to discuss a personnel matter.

The regular council meeting was called back to order.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by D. Hunt that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

____ Secretary for the Meeting

Copied for Councillors on June 13, 2003 by Sharon Brannen.