

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

July 3, 2003

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Warden Sterling Belliveau
 - Deputy Warden Eddie Nickerson (7:01 p.m.)
 - Councillor Angus Atkinson
 - Councillor Louise Halliday
 - Councillor Dwayne Hunt
 - Councillor Wayne Smith
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- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
 - Don Harding, Municipal Solicitor

Absent was Councillor Fred Bower due to work commitments.

CLOSED SESSION

The Council entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter as a result of the reorganization of the Recreation and Facilities Management Department.

Prior to completion of the Closed Session, direction was given to the Municipal Solicitor to deal with this matter.

SHEROSE ISLAND PROPERTY

Notice of Motion

The Warden indicated to members that a motion had been made at the Regular Council Meeting held on May 23, 1990 regarding the use of the Municipal property at Sherose Island. In this motion it was indicated that the Sherose Island property acquired from the Federal Government was to have 12 to 15 acres of land considered for recreational use.

Some discussion then took place regarding the necessity of rescinding this motion.

It was the consensus of members that this motion did not need to be rescinded as long as 12 to 15 acres of the property was used for recreation purposes.

At the present time the property devoted to the use of the Barrington Municipal Arena, the Barrington Municipal Curling Club, the tennis courts, and the ball field operated by the Sherose Island Amateur Sports Association, are all designated for recreational use. It is believed that the location of a school on this property would not infringe on the 12 to 15 acres being designated for recreational use. The total area owned by the Municipality is approximately 52 acres. The area used for a high school, should a high school be located on the property, would not exceed 25 acres. This would leave a remaining 28 acres for potential use for recreational purposes.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPERTIES TO BE PROVIDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE
CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SCHOOL

Various locations to be used for the construction of a new school were considered, including the present site of Barrington Municipal High School, a site on Highway #3 in Oak Park and the Sherose Island property.

There was some discussion regarding the cost of servicing of these sites.

At the Council Meeting of June 25, 2003 a motion was deferred until consideration of these sites had been completed. At this time the Warden brought this motion forward for consideration.

The deferred motion is:

“Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipality identify three (3) sites; the first site being the present site of the high school, the second site being property located at Sherose Island near the Arena and Curling Club, and the third site being property located on Highway #3 in Oak Park near the ball field, and that this information be forwarded to the Tri County District School Board for consideration.”

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the deferred motion from the meeting of June 25, 2003 be amended to delete the present site and add the following phrase: “none of these sites are serviced or will be serviced at the expense of the Municipality”.

After much consideration and discussion this motion was withdrawn by the mover and seconder.

Resolution C030701

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by E. Nickerson that the deferred motion be amended to delete “the first site being the present site of the high school”.

Motion carried.

The deferred motion as amended now reads:

Resolution C030702

“...that the Municipality identify two (2) sites; one site being the property located at Sherose Island near the Arena and Curling Club, and the second site being property located on Highway #3 in Oak Park near the ball field, and that this information be forwarded to the Tri County District School Board for consideration.”

The division was then taken and the motion was carried.

Resolution C030703

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that a letter be sent to the School Steering Committee which would include a copy of Motion C030222 indicating that Barrington Municipal Council “is willing to consider providing a piece of Municipal land for the site of a new school if a site on Municipal property is found to be suitable”, and also a copy of the letter from the Municipality to the Minister making this offer, which was dated February 19, 2003.

Motion carried.

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Resolution C030704

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the letter to the School Steering Committee clearly state that at no time was it implied or expressed by the Municipality, or the Warden, that the Municipality would provide serviced land, or pay to service land, or buy land not owned by the Municipality, for the purpose of constructing a new school.

Motion carried.

Resolution C030705

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by A. Atkinson that the Municipality of Barrington does not want the present site where the Barrington Municipal High School is currently located to be considered for any new school built in the Municipality, due to the fact that there have been numerous traffic problems, problems with students in the Department of Transportation roadway, and crosswalk problems previously brought before Council, which have not been resolved, as the result of the school being located at this site, and that this is now the time for these issues that were previously brought to the attention of Council to be resolved by locating the school elsewhere.

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Administration Committee

Resolution C030706

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that Community Grants to the following organizations, in the following amounts, be approved from the District 4 Community Grants Fund:

- Cape Negro Church in Blanche - \$1,500.00
- Baccaro Cemetery - \$1,500.00
- Greenhill Senior Citizens Club - \$900.00
- Parkdale Cemetery in Upper Port LaTour - \$500.00

for a total of \$4,400.00.

Motion carried.

Resolution C030707

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by A. Atkinson that a Community Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 be approved to the Newellton Cemetery Group from the District 6 Community Grants Fund.

Motion carried.

Resolution C030708

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded W. Smith that the Municipality advertise the positions of Recreation Facilities Supervisor and Recreation Facilities Operator as soon as possible in the local newspaper and the Chronicle Herald.

Motion carried.

Resolution C030709

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by A. Atkinson that Mr. Ricky Thorburne be notified that his employment is now terminated and he will not be required to report back to work at the Arena in September for the coming season.

Motion carried.

Correspondence from the Island and Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Hunt declared conflict of interest as he is a member of this fire department and retired from the meeting table.

Correspondence was received this evening from the Island and Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department indicating that they expect to sell the former Barrington Passage Fire Hall in the very near future. The correspondence indicates that it is expected that the new fire hall in Centreville will be completed during August and the old fire hall will then be able to be disposed of. The old fire hall property is being offered first to the Municipality and will be available on October 1, 2003. The fire department indicates in their correspondence that they would be willing to negotiate a fair and reasonable price for the property at less than market value.

There was some discussion regarding the Municipality's purchase of this property. The sentiment was expressed that since this property is across the street from the Community Health Centre, it would be a complementary location to that property for purposes such as an ambulance station.

Resolution C030710

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipality indicate to the fire department that the Municipality is interested in purchasing the former Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department property and request a purchase price from them.

Motion carried.

Councillor Hunt then returned to the meeting table.

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by D. Hunt that the meeting adjourn 9:40 p.m.

_____ Warden

_____ Clerk

Copied for Councillors on July 4, 2003 by Sharon Brannen.

