

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, October 22, 2003.

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

Absent was Warden Sterling Belliveau.

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

ONE MINUTE OF SILENCE

One minute of silence was held in memory of Forrest (Bud) Hicks who passed away on Saturday, October 18, 2003. Bud was the former Assistant Building Inspector for the Municipality of Barrington and was the Deputy Mayor for the Town of Clark's Harbour.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by F. Bower that the minutes of the last meeting held October 8, 2003 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY AND LAND USE BY-LAW RE: WIND TURBINE GENERATORS

At 7:05 p.m. a Public Hearing was held to deal with proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law to clarify minimum yard requirements for wind turbine generators and types of wind turbine generators.

Minutes of the Public Hearing are attached hereto and form part of the minutes.

Resolution C031023

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law be approved to clarify minimum yard requirements for wind turbine generators and types of wind turbine generators.

Motion carried.

INTERVIEW DIANE SMITH - V.I.C. MANAGER

Diane Smith, Manager of the Visitor Information Centre, appeared before the meeting and provided the following summary of stats for the year of 2003:

- Total number of visitors who signed the guest book	7,844
- Total of written and phone requests	<u>198</u>
- Grand Total for the year 2003	8,042

She informed members that these figures represent an increase of 17.3% over last year's visitors.

Councillors thanked Mrs. Smith for appearing before the meeting and providing her report.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

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

- Matters Arising
 - Youth Criminal Justice Act
 - Centreville Church Preservation Society
- Introduction of Sergeant Kevin Surette
- Street Light Request

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Youth Criminal Justice Act

The Clerk informed members that comments have now been received from the Barrington R.C.M.P. Detachment regarding the Youth Criminal Justice Act. The letter advised that it is too early to see any real results. So far the Youth Criminal Justice Act has not helped to deter crime in our community. The comments received from the local R.C.M.P. indicated that inadequate parenting is the cause of most youth crime and believe that parents should be made accountable for their children's actions.

Resolution C021024

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt that a copy of the response received from the Barrington R.C.M.P. Detachment be forwarded to Inky Mark, MP.

Motion carried.

Centreville Church Preservation Society

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of the Memorandum of Agreement provided by the Centreville Church Preservation Society.

After much discussion of this matter, it was agreed that the Clerk contact the Society to determine the number of members of the Society who attend church on a regular basis in the former Centreville Church building.

INTRODUCTION OF SERGEANT KEVIN SURETTE

Sergeant Kevin Surette appeared before the meeting and informed members that he has recently transferred from the Yarmouth Town Detachment to the Barrington R.C.M.P. Detachment and commenced work on Monday, October 20, 2003. He has not yet moved to the area but plans to do so in the future.

General discussion took place regarding various matters.

Sergeant Surette was thanked for taking time to appear before Council.

PROCLAMATIONS

Veteran's Week

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a sample proclamation for Veteran's Week. Veteran's Week will be held from November 5 - 11, 2003.

There being no objections received from members, the Deputy Warden declared November 5 - 11, 2003 as Veteran's Week in the Municipality of Barrington.

Canadian HIV/AIDS Awareness Week and World Aids Day

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a proclamation acknowledging Canadian HIV/Aids Awareness Week and World Aids Day.

There being no objections received, the Deputy Warden declared November 24 - December 1, 2003 as Canadian HIV/Aids Awareness Week, and December 1st as World AIDS Day, in the Municipality of Barrington.

CORRESPONDENCE

Diversions Credits

The Clerk informed members that a copy of a letter has been received, which was addressed to the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour, from Valley Waste Resource Management. The letter advised that Valley Waste Resource Management is becoming increasingly disturbed that a small number of non-reporting municipalities are holding up the final calculation and distribution of the remaining 35% of Diversion Credit Funding. The letter urged the Department of Environment to demand outstanding reports immediately.

Resolution C031025

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by F. Bower that a letter be written to the Department of Environment, attention Mr. Gerard MacLellan, advising of our position and problem with Diversion Credits and stating that if the Department resolves the matter then the information requested will be forwarded. It is further agreed that a copy of this letter be forwarded to Valley Waste Resource Management.

Motion carried.

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International Walk to School Day

The Clerk informed members that a letter has been received from Mr. David Buckland, Principal of the Barrington Municipal High School, thanking Council for coordinating the Walk to School Challenge.

It was agreed that a letter of thanks be forwarded to the Barrington Municipal High School for participating in the International Walk to School Day and to comment on the good behavior exhibited by grads.

Our House - Youth Wellness Centre

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from Our House - Youth Wellness Centre requesting financial support to assist with the cost of youths from our area attending this year's conference to be held in Edmonton, Alberta.

Resolution C031026

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by W. Smith that a grant of \$100.00 be provided to the Youth Wellness Centre to assist with the cost of sending participants to the conference to be held in Alberta.

Motion carried.

Breakfast Program in Schools

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from the Cape Sable Island Elementary School and the Clark's Harbour Elementary School requesting financial assistance to help support the Breakfast Program in their schools.

After much discussion of this matter, it was agreed that the matter be researched to determine if the request meets the requirements of the Community Grants Policy. Additional information will also be obtained on the organization providing the program.

Resolution C031027

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that Municipal staff draft a policy to deal with various grants received throughout the year.

Motion carried.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden was away on business and therefore the Warden's Report will be provided at the next meeting.

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

The Clerk-Treasurer provided a detailed report on activities during the month of September.

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COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

Finance and Administration Committee

Personnel Policy Amendment

It is proposed that Article 6.01 of the Personnel Policy be deleted and replaced with the following amendment:

- 6.01 The employer shall pay this award for services rendered upon voluntary termination of employment after not fewer than twelve (12) years of consecutive service by employees and elected officials.

Proposed policy amendments will provide clarification in this section.

Resolution C031028

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by A. Atkinson that notice be given to Council that consideration of amendments, as stated above, to Section 6.01 of the Personnel Policy, will take place at the next meeting of Council.

Motion carried.

Resolution C031029

Christmas Break

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that Municipal employees in the Municipal Office and the Building Inspection Office take vacation time from noon on December 24th and return to work on Monday, January 5, 2004. This will require that Municipal staff in these locations take 4 1/2 days vacation time during that period and that the Municipal Offices be closed during that time.

Motion carried.

Employment Agreement - Samuel Nickerson

Resolution C031030

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that Mr. Nickerson's employment agreement be continued until October 1, 2004, after which time Mr. Samuel Nickerson's employment would be terminated.

Motion carried.

Community Grant Request

Resolution C031031

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that a reply be sent to the Bethel Assembly informing the pastor that his request for financial assistance does not meet the Community Grants Policy requirements.

Upon request the division was recorded:

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

Motion carried.

Public Works and Property Committee

Department of Transportation

Resolution C031032

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that a letter be sent to the Area Supervisor for the Department of Transportation requesting that “trucks turning” signs be placed in Oak Park in the vicinity of the business of Harold Newell Trucking Ltd.

Motion carried.

Library Site Selection

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Dwayne Hunt declared conflict of interest, vacated his seat and proceeded to the spectator area.

Councillor Hunt is a member of the Island and Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department.

Resolution C031033

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by F. Bower that Municipal staff obtain estimated costs for the renovation of the Barrington Passage Fire Hall for use as a Municipal Library, and an estimate for building a new library on the Barrington Passage Community Club property so that the committee may compare these costs to evaluate whether or not they wish to purchase the Community Club property for the purpose of building a library.

Motion carried.

Councillor Dwayne Hunt returned to the meeting.

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Sewer Lateral Installations

Resolution C031034

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that Municipal staff contact D.M. Snow Contracting Ltd. and request that they install the three (3) sewer laterals that are currently pending and possibly two (2) others. The sewer laterals will be done under the Miscellaneous Works Tender. If D.M. Snow Contracting is not able to do these installations then Municipal staff is instructed to find some other contractor who is able to do them.

Motion carried.

Resolution C031035

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality proceed to reduce the connection fee in the Municipal Sewer By-laws from \$1,000.00 to \$100.00 and that property owners be made responsible for their own sewer lateral installations subject to the inspection of the Municipality, effective immediately.

Motion carried.

UNSM Conference

A number of members provided reports on the UNSM Conference held in Yarmouth from October 15 -17, 2003.

It was agreed that thank you letters be forwarded to Josh Devine and Sarah Belliveau for providing entertainment at the Regional Dinner, and that thank you letters also be forwarded to companies making donations for the dinner.

RDA

Councillor Louise Halliday informed members that she attended an RDA meeting today in Shelburne and provided a brief report on that meeting.

Waterfront Development Committee

Deputy Warden Nickerson informed members that an email has been received from Richard Nickerson, a member of the Waterfront Development Committee, advising that he has accepted the position of Construction Inspector with MacDonnell Group for Phase III of the Waterfront Development Committee project. Phase III of this project consists of the walkway across the causeway. Mr. Nickerson is therefore requesting a leave of absence from the Waterfront Development Committee for the period October 20, 2003 through November 28, 2003.

Resolution C031036

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Halliday that the request received from Richard Nickerson for a leave of absence from the Waterfront Development Committee for the period October 20, 2003 to November 28, 2003 be approved subject to the request also receiving approval from the Waterfront Development Committee.

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Dwayne Hunt	Fred Bower
Eddie Nickerson	
Wayne Smith	

Motion carried.

COMMUNITY LITTER CLEAN-UP INCENTIVE PROGRAM POLICY

At the last meeting of Council Notice of Consideration was given for the Community Litter Clean-up Incentive Program Policy.

Resolution C031037

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that the Community Litter Clean-up Incentive Program Policy be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

Resolution C031038

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by W. Smith that a challenge be issued to the Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce for businesses to match the \$200.00 incentive fee provided for in the policy.

Motion carried.

PRICING CHANGES - MUNICIPAL ARENA

At the last meeting of Council, Notice of Consideration was given for amendments to rental rates being currently charged at the Barrington Municipal Arena.

Resolution C031039

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that these amendments be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

BUILDING CODE AMENDMENTS

It was reported that correspondence has been received from the Department of Environment & Labour regarding proposed amendments to the Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations. These amendments have been reviewed by the Building Inspector and he has advised that the main change deals with the installation of decks and rain screen provisions for construction on exterior walls. He advised that the proposed changes to the installation of decks would increase the cost to the property owner because additional bracing and anchorage would be required in certain instances. The other main change to the regulations would be the addition of an air space or rain screen between wall cladding and the wall structure itself. This change may require additional labour and material.

These changes would require much more time from the Building Inspection Office since contractors are not normally referring to these regulations during their normal work.

Resolution C031040

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by F. Bower that comments of the Building Inspector be forwarded to the Department of Environment and the Department be informed that Municipal Council is not in favour of the regulation changes relating to an air space or rain screen between wall cladding and the wall structure itself. This change results in unnecessary additional cost to the home owner and is not solving the problem.

Motion carried.

STREET LIGHT REQUEST

It was reported that Mr. Michael Hopkins of Bear Point has requested a street light in the vicinity of his property. The request has been investigated and it has been determined that the installation of a light at this location does not fall within the systematic plan of street lighting.

Resolution C031041

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by A. Atkinson that a letter be forwarded to Mr. Michael Hopkins indicating that his request does not meet the requirements of the Street Lighting Policy and therefore his request has been denied.

Motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Deputy Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

Copied for Councillors on October 24, 2003 by Sharon Brannen.

PUBLIC HEARING
RE: AMENDMENTS TO MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY AND LAND USE BY-
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- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

It was reported that the Public Hearing was being held to deal with proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law to clarify the minimum yard requirements for wind turbine generators and types of wind turbine generators.

The Clerk reported that the required Public Participation Meeting had been held and the required notices had been advertised in the Coast Guard Newspaper. Notification was also given to adjacent municipal units.

There were no verbal or written presentations received.

The Public Hearing was then adjourned.

Secretary for the Meeting

Copied for Councillors on October 24, 2003 by Sharon Brannen.

