

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Wednesday, November 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 Louise Halliday
- Councillor Dwayne Hunt

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

Absent due to work commitments were Councillors Fred Bower and Wayne Smith.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

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

- Nominating Committee Meeting

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the minutes of the Council meetings held November 12th and November 17th, 2003 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Campgrounds

The Clerk informed members that information has been received from the South West Shore Development Authority advising that they have made it a priority to assist individuals who may be potentially interested in setting up a campground business. They are now assembling data and statistics to support the need for such a business should a client approach them in the future. A local resident has already approached one of the Development Officers and was referred to Open for Business for assistance with the development of a business plan.

Letter of Thanks

Members were informed that a letter has been received from the Seaview Cemetery Company thanking Council for the grant provided for repairs and maintenance to the Cape Negro Church and cemetery.

Activities Coordinator Position

Members were informed that a letter has been received from the South West Shore Development Authority requesting a letter of support for the development of an Activities Coordinator position in Shelburne County. This position will run from January 2004 to December 2004. The Coordinator will be required to help County organizations plan, organize and implement various County festivals for the 2004 tourism season.

Resolution C031127

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that a letter of support for the development of an Activities Coordinator position in Shelburne County be provided to the South West Shore Development Authority, and suggest that the Coordinator be located in the new Visitor Information Centre which is being constructed in Barrington.

Motion carried.

Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve Association

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with information from the Southwest Nova Biosphere Association. The Association is requesting support for the biosphere concept.

The Clerk informed members that Council, at their meeting held January 9, 2002, considered this request and at that time the Association was advised that the Municipal Council did not support their request.

It was agreed that the Association be advised that the position of Council has not changed.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

During his report he made reference to Brian Crowell's letter to the editor which appeared in the Coast Guard Newspaper this week. The letter expressed concern over the litter problem in our area and requested elected municipal officials in Shelburne and Barrington to take a lead role in addressing this problem.

Resolution C031128

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that a letter be forwarded to Mr. Brian Crowell of Smithville, thanking him for his letter to the editor and informing him of the Municipal Community Litter Clean-up Incentive Program Policy and the Adopt-a-Highway Program offered through the Department of Transportation.

Motion carried.

REPORT OF CLERK-TREASURER

The Clerk-Treasurer provided a report on activities for the month of October.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

C.S.I. Sewer Committee

The Deputy Warden informed members that he has been in conversation with MLA Cecil O'Donnell and MP Gerald Keddy regarding possible funding to assist with the C.S.I. Sewer project. The Deputy Warden informed members that Mr. O'Donnell will be arranging a meeting with the Honourable Barry Barnett, Minister of Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations. Mr. Gerald Keddy has indicated that he will contact ACOA and attempt to secure federal funding for the project. Mr. Keddy has indicated that he would get back to the Deputy Warden prior to Christmas.

Waterfront Development

Deputy Warden Nickerson informed members that work is continuing with the walkway across the causeway and the installation of lights on McGray Avenue.

S.S.T. Meeting

Councillor Halliday informed members that a meeting of the S.S.T. Committee will be held on December 3, 2003 to discuss the school design with officials of the Department of Education.

Finance and Administration

Library Estimates

Resolution C031129

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by E. Nickerson that the Warden or Clerk, or both, contact the South West Shore Development Authority and request them to provide a proposal to finance the construction of a Municipal Library in Barrington Passage, not later than the Finance and Administration Committee meeting in January, and that this proposal be provided in writing.

Motion carried.

D. Waybret & Sons Fisheries Ltd.

It was reported that D. Waybret & Sons Fisheries Ltd. has been placed in receivership. It is therefore unlikely that the outstanding Business Occupancy Tax will be paid.

Resolution C031130

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the Business Occupancy Taxes owing by D. Waybret & Sons Fisheries Ltd., which is approximately \$2,850.00, be written off because they are uncollectible.

Motion carried.

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Tourist Rest Stop

Resolution C031131

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that Municipal Staff prepare a proposal and draft plan for Council's consideration to construct a tourist rest stop on Department of Natural Resources property and provide access to Crow's Neck Beach from it.

Motion carried.

Conflict of Interest

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

The Municipality is currently leasing a loader from Mr. Nickerson's stepfather which is being used at the C & D Landfill Site.

Purchase of Loader

Resolution C031132

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the Municipality purchase a new loader rather than a used loader for use at the Municipal Construction & Demolition Debris Landfill Site.

Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Nickerson returned to the meeting.

Insurance for Barrington Ground Search & Rescue

Resolution C031133

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by E. Nickerson that Barrington Ground Search & Rescue insurance be obtained through the Cowan Group of Companies at an estimated total cost of \$5,708.00, plus H.S.T. The liability and vehicle insurance will be through the Cowan Group and the accident insurance will be maintained through the Citadel Insurance Company.

Motion carried.

Resolution C031134

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that other municipal units in Shelburne County be asked to share in the cost of the Barrington Ground Search & Rescue insurance.

Motion carried.

C & D Manager's Job Description

Resolution C031135

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the proposed job description, including the proposed wage scale, for the Construction & Demolition Debris Landfill Site Manager/By-Law Enforcement Officer, be approved.

Motion carried.

Fee Schedule

Resolution C031136

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by E. Nickerson that the Fee Schedule at the Construction & Demolition Debris Landfill Site include \$48.50 per metric ton for waste deposited from outside the Municipality and the Town of Clark's Harbour, and for waste deposited by non-residents of the Municipality of Barrington and the Town of Clark's Harbour, including metals and a fee of \$115.00 per metric ton for mixed loads or non-separated waste.

Motion carried.

Property of Greg and Darlene Nickerson

It was reported that property assessed to Greg and Darlene Nickerson, Assessment Account #04454871, is a duplicate assessment and therefore taxes are uncollectible.

Resolution C031137

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by E. Nickerson that the balance of Assessment Account #04454871, of approximately \$230.00, in the name of Greg and Darlene Nickerson be written off as uncollectible.

Motion carried.

M & M Fisheries Ltd.

M & M Fisheries Ltd. is a fish plant in Charlesville which has recently gone into receivership and Business Occupancy Taxes in the amount of approximately \$8,000.00 will become uncollectible.

Resolution C031138

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the balance of the Business Occupancy Taxes on the account of M & M Fisheries Ltd., in the amount of approximately \$8,000.00, be written off.

Motion carried.

Taping of Council Meetings

Resolution C031139

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by E. Nickerson that Municipal Staff contact a production company and obtain prices for taping Municipal Council meetings using one camera or using two cameras as required so that Council can determine whether or not it is advisable to have these meetings taped and subsequently televised on cable TV.

Motion carried.

Review of Committee Membership

Resolution C031140

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that the Nominating Committee meeting be deferred to the Finance Committee.

Motion carried.

It was agreed that information on committee structures be provided to members in advance to the Finance Meeting.

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL RE: PERSONNEL MATTER

The regular Council Meeting was adjourned in order to hold a Closed Session of Council.

At 8:15 p.m. a Closed Session of Council was held to deal with a personnel matter.

At 9:07 p.m. the Regular Council Meeting was called back to order.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT RESTRUCTURING

Resolution C031141

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by E. Nickerson that the proposal previously submitted by the Clerk to restructure the Public Works Department be once again considered by the Public Works Committee.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

Copied for Councillors on November 27, 2003 by Sharon Brannen.

