

Minutes of the first meeting of the newly elected Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Wednesday, November 10, 2004.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Municipal Clerk with the following members present:

- Councillor Sterling Belliveau
 - Councillor Fred Bower
 - Councillor Louise Halliday
 - Councillor Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
 - Councillor Eddie Nickerson
 - Councillor Larry Stewart
 - Councillor Sean Strang
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- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
 - Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

OFFICIAL DECLARATION

The Municipal Clerk read the Official Declaration detailing the results of the General Election held on October 16, 2004. A copy of the Declaration is attached and forms part of the official proceedings of this meeting.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

The Municipal Clerk, individually, swore in each member of Council.

ELECTION OF WARDEN

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that Sterling Belliveau be nominated for the position of Warden.

The nomination was accepted by Councillor Belliveau.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Stewart that Eddie Nickerson be nominated for the position of Warden.

Councillor Nickerson declined the nomination.

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Stewart that Louise Halliday be nominated for the position of Warden.

Councillor Louise Halliday declined the nomination.

After a call of three more times, no further nominations were received.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that Sterling Belliveau be elected as Warden.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Oath of Warden was then carried out.

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ELECTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN

Moved by S. Strang and seconded by E. Nickerson that Fred Bower be nominated for the position of Deputy Warden.

The nomination was accepted by Councillor Bower.

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by E. Nickerson that Louise Halliday be nominated for the position of Deputy Warden.

The nomination was accepted by Councillor Halliday.

Further nominations were called three (3) times.

No further nominations were received.

Consistent with Policy #52 "Council Meetings and Proceedings Policy", the election of Deputy Warden was determined by secret ballot. It was agreed that the Clerk and Deputy Clerk act as scrutineers.

As a result of the vote by secret ballot, Councillor Fred Bower was declared elected Deputy Warden as he received the majority of votes.

The Oath for Deputy Warden was then carried out.

PRESENTATION TO FORMER COUNCILLORS

Former councillors Angus Atkinson, Dwayne Hunt, and Wayne Smith were invited to attend the meeting to receive recognition for their years of service. Angus Atkinson and Wayne Smith were presented with Scrolls of Recognition and a sweatshirt bearing the "Lobster Capital of Canada" crest.

Dwayne Hunt was absent.

PHOTO SESSION

A brief photo session was then held.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by E. Nickerson that the minutes of the last meeting of Council held October 13, 2004 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Street Light - Baccaro Area

Deputy Warden Bower questioned the rearranging of street lights in the Baccaro area which had previously been approved by Council.

The Clerk informed members that Nova Scotia Power has been requested to carry out the changes and it is unknown at this time whether the changes have actually been carried out.

INTERVIEW JASON HOLLETT - ENERGY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Mr. Jason Hollett, Energy Development Officer, appeared before the meeting. Mr. Hollett informed members that the South West Shore Energy Office was established to identify and develop opportunities in the Energy Sector for the South Western Nova Scotia region. This includes the areas of renewables, conservation, efficiency and energy production. He encouraged councillors to contact his office with any questions relating to energy.

Mr. Hollett was thanked for appearing before Council and making his presentation.

YARMOUTH HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Mr. David Arenburg, Paulette Sweeney-Goodwin, Doug Mosley and Babe (Elnathan) Smith appeared before Council. Information on the Foundations's background and current activities was provided. Foundation members extended thanks to councillors for providing funds for the recently purchased MRI equipment.

Members of the Foundation were thanked for appearing before Council.

MEETING DATES FOR NOVEMBER

It was agreed that the following meeting dates be approved:

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| - November 15, 2004 | - Hiring Committee (6:30 p.m.) |
| - November 15, 2004 | - Finance & Administration Committee (7:00 p.m.) |
| - November 16, 2004 | - Community Health Care Advisory Committee (7:00 p.m.) |
| - November 17, 2004 | - District Health Authority - Yarmouth (6:30 p.m.) |
| - November 18, 2004 | - Planning Advisory Committee (7:00 p.m.) |
| - November 22, 2004 | - Council (7:00 p.m.) |
| - November 23, 2004 | - Long Term Nursing Facility Committee (7:00 p.m.) |
| - November 24, 2004 | - Finance & Administration Committee (7:00 p.m.) |

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES

It was reported that Remembrance Day Services were considered at Orientation held on Saturday,

November 6, 2004. Councillors have been selected to attend the various services held throughout the Municipality.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Black Bull Resources

The Clerk informed members that Black Bull Resources Inc. has provided minutes of the July 6, 2004 Introductory Meeting. Each member of Council was provided with a copy of these minutes.

Letter of Resignation

The Clerk informed members that a letter of resignation has been received from Lynn Lamrock, resigning from her positions on the Community Health Care Advisory Committee and the Long Term Nursing Care Facility Committee.

Resolution C041101

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by L. Stewart that the letter of resignation received from Lynn Lamrock be accepted and that a letter of thanks be forwarded to her.

Motion carried unanimously.

UNSM Rural Caucus Meeting

The Clerk informed members that on November 25, 2004 a UNSM Rural Caucus Meeting will be held at the King's County Municipal Complex.

Resolution C041102

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by F. Bower that the Warden attend the UNSM Rural Caucus Meeting on November 25, 2004.

Motion carried unanimously.

Municipality of Shelburne

The Clerk informed members that a copy of a letter has been received from the Municipality of Shelburne expressing concern to the provincial government over the condition of the Port Clyde bridge.

South West Health

An invitation has been received from South West Health inviting council members to attend a meeting to discuss health care initiatives and planning. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 17, 2004, at the Yarmouth Regional Hospital.

Resolution C041103

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by E. Nickerson that the November 17, 2004 meeting be

attended by the Warden, Deputy Warden, Clerk and the Chair of the Community Health Care Advisory Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

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The Clerk informed members that another letter has also been received from South West Health regarding physician recruitment. The letter is requesting the Municipality of Barrington to provide \$5,000 to \$10,000, annually, which will be used towards signing bonuses for specialists.

Resolution C041104

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that the letter received from South West Health regarding physician recruitment be referred to the Finance Committee for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

South West Nova Environmental Protection Group

In advance to the meeting each member of Council was provided with a copy of a letter received from the South West Nova Environmental Protection Group regarding natural gas processing plants and pipelines.

Resolution C041105

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Stewart that the letter received from the South West Nova Environmental Protection Group, and letters received from Mrs. Hattie Perry regarding natural gas, be forwarded to the Finance Committee for further discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Off Highway Vehicle Task Force

The Clerk informed members that a copy of the Final Report of the Voluntary Planning Off Highway Vehicle Task Force has been received. Anyone interested in reviewing the document may contact the Office.

RNS Meeting

The Clerk informed members that the Recreation Nova Scotia Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 24, 2004.

Resolution C041106

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday that the Chairperson of the Recreation Committee attend the RNS meeting if he/she so wishes.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that Ray Green, Recreation Director, will be attending this meeting as well.

Provincial CAP Assistance Program Funding

The Clerk informed members that information has been received that the Department of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations will assist in funding the Regional Water Supply Study under the Provincial CAP Assistance Program (PCAP). The Department's contribution will be 50% of eligible costs up to a maximum of \$35,000.00. This funding is available in the fiscal year 2004/2005 and all expenditures and claims to the Department are to be made prior to March 31, 2005.

Resolution C041107

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that the Clerk obtain details of having the water study carried out and this information is to be available at the November 24, 2004 Finance Committee meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

November 3, 2004 - The Warden informed members that he attended a meeting of the RDA in Shelburne and provided a brief update on this meeting.

November 3, 2004 - The Warden attended a Team Shelburne meeting held in Shelburne and he provided a brief update on this meeting. He indicated to members that the Team will be waiting two (2) weeks for information from the provincial government on funding and a news release.

During discussion of Team Shelburne, it was noted that the Team should not be pursuing a Long Term Nursing Care Facility at the former Youth Centre. Bay Side Home is pursuing a Level II Nursing Care Facility.

Resolution C041108

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that our representative on Team Shelburne make a motion that Team Shelburne not pursue a Long Term Nursing Care Facility at the former Youth Centre.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was reported that policing was added to the agenda of the last Team Shelburne meeting. It appears that the Municipality of Shelburne and the Town of Lockeport are also interested in discussing policing.

November 5, 2004 - The Warden attended a retirement/roast in honor of Robert Manuel.

November 8, 2004 - The Warden attended a retirement party in honor of Councillor Barbara Conrad.

November 10, 2004 - The Warden informed members that he attended the Remembrance Day services held at B.M.H.S. Two (2) services were held, one for the juniors and one for the seniors. During the service the Grade 10 Drama Class carried out a presentation based on "In Flanders Fields".

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Resolution C041109

Moved by L. Stewart and seconded by S. Strang that a letter of recognition be forwarded to the Grade 10 Drama Class for the presentation "In Flanders Fields", during the Remembrance Day ceremonies.

Motion carried unanimously.

Halloween

The Warden informed members that concern has been expressed to him over the fires which took place on Cape Sable Island on Halloween as well as stones being thrown at vehicles. It was suggested that more discussion needs to take place on the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

It was suggested that the Rural Caucus Meeting would be a good place to discuss these concerns.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

S.S.T.

Councillor Halliday gave a brief report on the October 25, 2004 meeting of the S.S.T. The tender for the new school has been awarded to B.D. Stevens being the lowest tender received. Concern has been expressed regarding the tender being awarded to B.D. Stevens. Apparently this company has built schools in the past which have experienced problems.

Waterfront Development Committee

Councillor Nickerson provided a brief report on the November 8, 2004 meeting of the Waterfront Development Committee. At that meeting the tender received from Pete's Seamless Gutters to build a gazebo at McGray Avenue was discussed. It is the recommendation of the Committee that the tender in the amount of \$24,725 be approved.

Resolution C041110

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Stewart that the Municipal Council accept the tender received from Pete's Seamless Gutters in the amount of \$24,725 for the construction of a gazebo at McGray Avenue.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Banking Resolution

The Clerk informed members that it is necessary to approve a resolution regarding bankers and signing officers of the Municipality of Barrington.

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Resolution C041111

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Messenger that the resolution Re: bankers and signing officers of the Municipality of Barrington be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Nominating Committee

The regular council meeting was adjourned in order to hold a Nominating Committee meeting.

The regular council meeting was called back to order.

Report of Nominating Committee

Resolution C041112

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Strang that the Municipal Clerk re-draft the Hiring Policy to permit the Municipal Clerk and the Supervisor of the Department for which the position is being filled to vote.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C041113

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by L. Stewart that steps be taken to amend the number of council members permitted to serve on the Community Health Care Advisory Committee to three (3) members.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C041114

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Messenger that the report of the Nominating Committee be approved and that the appointments to the various committees and organizations be ratified and that the minutes of the meeting of the Nominating Committee form part of the official proceedings of this meeting and be attached hereto.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

A closed session of Council was held to deal with personnel matters.

The regular session of Council was called back to order.

YEARLY INCREMENT

It was reported that Wes Deschamp will complete one (1) year of employment with the Municipality on November 20, 2004. Wes has received a satisfactory performance evaluation from his supervisor, Derek Mesh.

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Resolution C0401115

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Strang that Wes Deschamp receive his annual increment, effective November 20, 2004, after having received a satisfactory performance evaluation.

Motion carried unanimously.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

It was reported that Michelle DeSantis, Tax Clerk, has requested a leave of absence due to medical reasons. She is requesting a leave of absence for up to six (6) months, effective October 12, 2004.

Resolution C041116

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by S. Strang that Michelle DeSantis be granted six (6) months leave of absence effective October 12, 2004 due to medical reasons.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by F. Bower that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

_____ Warden Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

Copied for Councillors on November 16, 2004 by Sharon Brannen.

