

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

October 6, 2004

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
 - Councillor Angus Atkinson
 - Councillor Fred Bower
 - Councillor Louise Halliday
 - Councillor Dwayne Hunt
 - Councillor Wayne Smith
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department request
- Used car lot

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

PROPERTY SERVICES TECHNICIAN

A revised job description for the Property Services Technician was circulated to members for their information and review.

It has been recommended by the Finance and Administration Committee that the job description for the Property Services Technician, together with the appropriate salary scale, beginning at \$12.66/hr and progressing over a period of five (5) equal annual increments to \$14.56/hr be approved by Council.

It is also recommended by the Finance and Administration Committee that the Municipality advertise for the position of Property Services Technician according to its Personnel Policy.

Resolution C041001

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday that the Property Services Technician job description, together with the proposed wage scale, be approved and that the position be advertised according to policy.

Motion carried unanimously.

BORROWING RESOLUTIONS

It is now recommended from the Finance and Administration Committee that two (2) new borrowing resolutions be approved as a result of the recent tender for Phase III of the Barrington Passage Sewage Treatment Plant. The temporary borrowing resolution must now be renewed in order to keep in effect the temporary borrowing to a maximum of \$500,000.00 in order to complete the project. A debenture in the amount of \$403,500.00 will be put in place when the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation issues its debentures in either October or November of this year, in order to finance the upgrade of the Barrington Passage sewer system. This debenture will be put in place at an interest rate not to exceed 6 ½ % and over a period of twelve (12) years, resulting in a payment of approximately \$48,000.00 per year including interest.

Renewal of Borrowing Resolution

Resolution C041002

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by F. Bower that:

WHEREAS the Municipality of the District of Barrington is authorized by law to borrow by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality a sum not exceeding Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000) for a capital purpose authorized by statute.

AND WHEREAS pursuant to a resolution passed by the Municipal Council on the 13th day of August, 2003, the Council postponed the issue of debentures and with the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Affairs dated the 2nd day of September, 2003, borrowed from a chartered bank or trust company doing business in Nova Scotia a sum not exceeding Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000) for the purpose set out above for a period not exceeding twelve months;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the period of borrowing be further extended;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT subject to the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations the authorized period of borrowing in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000) be extended for a further period not exceeding twelve months from the date of the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations.

Motion carried unanimously.

Pre-approval of Debenture

Resolution C041003

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by F. Bower that,

WHEREAS Section 91 of the Municipal Government Act provides that a municipality is authorized to borrow money, subject to the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations;

AND WHEREAS the resolution of council to borrow for the Barrington/Barrington Passage

Sewer Upgrade was approved by the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations on August 18, 2004;

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AND WHEREAS clause 91(1)(b) of the Municipal Government Act authorizes the council to determine the amount and term of, and the rate of interest, on each debenture, when the interest on a debenture is to be paid, and where the principal and interest on a debenture are to be paid;

AND WHEREAS clause 91(2) of the Municipal Government Act states, that in accordance with the Municipal Finance Corporation Act, the Warden and Clerk or the person designated by the council, by policy, shall sell and deliver the debentures on behalf of the municipality at the price, in the sums and in the manner deemed proper;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT under the authority of Section 91 of the Municipal Government Act, the Municipality of the District of Barrington borrow by the issue and sale of debentures a sum or sums not exceeding \$403,500, for a period not to exceed 12 years, subject to the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations;

THAT the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality of the District of Barrington in the amount that the warden and clerk or the person designated by the council deems proper, provided the average interest rate of the debenture does not exceed the rate of 6.5%;

THAT the debenture be arranged with the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation with interest to be paid semi-annually and principal payments made annually;

THAT this resolution remains in force for a period not exceeding twelve months from the passing of this resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR OFFICE SPACE

Medigas Inc. has approached the Community Health Care Advisory Committee for the rental of office space at the Community Health Centre for the purpose of conducting "Sleep Clinics" 2-3 times per month. The Community Health Care Advisory Committee is recommending that space be rented for this purpose.

Resolution C041004

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that Medigas Inc. be informed that the Municipality will rent space to them for a fee of \$50.00 per night, plus HST, for the purpose of providing a sleep clinic at the Community Health Centre.

Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

The Finance and Administration Committee has had a request from Mrs. Carol Smith to sell property to the Municipality. Mrs. Smith owns two (2) properties which are located behind the

Municipal Administrative Centre.

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Resolution C041005

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by F. Bower that municipal staff contact Mrs. Smith to determine what price she wishes to receive for her properties so the committee can determine whether or not the municipality is interested in purchasing them.

Motion carried unanimously.

HALLOWEEN

This matter had been referred to this meeting for consideration of Council by the Finance and Administration Committee. Municipal staff was previously requested to obtain information regarding the observance of Halloween in adjacent and nearby municipal units. The following information was obtained.

- Town of Yarmouth, observing Halloween on Saturday, October 30, 2004
- Municipality of Argyle, no decision yet
- Municipality of Yarmouth, no decision yet
- Municipality of Clare, observing Halloween on Sunday, October 31, 2004
- Town of Shelburne, observing Halloween on Sunday, October 31, 2004
- Municipality of Shelburne, no decision yet
- Town of Clark's Harbour, observing Halloween on Saturday, October 30, 2004

Councillors then discussed the pros and cons of changing the date on which Halloween is observed within the municipality.

Resolution C041006

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Halliday that the municipality recognize Saturday, October 30, 2004 as the day for observance of Halloween within the municipality.

AFFIRMATIVE NEGATIVE

W. Smith	A. Atkinson
L. Halliday	F. Bower
E. Nickerson	D. Hunt
S. Belliveau	

Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUEST

The Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department wished to use a property owned by the municipality for the purpose of locating a dry hydrant.

Resolution C041007

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by W. Smith that the Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department be permitted to place a dry hydrant on municipal property in West Baccaro.

Motion carried unanimously.

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The Municipal Clerk will determine the location of the property which the volunteer fire department wishes to use.

USED CAR LOT

Members were informed that cars are being sold on property located at the foot of Brass Hill, near Temple Church. This property is located at the junction where the Brass Hill Road meets Highway #3. There are frequently vehicles parked on the side of the road at this location with “for sale” signs in their windows.

Resolution C041008

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by L. Halliday that the Department of Transportation be contacted and requested to inform Council why the posts that were formerly located there have been removed and why the Department of Transportation is allowing car sales to take place at this location and will the posts that were formerly located there be repaired and replaced.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>OPPOSED</u>
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A. Atkinson	F. Bower
S. Belliveau	D. Hunt
L. Halliday	
E. Nickerson	
W. Smith	

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by A. Atkinson and seconded by W. Smith that the minutes of the last previous meeting held September 27, 2004, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

The Clerk's evaluation.

Members then entered a closed session of Council for the purpose of reviewing the Municipal Clerk's evaluation.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

It was the consensus of members that the Clerk's evaluation should be put on the agenda of the last meeting held during the month of August in each year so that this matter would automatically be brought to the attention of members.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent at 9:15 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Copied for Councillors on October 12, 2004 by Sharon Brannen.