

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, April 14, 2004.

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:00 p.m.

POLICY 52

The Warden informed members that Policy 52 "Council Meetings and Proceedings Policy" will be followed tonight.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The Warden informed members that it will also be necessary for Council to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held March 31, 2004.

It was reported that a letter has been received regarding Long Term Nursing Care and this matter will be dealt with under correspondence.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported that all councillors from all districts were present including:

- 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
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by L. Halliday that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held March 22, 2004 and minutes of Special Council Meeting held March 31, 2004 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

INTERVIEW PLANT WORKERS OF NOVA SCOTIA

Mr. Tony Cunningham, Alan Nickerson and Paul Ross appeared before the meeting. Mr. Cunningham acted as spokesperson.

Members were advised that a petition has been circulated requesting the Nova Scotia Minister of Agriculture & Fisheries to immediately begin the process of setting up a meeting with the Federal Minister of Fisheries & Oceans of Canada to discuss an immediate financial aid package for Nova Scotia fish plant workers that will enable them to maintain their way of life across Nova

Scotia.

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Mr. Cunningham requested Council to provide a letter of support for their request outlined in the petition.

Resolution C040401

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by D. Hunt that a letter of support be forwarded to the Federal Minister of Fisheries and Oceans on behalf of the Fish Plant Workers of Nova Scotia to address their concerns regarding job cuts and job losses in our coastal fishing community, and that a copy of this letter be forwarded to the MLA for Shelburne County and the MP for the South Shore.

Motion carried unanimously.

DEAN NICKERSON - REZONING APPLICATION

Mr. Dean Nickerson; Gary Saunders, Planner; and Andrew Goreham, Development Officer, appeared before the meeting.

Gary Saunders addressed Council and reference was made to his report which was provided to councillors in advance.

It is the Planner's conclusion and recommendations that the general intent of the Strategy is one of promoting and enhancing the physical, social and economic growth of the Municipality. The general development goal is to secure a high quality living environment. To further this goal it is an objective to discourage land development in environmentally sensitive areas. The Coastal Wetlands have been set aside for uses that are complementary to beach and salt marsh environments. It is therefore the recommendation of the Planner that the applicant's request to re-designate and re-zone the area of land from Coast Wetlands (CW) to Rural Development (RD) to accommodate a campground with camping cabins, be denied.

After much discussion it was noted that the proposal of Dean Nickerson could possibly be accommodated through a development agreement, re-zoning or amendments to allow the development "as a right".

The motion which was tabled at the last meeting of Council was brought forward. The motion reads as follows:

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by W. Smith that the Municipality not approve the Land Use Re-zoning Application of Mr. Dean Nickerson for his property located at Daniel's Head in South Side, Cape Sable Island.

The tabled motion was put to a vote. Motion defeated unanimously.

Resolution C040402

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by F. Bower that the Planning Advisory Committee be requested to draft amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law to accommodate the request of Dean Nickerson to develop his property located at South Side, Cape Sable Island. Amendments can be by way of re-zoning, development agreement, or "as a right".

The Warden turned his chair over to the Deputy Warden in order that he could speak on the

motion.

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After expressing his concerns the Warden resumed his chair.

AFFIRMATIVE

Fred Bower
Louise Halliday
Dwayne Hunt
Eddie Nickerson
Wayne Smith

NEGATIVE

Angus Akinson
Sterling Belliveau

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Invitation - Veteran's Night

It was reported that an invitation has been received from the two post offices located in Shag Harbour and Wood's Harbour, inviting councillors to attend their Veteran's Night at ERMES on May 21, 2004. The special program is for veterans of Barrington Municipality and Clark's Harbour.

Thank You Letter

It was reported that a thank you letter has been received from the Island and Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department. The department thanked council for its generous donation of \$3,000.00 as well as the street light installed in their parking lot.

Adopt-A-Book

It was reported that the Western Counties Regional Library Adopt-A-Book campaign started April 1, 2004. Their goal is to have at least 1,000 new books adopted by July 3, 2004.

36th Canadian Brigade Group

Correspondence has been received from the 36th Canadian Brigade Group advising that the reserves in Atlantic Canada are about to embark on a series of information sessions designed to provide an update on the overall status of the reserves, and more specifically about the reserve units located in our community. On Friday, May 7, 2004, there will be a meeting held at the Yarmouth Armory at 12:00 p.m and the Group is requesting representation at this meeting.

Council did not express any interest in this meeting.

School Soccer Field

It was reported that a letter has been received from Jerry Digout, SAC Chairperson of the Barrington Municipal High School. The letter expressed the School Advisory Council's concerns regarding the proposed placement of the new soccer field at Sherose Island.

Councillor Louise Halliday informed members that the S.S.T. Committee have forwarded their concerns on to the Minister of Education.

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by L. Halliday that a letter of support be forwarded to the

Minister of Education supporting the concerns raised by the S.A.C. Chairperson, by letter dated April 7, 2004, and that the concerns be discussed with officials of the Department when Council meets with them again.

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AFFIRMATIVE

NEGATIVE

Sterling Belliveau
Louise Halliday
Wayne Smith

Angus Atkinson
Fred Bower
Dwayne Hunt
Eddie Nickerson

Motion defeated.

Resolution C040403

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by E. Nickerson that the concerns raised by the S.A.C. Chairperson be discussed with officials of the Department of Education when Council meets with them again, and that a letter be forwarded to Mr. Digout advising him of Council's actions.

Motion carried unanimously.

Invitation

The Clerk informed members that an invitation has been received to attend a reception to celebrate the opening of the BDC's Yarmouth Branch. The reception will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2004, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Council did not express any interest in this reception.

Recreation Nova Scotia Benefits Charter

The Benefits Charter was copied and circulated to members in advance of the meeting.

Deputy Warden Nickerson requested to be excused from the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Having received no objections to the proclamation, the Warden declared June as Recreation Month in the Municipality of Barrington:

WHEREAS, in Nova Scotia, we are fortunate to have a variety of recreation and parks systems providing countless recreational opportunities for residents and visitors from around the world; and

WHEREAS, recreation enhances quality of life, balanced living and lifelong learning; helps people live happier and longer; develops skills and positive self image in children and youth; develops creativity; and builds healthy bodies and positive lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, recreation participation builds family unit and social capital; strengthens volunteer and community development; enhances social interaction; creates community pride and vitality; and promotes sensitivity and understanding to cultural diversity; and

WHEREAS, recreation, therapeutic recreation and leisure education are essential to the rehabilitation of individuals who have become ill or disabled, or disadvantaged, or who have demonstrated antisocial behavior; and

WHEREAS, the benefits provided by recreation and parks programs and service reduce healthcare and social service costs; serve to boost the economy, economic renewal and sustainability; enhance property values; attract new business; increase tourism; and curb employee absenteeism; and

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WHEREAS, our parks, open space and trails ensure ecological beauty; provide space to enjoy nature; help maintain clean air and water; and preserve plant and animal wildlife; and

WHEREAS, all levels of government, the voluntary sector and private enterprise throughout the Province participate in the planning, development and operation of recreation and parks programs, services and facilities;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Warden does hereby proclaim that June, which witnesses the greening of Nova Scotia and serves as a significant gateway to family activities, has been designated as Recreation Month which will annually recognize and celebrate the benefits derived year round from quality public and private recreation and parks resources at the local, regional and provincial levels.

Long Term Nursing Care

The Clerk informed members that a copy of a letter has been received, which was addressed to Mayor Leigh Stoddart, from the Minister of Health. The letter advised that the Department has heard the concerns of the Long Term Nursing Care Facility Committee of the Municipality and the residents they serve. The Continuing Care Branch of the Department will be conducting a public consultation on the future of Continuing Care Services in Nova Scotia. The Continuing Care Branch needs to respond to community needs in a planned approach. The letter advised that they must consider the current and future trends as they make critical decisions on how limited health care funds will be spent. The Department staff intend to arrange a tour of the Bay Side Home in early spring, and as part of their planning they will consider the points which have been raised.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

S.S.T. Committee

Councillor Louise Halliday informed members that a meeting of the S.S.T. Committee was held on April 1, 2004. She gave a brief update on this meeting. She informed members that a new preliminary site plan has been completed and a copy will be circulated to members. She informed members that the S.S.T. Committee has forwarded their concerns on to the Minister of Education regarding the sports field. A copy of that letter will be circulated to members for their information.

Deputy Warden Nickerson returned to the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

Community Health Care Advisory Committee

Councillor Halliday informed members that a meeting of the Community Health Care Advisory

Committee was held on March 30, 2004. Once again there was no quorum to conduct business. It was the feeling of members present that an advertisement be placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper advertising for more members to serve on this committee.

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Resolution C040404

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by E. Nickerson that an advertisement be placed in the Coast Guard Newspaper for more members to serve on the Community Health Care Advisory Committee and that the requirement to have one (1) representative from each district of the Municipality be waived.

AFFIRMATIVE

Sterling Belliveau
Louise Halliday
Dwayne Hunt
Eddie Nickerson
Wayne Smith

NEGATIVE

Angus Atkinson
Fred Bower

Motion carried.

Resolution C040405

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by L. Halliday that Adele Roberts be appointed to serve as a member on the Community Health Care Advisory Committee representing District 3.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Halliday informed members that there is a possibility that a new doctor could be coming to the area in July. Dr. Ruby Lewis has expressed an interest in practicing in Barrington Passage and Dr. Blair has indicated a willingness to sponsor her.

Mr. Scott Anderson, Chiropractor, has expressed an interest in coming to the Barrington area. He visited the area last week and viewed office space at the Old Court House.

Dr. Mikhail will be moving his practice to the former Sound Vision location. Sound Vision will be moving to the space formerly occupied by the EHS. Dr. Mikhail is scheduled to open his practice on April 19, 2004.

Recreation and Facilities Management Committee

Recreation Facilities Supervisor's Report

Resolution C040406

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Hunt that a letter of thanks be sent to Eugene Stoddard for his cooperation in monitoring the equipment at the Barrington Municipal Arena.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Finance and Administration Committee

On-Site Septic Tenders

Resolution C040407

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt that the Municipality accept the lowest tender for the construction of an on-site septic system at the Construction & Demolition Debris Landfill Site in the amount of \$8,900.00, plus H.S.T., received from R & T Excavating Ltd., of Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

CPI Wage Increase

Resolution C040408

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt that Municipal employees salary scales be increased as required by the Personnel Policy consistent with the increase in the Consumer Price Index of .7 percent.

Motion carried unanimously.

Additional H.S.T. Rebate

Resolution C040409

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt that the additional H.S.T. rebate funds received from the Federal Government be designated for Municipal Capital Projects.

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works & Property Committee

Departmental Reorganization

Resolution C040410

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt that Municipal Staff prepare additional information regarding the proposed departmental reorganization to be presented to the next Finance and Administration Committee, if possible.

Motion carried unanimously.

Sidewalk at C.S.I. Causeway

Resolution C040411

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by W. Smith that Municipal Staff contact store owners at the Causeway Shopping Plaza to determine their opinion in putting a concrete sidewalk in that area.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Community Club Property

Resolution C040412

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by W. Smith that Municipal Staff contact the Barrington Passage Community Club and inform them of Council's current situation in regards to the property.

Motion carried unanimously.

February Financial Statements

Resolution C040413

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt that the fire departments from the related districts be informed that there are "unexpended special assessments" remaining, and that they be requested to identify projects for which these assessments may be applied.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Health Centre

Resolution C040414

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt that Municipal Staff address the accessibility and parking at the Community Health Centre for the handicapped.

Motion carried unanimously.

Highway 103 Committee

Councillor Bower informed members that he attended a meeting in Bridgewater regarding the 103 Highway extension. The Provincial Government is now indicating that the highway is scheduled to be opened April, 2006.

The Committee will be pursuing this matter with the MLA and ministers involved since previous indications from the province were that the highway would open in April, 2005.

Adopt-A-Highway Program

Councillor Bower informed members that the Port Clyde and Area Women's Institute has adopted the section of highway from the intersection in Clyde River to approximately Cape Negro. Total distance is approximately 14 kilometers. Clean-up is scheduled to take place on April 24, 2004, and they will be taking part in the Community Litter Clean-up Incentive Program. A total of 8 kilometres qualify for the incentive.

During discussion of this matter it was questioned whether the Chamber of Commerce has replied to our challenge for them to match the incentive amount of \$200.00. The Clerk informed members that as of yet no response has been received.

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Waterfront Development Committee

Deputy Warden Nickerson informed members that the budget for the Waterfront Development Committee has been completed and forwarded to the Clerk. This budget will be considered during the budget process.

Deputy Warden Nickerson informed members that the Committee has expressed concern regarding the number of lights along the Causeway. It is felt by the Committee that the number of lights there are inadequate to properly light the walkway.

It is the recommendation of the Waterfront Development Committee that street lights be placed on every pole across the causeway.

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that street lights be installed on every pole across the causeway in order to adequately light the walkway.

Resolution C040415

Moved by L. Halliday and seconded by D. Hunt that the above motion be tabled until the next meeting of Council in order to give members an opportunity to view the situation first hand.

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Policy Re: Seminars

Notice of consideration of proposed amendments to the Personnel Policy regarding seminars was given at the last meeting of Council.

Resolution C040416

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by F. Bower that the Municipal Personnel Policy be amended to include payment for attendance at seminars by Municipal employees when authorized by the Municipality, regardless of whether they are conducted during regular working hours or not.

Motion carried unanimously.

BORROWING RESOLUTION RE: V.I.C.

The Clerk informed members that on May 22, 2003 a Temporary Borrowing Resolution was approved for the Visitor Information Centre. A debenture will be set up in the near future to cover this cost but may not be arranged until after May 22, 2004. It is therefore recommended by the Municipal Clerk that the Municipal Council renew the existing borrowing resolution for the Visitor Information Centre in the amount of \$125,000.00.

Resolution C040417

Moved by D. Hunt and seconded by E. Nickerson that the Temporary Borrowing Resolution in the amount of \$125,000.00 for the Visitor Information Centre be renewed for a further period of time to allow the proper debenture to be put in place.

Motion carried unanimously.

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GATEWAY TO THE SOUTH SHORE

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from the South Shore Tourism Association recognizing the newly constructed V.I.C. in Barrington as the Gateway to the South Shore on the western end of the Lighthouse Route.

The Clerk informed members that this designation will be used for tourism promotions.

FIRST READING RE: BY-LAW # 3

In advance to the meeting each member of Council was advised that as a result of the adoption of Policy #52 "Council Meetings and Proceedings Policy" it is now necessary to repeal By-Law #3 "Council" which is no longer required.

Resolution C040418

Moved by F. Bower and seconded by D. Hunt that first reading to repeal By-Law #3 "Council" be approved.

AFFIRMATIVE

Angus Atkinson
Sterling Belliveau
Fred Bower
Louise Halliday
Dwayne Hunt
Wayne Smith

NEGATIVE

Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

POLICY # 52 "COUNCIL MEETINGS AND PROCEEDINGS POLICY"

Resolution C040419

Moved by E. Nickerson and seconded by L. Halliday that notice of consideration be given that Policy #52 be amended to allow councillors to vote by show of hands and not rising each time.

AFFIRMATIVE

Angus Atkinson
Sterling Belliveau
Louise Halliday
Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

Fred Bower
Dwayne Hunt
Wayne Smith

Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION RE: PERSONNEL MATTERS

Members agreed to enter into Closed Session to discuss personnel matters.

The Regular Session of Council was called back to order.

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Yearly Increment

Resolution C040420

Moved by W. Smith and seconded by E. Nickerson that Douglas Swaine, Deputy Keeper of Lock-up, receive his yearly increment in the amount of \$0.51 per hour, effective June 3, 2004.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by F. Bower that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

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

