

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**12 DECEMBER 2000**

Present:           Chairman       Mayor John P. Prall  
  Councillor Donald E. Clarke  
  Councillor Gary W. Whittier  
  Councillor Bruce H. Morse  
  Councillor Thomas S. Banks  
  Councillor Michael E. Trinacty  
  Ms. Linda Parker, Acting Town Clerk  
  Mrs. Rachel Turner, Recording Secretary

Absent:                               Councillor Richard Horsburgh

In attendance:                   Mr. Bob Stewart, Town Solicitor  
  Ms. Sara Keddy, Berwick Register  
  Residents of Daniel Drive

1.   The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2.   **Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Prall noted that an update on the sewer issues will be provided after the Approval of Previous Minutes, and an Off-Site Directional Signage Policy will be dealt with under Other Business. After a brief discussion,

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Banks and seconded by  
Councillor Clarke to approve the Agenda as amended.**

**Motion Carried**

3.   **Approval of Previous Minutes**

Hearing of no errors or omissions the Chairman approved the minutes of 14 November 2000 as circulated.

3a. **Sewer Update**

Mayor Prall gave a brief update on the last meeting the Town had with representatives from Larsen Packers Ltd. The Town's Engineer, Mr. Doug Seamone, has looked at a temporary solution if Larsens does not comply with the proposed Bylaw. Hiltz and Seamone have been diligently attempting to contact Larsen's engineer, Willis Sneed, without success until today. A fax was received from Mr. Sneed requesting 13 more items of information about the Town's Sewer Treatment Plant. The Town will comply with the request, but again has indicated that the concern is not with the construction and operation of the STP, but with what is being released into the system. At this point, the Town is concerned that this message has not been acknowledged by Larsen's. Discussion followed regarding possible odours coming from a pretreatment plant at Larsen's, if that is the solution to this issue. It was suggested that odours be addressed in the proposed Bylaw.

Work is continuing at the STP to decrease the odour and noise being emitted from the plant and other options are being considered. The Bylaw can be changed accordingly when it goes for second reading if Council deems it necessary at that time.

The residents from Daniel Drive left the meeting after the discussion.

4. **Recommendations from COTW**

a. Traffic Study

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Trinacty that a portion of the money set aside in the 2000-2001 Capital Budget (\$20,455) for the one third share of the cost to install overhead crosswalk lights along Commercial Street be used to fund the cost of a professional traffic study of the intersection at Commercial and Union Streets.**

Councillor Trinacty noted that the Planning Advisory Committee is examining the whole issue of parking and traffic very shortly.

**Motion Carried**

b. Tree Trimming and Removal Policy

Ms. Parker reviewed the changes to the Policy that were recommended by the Committee of the Whole. It was agreed to make the following changes: page one under 'Policy', the date for removal should read November 15<sup>th</sup>; page two, under 'Voluntary Tree Trimming or Removal' the sentence should end after 'all costs incurred.'; and on page three the section on issuing orders should read '. . . who did **not** return. . . '.

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Whittier and seconded by Councillor Banks to approve the Tree Trimming and Removal Policy.**

**Motion Carried**

5. **Other Business**

a) Directional Signage Policy

Councillor Trinacty spoke to the Policy, stating that the Planning Advisory Committee examined the issue of off-site directional signage at its last meeting and requested that the policy be drafted for Council's consideration. Before any signage can be put in place, general guidelines and authorities must be determined, which is the purpose of this policy. All signs under this policy will be directional in purpose only with standard formatting and location.

**IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Trinacty and seconded by Councillor Whittier to adopt the Policy, entitled Directional Signage on Town Property and within Public Rights-of-way.**

Ms. Parker noted that the issue of cost recovery should be examined. The Town currently has a Bylaw that charges a fee for erecting a sign, depending on the purpose of the sign. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to determine the number of signs allowed at each location and pro-rate the cost for the total number of signs. In addition to the cost of the sign and putting it up, a \$15 fee would be applied as a one-time fee to be pro-rated along with the other costs associated with the sign.

**Motion Carried**

**6. Correspondence**

a) Library Boards Association

A letter was received from the Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia thanking Council for its support of the public libraries in Nova Scotia and requesting that Councils be kept up to date on the services and programs offered through the libraries. For the information of Council.

**7. Hearing of no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.**

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John P. Prall  
Chairman

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Rachel L. Turner  
Recording Secretary