

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
13 FEBRUARY 2001

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

Absent: Mayor John P. Prall

In attendance: Ms. Sara Keddy, Register
Mr. David Mangle, Peacemakers
Mr. Gary Long, Town Crier

1. All agreed that, in the absence of Mayor Prall, Councillor Clarke would chair the meeting. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Councillor Clarke added to Presentations 4(b) Mr. Gary Long, Town Crier. Under New Business item 7(a) is deferred to February Committee of the Whole meeting and the following items were added:

7(b) Valley Waste Resource Management Authority 2001/02 Budget

7(c) Town Caucus Position Paper

7(d) Highway Signs

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded to accept the Agenda as amended.
Motion Carried**

3. **Approval of Previous Minutes**

Hearing of no errors or omissions the Chairman approved the minutes of 9 January 2001 as circulated.

4. **Presentations**

a) **David Mangle, Peacemakers, An Association for Alternative Dispute Resolution**

Mr. Mangle reviewed the work of the group and answered questions from Councillors regarding the services provided (see attached report). Councillor Clarke thanked Mr. Mangle for coming, who then left the meeting.

- b) Gary Long, Town Crier
Mr. Long thanked Council for their assistance in attending the World Town Crier Championship in June 2000 held in Gent Belgium and reported on his participation in the competition (see attached report). In closing, Mr. Long noted that he would like to see the Towns of Middleton and Berwick co-host this event in the Annapolis Valley in the year 2007 and will be bringing forward a proposal at a later date for Council's consideration. Councillor Clarke expressed thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Long for representing the Town.

5. **Recommendations from Committee of the Whole**

- a) Deputy Mayor
IT WAS MOVED and seconded to approve the election of Councillor Clarke as Deputy Mayor for a term ending at the November 2001 Council meeting.
Motion Carried
- b) Trade Show Booth Funding
IT WAS MOVED and seconded to pay half of the \$632.50 registration fee for a booth at a trade show in Halifax, to be shared with the Berwick and District Board of Trade.
Motion Carried
- c) Temporary Borrowing Resolution
IT WAS MOVED and seconded to approve the Temporary Borrowing Resolution issued by Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations in the amount of \$19,315 for the funding of the Cottage Street Sidewalk Extension.
Motion Carried
- d) Apple Blossom Princess Committee
IT WAS MOVED and seconded to approve the following group to form the 2001 Berwick Princess Committee consisting of Elaine Prall, Sheila Munday, Louise Rainforth, Diane Clarke, and Nicole Lee.
Motion Carried
- e) Kings CED Agency Funding
IT WAS MOVED and seconded that a letter be sent to notify the Kings CED Agency that the Town will not make a financial contribution to their organization after the end of this fiscal year.

Discussion followed regarding the benefits of contributing to the Kings CED Agency versus the benefits of using the funds within the Town's budget. It was noted that the Town could return to the Agency at a later date if it felt there would be greater benefits for the Town at that time.

Motion Carried

7. **New Business**

b) Valley Waste-Resource Management Authority Budgets for 2001/02

Ms. Parker reviewed the memo and summary budget sheets that had previously been circulated to Council, and noted the service level and policy changes that have been proposed by the Authority. After a rounded discussion,

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded to accept the 2001/02 Valley
Waste-Resource Management Authority Budgets as presented.**

Motion Carried

c) Town Caucus Position Paper

Ms. Parker reported that she and Mayor Prall have been participating on the Town Caucus Steering Committee which is developing a Town Caucus Position Paper outlining the common concerns shared by all Towns in the province over the discrepancies in service responsibilities between classes of municipalities and the province. For the benefit of Council, Ms. Parker reviewed the background of events that led to Towns in the province working together to create such a document. A consultant will be hired to write the Position Paper. Once completed the paper will be presented to the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, the Nova Scotia Cabinet, and the Executives of the UNSM and AMA. The Steering Committee is confident the issues raised in the Discussion Paper will be supported by all municipalities.

Mayor Prall has met with MLA Jon Carey to discuss the issues. Minister Neil Leblanc will be in Berwick on the day the paper will be released, which is good timing for the Town to address the Minister with some of the issues. It was agreed that it would be prudent for all municipal units to have discussions with their MLAs to ensure the issues stay in the forefront.

d) 101 Highway Signs

A memo previously distributed to Council was addressed by Councillor Whittier, with the idea that the Town consider adding "festival tags" to its blue signs on Highway 101 so as to promote seasonal activities in the Town such as the United Church Campground Meetings and Gala Days. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to forward the issue to be included in the upcoming Capital Budget for consideration.

8. Correspondence

b) Berwick and District Board of Trade

It was agreed to take advantage of the opportunity to address the Minister of Finance who would be making a presentation to the Board of Trade on February 21st at the W.K.M. Health Centre. Ms. Parker will draft questions and comments to the Minister. Any Councillor who has specific questions should forward them to the Clerk's Office as soon as possible.

The remainder of the correspondence was for Council's information.

As a reminder, Deputy Mayor Clarke noted that the February Committee of the Whole meeting, and all COTW meetings after that will begin at 6:30 p.m.

9. Council took a short break at 8:45 p.m. Council reconvened at 8:51 p.m. and went into an In Camera Meeting to discuss matters of a confidential nature, specifically the Town's EMO Coordinator, Update on Judith Mitchell, and an Update on Larsen Packers.
10. Regular Council reconvened at 9:35 p.m. and, hearing of no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

Donald E. Clarke
Deputy Mayor

Rachel L. Turner
Recording Secretary