

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**10 DECEMBER 2002**

Present:           Chairman       Mayor John P. Prall  
  Deputy Mayor Michael E. Trinacty  
  Councillor Donald E. Clarke  
  Councillor Gary W. Whittier  
  Councillor J. Richard Horsburgh  
  Councillor Bruce H. Morse  
  Mrs. Rachel Turner  
  Ms. Carol Boylan, Recording Secretary

Absent:                           Councillor Thomas S. Banks  
  Ms. Linda Parker, Chief Administrative Officer

In attendance:               Mr. Ken MacPherson, Register  
  Mr. Ken Creighton (arrived 6:45)  
  Mr. Lloyd Blenkhorn

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added: Under New Business, UNSM Executive Report from Councillor Clarke, Christmas Card from Mike Payne under Correspondence and following Correspondence, Councillor Morse asked to speak to Council.

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded 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 12 November 2002 as circulated.

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

(a) **Lighting on the Town Sign**

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded to light the Town Sign on the north end  
of Commercial Street at a cost of approximately \$400.00.**

**Motion Carried**

(b) **Replace One Hour Parking Signs**

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded to replace all one-hour public parking  
signs with two-hour signs effective immediately.**

**Motion Carried**

Discussion followed. Two hour parking accomplishes the same thing as one hour parking. The signs will be ordered as soon as it becomes effective here. There is a concern with two hour parking in front of the post office. Mayor Prall had a discussion with Postmaster Bruce

Redden and his supervisor when it was decided to change the parking in front of the post office and they were aware of what was going to take place.

(c) Appointment of Traffic Authority Position

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded to appoint the position of Supervisor of the Berwick RCMP Office as the Traffic Authority for the Town of Berwick.**

**Motion Carried**

**4. Presentation**

(a) Hants – Kings Business Development Centre

Mr. Creighton distributed and reviewed the annual report for his organization for the information of Council. After a brief question and answer session, Mr. Creighton thanked Council for the opportunity to speak to them again this year and then left the meeting.

**7. New Business**

(a) Larsen Packers Request for Reduction of Wastewater Testing

Mrs. Turner's report regarding the request was discussed at length. Larsen Packers have requested that they be permitted to reduce their daily wastewater testing from five days per week to two days per week. It was noted that Larsen's have done a tremendous job in complying with the Sewer Use Bylaw and the Town doesn't want to be unreasonable by insisting upon expensive testing that isn't warranted but wants to ensure that there are guidelines in place that will continue to protect the efficient operation of the Sewage Treatment Plant. The algae issue should be addressed and dealt with in a timely manner. The Town consulted Doug Seamone of Hiltz and Seamone and Mrs. Turner read his reply concerning the matter. After further discussion,

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded, per section 6.9 of the Sewer Use Bylaw, that Council allow Larsen Packers Limited to reduce their daily wastewater testing from five days per week to two days per week, of which one would be a kill day and one would be a non-kill day. Further that this reduction of testing be conditional upon Larsen Packers Limited cooperation with E-Chem to proceed with a testing program regarding algae and TKN to be carried out as it relates to the Town, Larsen Packers, and Avon Foods, and upon written confirmation from Larsen Packers Limited of a timeline of completion of the testing program.**

**Motion Carried**

A letter will be sent to Mr. Larsen indicating Council's approval of his request.

(b) UNSM Executive Report

Mr. Clarke recently attended his first UNSM Executive meeting and distributed a copy of his report to Council, and further explained the Report. It is the intent of both the UNSM and Provincial Government to strengthen provincial-municipal relations through continued discussions and negotiations regarding the issues that are facing both parties. Mayor Prall thanked Councillor Clarke for his work on this Committee.

**8. Correspondence**

- a) Mrs. Turner read the Christmas Card recently received from Mike Payne.
- b) Councillor Morse wished everyone a Merry Christmas and then presented his letter of resignation to Mayor Prall. Councillor Morse said after 12 years it was time to move on. Mayor Prall accepted Councillor Morse's resignation with regret. Councillor Morse left the meeting. After his departure, Mayor Prall explained to the Committee that once a letter of resignation is submitted it is final according to the Act and there is nothing the Committee can do.

Council took a short break at 7:25 p.m. to go into an in camera meeting to discuss matters of a confidential nature. Regular Council reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

9. Hearing of no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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John P. Prall  
Chairman

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Carol Boylan  
Recording Secretary