

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**12 NOVEMBER 2002**

Present:           Chairman       Mayor John P. Prall  
  Deputy Mayor Michael E. Trinacty  
  Councillor Gary W. Whittier  
  Councillor J. Richard Horsburgh  
  Councillor Donald E. Clarke  
  Ms. Linda Parker, Chief Administrative Officer  
  Mrs. Rachel Turner, Recording Secretary

Absent:                           Councillor Thomas S. Banks  
  Councillor Bruce H. Morse

In attendance:                 Mr. Ken MacPherson, Register  
  Corporal Don Allen, RCMP  
  Ms. Kate Adams, Union Street Cafe  
  Mr. Wayne Blenkhorn  
  Mr. Gordon MacPherson, Western Regional Housing

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

2.   **Approval of Agenda**

The Chairman added a presentation from Kate Adams of the Union Street Cafe, an item of correspondence from the Canadian Cancer Society, and an in camera meeting to follow after the Council Agenda. It was noted that the first presentation was scheduled prior to the time change for the Council meeting, therefore, Mr. MacPherson is expected to arrive at 7 p.m.

**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 previous minutes of 8 October 2002 as circulated.

4.   **Presentation**

(b)   **Union Street Café: Kate Adams**

Ms. Adams noted that she was representing the four co-owners of the Union Street Café. There is a concern regarding the recent one-hour parking signs that have been put in place on Union Street. Ms. Adams noted that quite a few of the Café's patrons require longer than one hour to park on the street and she would like to see the parking restrictions extended to two hours. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that staff would prepare a report on this issue for consideration at the November Committee of the Whole. Ms. Adams thanked Council for their time and left the meeting.

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

(a) Crosswalk Lighting

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded to approve a RA-5 crosswalk lighting system be installed at the Cottage and Commercial Street intersection.**

**Motion Carried**

(b) Kick Off Program

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded to approve the grant of \$351.20 to the Kick Off Program.**

**Motion Carried**

(c) Municipal Auditor

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded to appoint MacKenzie, Morse and Brewster as the Municipal Auditor for the fiscal years ending March 31, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006.**

**Motion Carried**

7. New Business

(a) Election of Deputy Mayor

Mayor Prall briefly reviewed the report and the past practice of electing a Deputy Mayor for a one-year term. He then opened the floor to nominations. Councillor Clarke nominated Deputy Mayor Trinacty for a second term, who accepted. Councillor Horsburgh nominated Councillor Morse. Mayor Prall called for further nominations three times. Hearing none, nominations closed. A secret ballot was taken, with Ms. Parker counting the votes and Mrs. Turner acting as scrutineer. It was announced that Deputy Mayor Trinacty was elected with the most votes. His term commences immediately until November Council in 2003.

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded to destroy the ballots.**

**Motion Carried**

(b) Hammond Property Storm Sewer – Grant of Easement

Ms. Parker reviewed the report distributed to Councillors at the meeting and outlined the requirements that the Town has for the grant of easement, specifically a signed agreement and current survey of the property in question, which is also required to be filed with the Registry of Deeds.

**IT WAS MOVED and seconded to approve the attached Grant of Easement and instruct staff to gain signatures from Gregory and Verna Hammond and register the same, with a survey document, with the Registry of Deeds.**

**Motion Carried**

4. Presentation

(a) Western Regional Housing Service – Gordon MacPherson, Regional Director

Mr. MacPherson reviewed the program that the Province has put in place regarding public housing and its availability throughout the Western Region. A short question period followed. In response to a question, Mr. MacPherson noted that information from last census regarding

Berwick specifically could be pulled or some of the information can be gathered from the community groups in the area regarding the need for this service in the community. Mayor Prall thanked Mr. MacPherson for his time, who then left the meeting.

**8. Correspondence**

(a) Nova Scotia Sustainable Communities Initiative

Ms. Parker reviewed a letter and plaque that was sent to the Town with respect to Council adopting the guiding principles of a sustainable community. It was suggested that the plaque be hung in the main office.

(b) Canadian Cancer Society

Mayor Prall briefly reviewed the correspondence regarding an event called Relay for Life, organized by the Canadian Cancer Society. After a brief discussion, staff was instructed to contact Mr. Atkinson to obtain further information on the event.

(c) Invitation from NSCC and Larsens

Mayor Prall reported on an invitation he received to attend an open house on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. hosted by the Kingstec Campus and Larsen Packers. The purpose is to make an announcement regarding a new training program for employees at the plant. Mayor Prall will attend on behalf of the Town.

Council took a short break at 7:35 p.m. and went into an in camera session at 7:43 p.m. Regular Council reconvened at 9:50 p.m.

**9. Other Business**

(a) Firefighter Insurance

Councillor Clarke raised the issue that had been raised regarding the cost incurred by firefighters if they are injured at the scene of an alarm and require transportation to hospital by ambulance. EHS is now requiring payment for this service and there are some municipal units whose insurance coverage does not provide this for their volunteers. Ms. Parker agreed to have staff look into this issue.

**10.** Hearing of no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:53 p.m.

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John P. Prall  
Chairman

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Rachel L. Turner  
Recording Secretary