

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING 30 SEPTEMBER 1997

Present:

Chairman

Mayor John W. Rainforth Deputy Mayor Michael J. Munday Councillor Bruce H. Morse Councillor John P. Prall Councillor Gary W. Whittier Councillor Ronald G. Reeves Judith Mitchell, Town Clerk

Absent:

Councillor Michael E. Trinacty

1.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., and noted that Councillor Trinacty was unable to attend, due to a prior commitment, but had left word that he had no difficulty in approving the Issuing Resolution.

2.

Issuing Resolution

The Finance Chairman updated Council on the purpose of Debenture Borrowings required in the amount of \$150,000 to cover the 1996/97 expenditures of a costshared Fire Truck and cost-shared PCAP Sewer Treatment Upgrade Project, (i.e. Aerators, Electrical Consolidation Building, and Cell Curtain).

Therefore, it was moved by Councillor Reeves and seconded by Councillor Morse that Council approve an Issuing Resolution in the amount of \$150,000, referenced to File Number 95/96-2 and File Number 96/97-2; granting the Mayor and Clerk authorization to sign the necessary documents.

Motion Carried

A copy of the Issuing Resolution is attached to the formal minutes and forms a part of the motion.

3.

Infrastructure Projects: Funding Discussion

The Mayor gave a short review of the status of the five infrastructure projects which were applied for in April 1997.

Basically, no project approval has been recommended at the provincial level for any of the five projects applied for, despite efforts of the Clerk and Finance Chairman to obtain information from the Department of Municipal Affairs Office, and later, from the Minister of Municipal Affairs. The Mayor discussed the matter of the Town of Berwick not being

recommended for any infrastructure funds with local MLA, Honourable George Moody, who agreed to raise the issue at a Caucus meeting (and plans to bring the matter up in the House at a later date). It was suggested to the Mayor that one of the five projects be resubmitted as a safety concern. Therefore, the Orchard Street Sidewalk Project was resubmitted to the Deputy Minister, as well as to key contacts, such as Robbie Harrison's office. This has now been done. The Mayor noted how unusual it was for a Municipal Unit to receive no funding whatsoever from the Infrastructure pot, which is supposed to be allocated by County, based upon levels of population and unemployment. As well, the Clerk's query to determine levels of funding received by other Municipal Units and which other Municipal Units, if any, were without any Infrastructure Funding; were firmly refused. The Mayor acknowledged that while it is desirable to have a good working relationship with the Province, we as a Municipal Unit need to be heard. If the Town receives Infrastructure funding, let's comment at Council in October. If not, then this issue should be discussed at length.

4.

November Council: Date Change

The Mayor noted that the second Tuesday of the month in November falls on Remembrance Day, and suggested possible alternate dates on which to hold Council. All agreed to consider the possibility of setting Council on Monday, November 3, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. A final decision is to be made at October Council.

5.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 7 :26 p.m.

Town Clerk/Treasurer

John W. Rainforth Chairman