

**MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 1, 2006**

Minutes of a special meeting of Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater, held in the Council Chambers of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, Administration Building, 210 Aberdeen Road, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia on Tuesday, August 1, 2006, commencing at 5:25 p.m. with Mayor Carroll Publicover presiding. Those in attendance: Deputy Mayor David Walker, Councillors Jim Bell, Beverlee Brown, Kevin Marlin and David Mitchell. Also present was: Ken Smith, Town Manager.

The purpose of the meeting was to make a decision regarding a recommendation from the Joint Multi-Purpose Working Committee with regard to site selection. Prior to the Special Council Meeting, an In Camera Meeting of Town Council was held preceded by, an In Camera Meeting of both Councils to reveal and discuss the recommendation of the Joint Multi-Purpose Working Committee. Concern was expressed by a member as to the fact that detailed scoring to arrive at the recommendation had not be provided to the Council members in order to make their decision. Furthermore, the member expressed concerns regarding the fact that a Special Council Meeting of the Town Council was held without adequate public notice. Mayor Carroll Publicover reviewed the process which the Joint Multi-Purpose Working Committee went through to arrive at the recommendation for both Councils. Furthermore, he noted that the scoring was extremely close and that the Committee members who had been selected by their respective councils had undertaken a great deal of debate and discussion to arrive at the scores.

06-255 Moved by Councillor Beverlee Brown, seconded by Deputy Mayor David Walker that Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater approve the following recommendation from the Joint Multi-Purpose Working Committee:

1. That the Councils for the District of Lunenburg and the Town of Bridgewater direct the Joint Multi-Purpose Facility Working Committee to negotiate with the South Shore Exhibition to secure, as a first choice, a site for the proposed Joint Multi-Purpose Facility on the exhibition grounds and make recommendations back to the Joint Committee of the Whole consisting of the two Councils.
2. In the interest of assuring the residents in our communities that the impasse over site selection for the Joint Multi-Purpose Facility has been resolved, and we are jointly prepared to move forward in good faith on this important regional project, that, failing successful negotiations with the South Shore Exhibition on our first choice for the facility, that the site at Exit 12 will be the back-up choice for the Joint Multi-Purpose Facility.

Vote on the Motion:

For: Mayor Publicover, Deputy Mayor Walker, Councillors Brown, Mitchell and Bell; Against: Councillor Marlin

Motion Carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

Ken J. SMITH
Town Manager

Carroll W. PUBLICOVER
Mayor