MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL
JANUARY 23, 2006

Minutes of a meeting of Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater, held in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall, 60 Pleasant Street, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia on Monday, January 23, 2006, commencing at 6:00 p.m. with Chairperson Mayor Carroll Publicover presiding. Those in attendance: Councillors Jim Bell, Beverlee Brown, Kevin Marlin, Bill McInnis, and David Mitchell. Also present were: Ken Smith, Town Manager; Harland Wyand, Town Engineer; David Lane, Director of Planning; and Sandra Lowe, Executive Secretary. Regrets were received from Deputy Mayor David Walker.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

06-017 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Mitchell that Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater accept the January 23, 2006 Town Council agenda as circulated. Motion Carried.

DELEGATION
BILL RHODENIZER - FOLEY LANE

Bill Rhodenizer, appeared before Council at approximately 6:30 p.m. to once again emphasize the need to upgrade, pave and curb Foley's Lane to accommodate the proposed development and the anticipated increase in traffic flow resulting from the development.

Mr. Rhodenizer provided his views on civic numbering within the Town. It was noted that a Committee had been organized to work on the civic numbering issue and made a proposal to Council. No action has been taken at this time.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF
AMY VEINOTTE, MUNICIPAL INTERN

The Town Manager introduced Ms. Amy Veinotte to Council . Ms. Veinotte has been hired as a Municipal Intern through a Pilot Project between Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations and the Town of Bridgewater. Ms. Veinotte's educational background and previous work related experience were provided to Council.

NICK BROWN, DEVELOPMENT OFFICER/PLANNING TECHNICIAN

The Director of Planning introduced Mr. Nick Brown as the newest member of the Planning Department. He has been hired as the new Development Officer/Planning Technician and will be administering the Town's Land Use By-law and Subdivision By-law. Mr. Brown is a native of Kentville and brings with him experience from Stayner, Ontario where he worked with Clearview Township.

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06-018 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor McInnis that Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater approve and confirm the minutes of the November 1, 2005 Special Town Council meeting and the November 14 and 28, 2005 regular Town Council meetings as circulated. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE - ACTION
ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

A memo dated January 20, 2006 was received by Council from Ken Smith, Town Manager regarding the request from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #24 for free parking for Veterans. His memo contained research obtained from the internet with respect to other municipal units across Canada and how they (other municipal units) have dealt with the issue of free parking for Veterans. The documentation was provided to assist Council in its decision making process to either allow or disallow free parking at municipal meters for Veterans within the Town of Bridgewater.

06-019 Moved by Councillor Mitchell , seconded by Councillor Bell that Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater grant the request from the Royal Canadian Legion, Zone 13, that 'free parking' be provided at all municipal meters for those with the special Veterans license plate.

Vote on the motion.

For: Councillors Jim Bell, David Mitchell, Kevin Marlin, and Mayor Carroll Publicover

Nay: Councillor Bill McInnis, and Bev Brown

Motion Carried.

BDA - BUSINESS RETENTION AND EXPANSION (BRE) VISITATION PROGRAM

Correspondence was received from Ms. Ida Scott, Manager, Bridgewater Development Association (BDA) advising that the BDA would be establishing a BRE (Business Retention and Expansion) Visitation Program in the Bridgewater Area. A Task Force Team will be organized which will consist of people from the business community, the education sector, the three levels of government (municipal/provincial/federal), organizations and the community. Ms. Scott has requested that Council appoint a representative from the Bridgewater Town Council to be a member of the Task Force. The Task Force is a project of the Marketing and Business Development Action Team of the BDA.

The BRE Visitation Program is a tool to determine the needs and concerns of local businesses, in an effort to strengthen existing businesses and help lay the foundation for expansion of existing businesses.

06-020 Moved by Councillor Marlin, seconded by Councillor Brown that Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater appoint Deputy Mayor David Walker as Council representative on the BDA's Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) Task Force. Motion Carried.

SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY JUSTICE SOCIETY - GRANT REQUEST ($1,000)

A letter, dated January 4, 2006, was received by Town Council from Susan Himmelman, Executive Director - South Shore Community Justice Society, requesting a grant in the amount of $1,000 for the 2006/07 fiscal year to help meet the on-going demands placed upon the organization. To substantiate the request, it was noted that 48% of referrals to the agency come from the Town of Bridgewater and with the agency's ability to process the offenders in a more timely manner, the agency has been able to maintain a high success rate in the completion of "files".

06-021 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Marlin that Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater refer the request of the South Shore Community Justice Society for a grant of $1,000 to the 2006/2007 budget deliberations. Motion Carried.

WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - AMENDMENTS TO THE *REGULATIONS FOR THE ADMISSION AND DISPOSAL OF WASTE AT THE WHYNOTTS SETTLEMENT DISPOSAL SITE*

A letter, dated January 3, 2006 was received by Town Council from Pierre A. Breau, P.Eng., Director of Engineering and Public Works, on behalf of the Waste Management Committee, regarding amendments to the Regulations for the Admission and Disposal of Waste at Whynotts Settlement Disposal Site. The recommended amendments consist largely of housekeeping issues. It was noted that the site will not accept some materials any longer but will continue to accept construction and demolition waste, with the exception of a few items. The excess material which cannot be recycled and employed at the site, will be transported to Chester, Kaizer Meadows, where it will be disposed of.

06-022 Moved by Councillor Mitchell, seconded by Councillor Bell that Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater approve the proposed amendments to the *Regulations for the Admission and Disposal of Waste at the Whynotts Settlement Disposal Site* as presented by staff and in Document 06-017. Motion Carried.

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY - LAW SYMPOSIUM

A letter, dated January 5, 2006 was received by Town Council from Dalhousie University regarding the Dalhousie Municipal Law Symposium. The Symposium is scheduled for February 9 & 10, 2006 at the Lord Nelson Hotel in Halifax. Councillors are encouraged to attend as the symposium is tailored for municipal elected and appointed officials. The Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities and Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations have once again provided their support.

06-023 Moved by Councillor McInnis , seconded by Councillor Brown that Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater approve Deputy Mayor Walker's attendance and reasonable associated expenses for the upcoming Dalhousie University Law Symposium. Motion Carried.

DEPARTMENT OF CANADIAN HERITAGE - NATIONAL FLAG OF CANADA DAY (FEBRUARY 15, 2006)

A letter, dated January 4, 2006 was received by Town Council from Colleen Hunt, Program Officer, for the Department of Canadian Heritage, with respect to National Flag of Canada Day being held on February 15, 2006. The Department of Canadian Heritage requested that Council consider giving special recognition to one of Canada's most "cherished and visible symbols", the Canadian Flag, by proclaiming February 15, 2006 as National Flag of Canada Day.

06-024 Moved by Councillor Brown , seconded by Councillor McInnis that

WHEREAS the distinctive, red and white maple leaf of Canada was first raised over Canadian soil as our National Flag on February 15, 1965; and

WHEREAS the Canadian flag is perhaps the most visible and cherished symbol of our country and the many blessings associated with Canadian citizenship; and

WHEREAS the folds of our flag embrace all Canadians as well as our shared values and confidence in the future of our country;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater hereby proclaims February 15, 2006, to be National Flag of Canada Day in the Town of Bridgewater. Motion Carried.

BRIDGEWATER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE - REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT

A letter, dated January 16, 2006 was received by Town Council from the Bridgewater Elementary School with respect to upgrading the playground used by students in grades primary to six. The Bridgewater Elementary School (BES) Playground Committee, in partnership with the South Shore Regional School Board, has begun fundraising to make the playground upgrade a reality. The Playground Committee is requesting Council's support, by means of providing a letter stating that support, to assist the Committee in their grant applications.

06-025 Moved by Councillor Marlin, seconded by Councillor Mitchell that Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater provide a letter of support (of a grant application) to the Bridgewater Elementary School Playground Committee. Motion Carried.

REPORT OF TOWN ENGINEER

Mr. Harland Wyand, P. Eng., Town Engineer, updated Council on the following items.

A) **South King Street**

- The project is completed. The cable is on order for the posts. He commented that the riverbank is subject to erosion; however, there are several other areas that are vulnerable as well. It was suggested that work be budgeted each year (various stages phased in) to carry out work to ensure this area is reinforced for stability and safety. The Town Engineer will add this item as #12 on the Capital Projects List.

B) **Fountains in the River**

- Mayor Publicover and Councillor Brown requested staff review and research prices for such a project and to forward this information to the Riverfront Renaissance Committee.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATION
RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICE COMMISSION - TAXI BY-LAW

A memo, dated January 12, 2006, was received by Town Council from the Bridgewater Board of Police Commissioners with respect to the License and Inspection Fees pertaining to the Taxi By-law. The memo, with subsequent recommendation from the Commission, pertains to the question of whether or not the Town has the ability to increase the taxi owner license fee for the vehicles. Currently the town charges $25 for both the taxi owners (vehicle owners) licenses and taxi driver licenses. According to the *Motor Vehicle Act*, the annual license fee shall not exceed twenty-five dollars ($25) for towns and municipalities. Council was advised that the town has always absorbed the costs incurred to have the vehicles, licensed as taxis, inspected by Vehicle Compliance, Service Nova Scotia. As such, Council does have the

authority to charge an annual inspection fee, to the taxi owners, in order to recover the cost of the taxi vehicle inspections as authorized under Section 49 of the *Municipal Government Act*.

06-026 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor McInnis that Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater endorse the recommendation of the Bridgewater Board of Police Commissioners that the actual cost of required vehicle inspections (taxis) be charged back to the taxi owners and no longer be absorbed by the Town. Motion Carried.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE MUSEUM COMMISSION - APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER

A email dated January 19, 2006 was received by Council from Linda Bedford, Recording Secretary for the Bridgewater Museum Commission, requesting approval of Council to fill a vacancy on the Bridgewater Museum Commission as recommended by the Commission. The Commission had recommended that Mr. Greg Ritcey, member of the Friends of the DesBrisay Museum Society, fill the vacancy for a term ending March 31, 2009.

06-027 Moved by Councillor Marlin, seconded by Councillor Brown that Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater endorse the recommendation of the Museum Commission and appoint Greg Ritcey to the Museum Commission for a 3-year term effective immediately and ending March 31, 2009. Motion Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING & UNFINISHED BUSINESS
CHAPTER 127 - SOLID WASTE COLLECTION BY-LAW - 2ND READING

The Town of Bridgewater is in the process of amending Chapter 127 - Solid Waste Collection By-law with revisions largely due to the issue of residual solid waste being transported outside the Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Facility district and its negative effect on revenue which has a direct impact on the Town of Bridgewater's operating costs.

A copy of a letter dated January 18, 2006 forwarded to the Waste Management Committee from the Region of Queens Municipality was received by Town Council with regard to revenue losses at the LRCRC. The letter proceeded to correct and clarify, any information incorrectly interpreted by the Waste Management Committee. As such, the issues before Council regarding the amendments to the By-law based on information received prior to the January 18, 2006 letter, resulted in Council taking a closer look at the rationale behind the amendments.

06-028 Moved by Councillor Mitchell, seconded by Councillor McInnis that Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater defer the 2nd Reading of the proposed amendments to Chapter 127 - Solid Waste Collection By-law, as presented in Document 05-331B for 60 days, to allow the opportunity for issues, regarding the assumed reduction in revenue due to the transportation of residual solid

waste outside of the LRCRC district, to correct themselves. Motion Carried.

GLEN ALLAN EXTENSION CONSTRUCTION BY-LAW - 2ND READING

Correspondence dated January 6, 2006 was received by Council from Ken Smith, Town Manager with respect to the Glen Allan Extension Construction By-law. The Town Manager advised that staff met with representatives from Crombie Developments Limited and Kirk Forest Products to receive input on the proposed By-law. The input received from Crombie Developments Limited and Kirk Forest Products was provided in the memo.

Council, when reviewing the information, requested staff research and provide a report on the incremental costs of having larger pipes and what the overall impact would be on the property owners, as well as, the difference between "abut" and "frontage" and what this would mean to the property owners.

06-029 Moved by Councillor McInnis, seconded by Councillor Mitchell that Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater defer second reading of the proposed Glen Allan Extension Construction By-law to the February 13, 2006 Town Council meeting. Motion Carried.

STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

The Strategic Planning Workshop has been scheduled for Friday, February 3, 2006 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Wandlyn in Bridgewater. It is the goal of management and Council that the "framework" for the Town's Strategic Plan will be established at this workshop.

NEW BUSINESS
APPOINTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

06-030 Moved by Councillor Brown , seconded by Councillor McInnis that Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater appoint Nick Brown as Development Officer pursuant to Section 243(1) of the *Municipal Government Act*. Motion Carried.

FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES WORKSHOP - INCREASING WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT - FEBRUARY 16, 2006

An email dated January 17, 2006 was received by Town Council from Councillor Beverlee Brown with respect to an upcoming workshop entitled "Increasing Women's participation in Municipal Government" being held in Sydney, Nova Scotia. There is no cost for the

workshop.

06-031 Moved by Councillor Mitchell , seconded by Councillor Marlin that Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater approve Councillor Beverlee Brown's attendance and reasonable associated expenses for the upcoming FCM Workshop (Increasing Women's Participation in Municipal Government). Motion Carried.

SUNDRY
MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY

Mayor Publicover provided an update on the status of the Multi-Purpose Facility. It was noted that a meeting consisting of both Councils and a facilitator is scheduled for Saturday. There was a pre-meeting recently with the facilitator, the Warden and CAO for the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, and the Mayor and Town Manager for the Town of Bridgewater. The meeting was very positive and it is hoped that all parties will be able to move forward.

ADJOURNMENT

06-031 Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Mitchell that the January 23, 2006 Town Council meeting hereby be adjourned. (Time: 6:50 p.m) Motion Carried.

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Sandra J. Lowe,
Executive Secretary

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Mayor Carroll Publicover,
Chairperson