

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL  
TOWN COUNCIL  
August 3, 2010**

Minutes of a special meeting of Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater, held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Committee Room of Town Hall, 60 Pleasant Street, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia on Tuesday, August 3, 2010, commencing at 6:45 p.m, with Mayor Carroll Publicover presiding. Those in attendance: Deputy Mayor David Walker; Councillors Jim Bell, Patrick Hirtle, Bill McInnis, David Mitchell and Greg Ritcey. Also in attendance were Ken Smith, Chief Administrative Officer; Harland Wyand, Town Engineer; Eric Shaw, Director of Planning; and Amanda Shupe, Acting Executive Assistant.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**STAFF REPORT - RFP2010-06 - DESIGN SUPPLY & INSTALLATION OF SOLAR THERMAL ENERGY SYSTEMS**

The Planning and Engineering Departments are conducting an extensive program this year to upgrade energy efficiency and renewable energy sources at many town owned facilities. One of the most significant upgrades to be implemented this year will be the installation of several “solar thermal energy” systems at the facilities. Leon advised that there are five (5) projects (public works garage, police department, town hall, museum, fire department) broken down into 3 categories (A - solar ventilation air pre-heating systems; B - large solar combined hot water and space heating system; C - small solar water heating system).

Council pre-approved the financing for 5 solar energy systems with a budget of \$143,050 for the work of which a minimum of 50% of the cost would be co-funded by other partners. Council was advised that additional co-funding, totally 70% has been achieved, and the Town’s capital budget for the project has been set at approximately \$45,000, all of which is Gas Tax eligible. Also, a new granting source has been found in which the federal “EcoEnergy for Renewable Heat” Program can provide \$25,000-\$30,000 for our large hot water systems (town hall and public works garage) and approximately \$1,000-\$2,000 for the police department hot water system. This additional funding will increase the total project budget to approximately \$200,000.

Emissions tests did not perform as well as expected as there were complications with the installation and technology and an overestimation of savings made in the original feasibility report. As a result, the type “A” projects were removed from the current RFP and will be dealt with separately. However, to ensure the GHG tons expected, a large solar hot water system can be installed at the town hall, similar in design and scope to the system at the Public Works Garage (type B).

10-183 Moved by Deputy Mayor WALKER, seconded by Councillor David MITCHELL that Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater:

- 1) award Project Types "B" (Public Works Garage) to EnCom and Type "C"(Police Service Station) to Scotian Renewables Inc. for the design, supply and installation of solar thermal energy systems; and
- 2) issue a new RFP for Type "A" for a large solar hot water system for the Town Hall indicating a strict budget limit and the expected GHG emissions savings from the proposed system.

MOTION CARRIED.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The special Council meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

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Amanda Shupe,  
Acting Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

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Carroll Publicover,  
Mayor