

**MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL
January 23, 2012**

Minutes of a meeting of Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater, held in the Council Chambers of Town Hall, 60 Pleasant Street, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia on Monday, January 23, 2012, commencing at 6:00 p.m., with Mayor Carroll Publicover presiding. Those in attendance: Councillors Jim Bell, Patrick Hirtle, Bill McInnis, David Mitchell, and Greg Ritcey. Also in attendance were Ken Smith, Chief Administrative Officer; Dawn Keizer, Director of Finance Harland Wyand, Town Engineer; Eric Shaw; Director of Planning; Carol Pickings-Anthony, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture; Christina Wentzell, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator; and Sandra Porter-Lowe, Executive Assistant.

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO AGENDA

12-013 Moved by Councillor Mitchell, seconded by Councillor Ritcey that Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater accept the January 23, 2012 Town Council meeting agenda as circulated. Motion Carried.

DELEGATIONS

CATE DE VREEDE AND BRIAN BRAGANZA, BRIDGEWATER COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

Brian Braganza and Cate de Vreede appeared before Council to share successes of the Bridgewater Community Christmas 2011 event. The speakers shared a slide show capturing many moments of the preparation, celebration, and clean-up of the event.

Several volunteers shared their experiences with the Bridgewater Community Christmas event. Ashton Rhodenizer noted the event was a complete success due to the 200 plus volunteers lending their talents. She noted that the words 'friendship', 'connection', and 'compassion' summed up the experience for her. She stated it was great to meet new friends and reconnect with others. In closing, she thanked the Town for its support of the Christmas dinner. Nan Zwicker volunteered for Bridgewater Community Christmas, and said it was the first time in 49 years that she went out for Christmas dinner. She said the food was excellent - from pre-dinner egg nog, to the dinner itself, up to and including the wonderful desserts. She noted that it was nice to work with all the other volunteers on the event that stretched from preparation on Thursday to clean-up until 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Day. Gabe Mitchell, one of the younger volunteers at 'almost 12' years old, said it was great to see people getting together. He summed up his experience with three words: 'fellowship', 'friendship', and 'food'. He said it was nice to make new friends and to help other people. The importance of the Community Christmas Dinner, he noted, was that a lot of people were alone at Christmas time and the event gave people the chance to get together.

Councillor David Mitchell said the event had been a tremendous success. He said he was always amazed at the speed at which the food is served, and that it is warm and delicious. He said seeing two hundred volunteers at work was moving, and he was proud that this event happens in our community.

Brian Braganza noted that this event is becoming a tradition for a lot of people - for those coming to the dinner and for volunteers, some of which are representing entire families.

Cate de Vreede said there were a few 'ripples' to share. Another community dinner took place on Christmas Day in Dayspring, and that event was inspired by Bridgewater. Proceeds will be going back to community groups, and details are currently being finalized. She thanked Council and staff for continued support.

Mayor Publicover thanked the presenters for all the efforts put forward to make this event such a success and noted that the presentation was, as always, heart-warming.

PLANNING ITEMS

LEASH FREE DOG PARK - PROPOSED MPS/LUB AMENDMENTS

Eric Shaw, Director of Planning, reminded Council that the Master Plan for Generations Active Park had recently been approved in principle. One of the recommendations in the Master Plans is that the Town amend the REC zone permitted uses to specifically include dog parks. Mr. Shaw said the amendments do not go into a lot of detail, as the intent is to 'allow' as a land use.

He noted that he recommended that a Public Participation Meeting be scheduled for February 8th to allow for public feedback in comments. He further noted that if everything was then in order a Public Hearing would be scheduled.

Councillor Mitchell clarified that any approved amendments did not mean that all REC zones would allow off-leash dogs. The change in use was being recommended so leash-free park(s) could be established, and specifically that a leash-free park was planned for Generations Active Park.

12-014 Moved by Councillor Mitchell, seconded by Councillor Hirtle that Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater consider the proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law, and schedule a Public Participation Meeting for 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 in Council Chambers of the Town Hall, and authorize staff to carry out the necessary advertising. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE - INFORMATION

BRIDGEWATER BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS - BRIDGEWATER POLICE SERVICE COST DRIVERS

A memo was received by Council from the Bridgewater Board of Police Commissioners. A report from Police Chief John Collyer was included which outlined significant cost drivers related to the Police budget. This report was provided for Council's information.

CORRESPONDENCE - ACTION

FCM - INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEEK

Correspondence was received from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) advising that, in 2012, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities would celebrate 25 years of international municipal development. Since 1987, FCM has successfully delivered high-quality international programming through the involvement of Canadian municipal experts in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Middle East. As part of its 25th anniversary celebrations, FCM is asking its members to highlight International Development Week in their municipalities by issuing a proclamation to this effect, recognizing FCM as a Canadian and world leader in international municipal development.

12-015 Moved by Councillor Hirtle, seconded by Councillor Mitchell that

WHEREAS Canadians significantly help improve the quality of life in various communities around the world by their involvement as international development stakeholders, volunteers, and supporters; and

WHEREAS throughout 2012, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) will celebrate 25 years of mobilizing the expertise of Canadian municipalities to support local governance, democratic practices, and the provision of essential services in 43 developing countries, and counting; and

WHEREAS since 1987, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has been a valued partner, together with the Canadian International Development Agency and member municipalities, in strengthening the effectiveness and focus of Canada's international aid; and

WHEREAS during the first full week of February each year, the Government of Canada celebrates Canada's contribution to international development and its commitment to improving the quality of life in various communities around the world;

THEREFORE, Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater hereby proclaims that the week of February 5 - 11, 2012 shall be "International Development Week" in the Town of Bridgewater, and recognizes the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' contribution over the past 25 years as a Canadian and world leader in international municipal development; and further invite all citizens to become informed about international development, to show their solidarity with developing countries, and to continue to support Canadian municipalities' international community-building efforts. Motion Carried.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ENGINEER

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT - DECEMBER 2011

Town Engineer Harland Wyand reviewed the Building Permit Report for December 2011. The value of permits issued in December 2011 was 14% as compared to December 2010. For the calendar year 2011, there was an increase of 300% over the 2010 calendar year. Mr. Wyand clarified that this significant increase in the value of permits issued was mostly due to the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre project.

TENDER 11-13E - SOLID WASTE COLLECTION TENDER

Town Engineer Harland Wyand reviewed his memo to Council dated January 19, 2012, advising that on January 12, 2012, the Town received one submission for Tender 11-13E - Solid Waste Collection. A joint tender was called with the Town Mahone Bay and there was also an option for the tenderers to co-ordinate with the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg (MODL). The tender is considered a qualified bid. The tenderer for the Town of Bridgewater and the Town of Mahone Bay was G.E.'s All Trucking Ltd. The contractor did use the option to reduce their bid conditional upon the acceptance of the other two (2) municipal units, MODL and Town of Mahone Bay. The tender requires that the tenderer sign separate and distinct contracts with each town.

The Engineering Department recommended that Town Council award the tender to the only bidder, G.E.'s All Trucking Ltd., for the estimated total price of \$2,368,963.25 (includes 15% HST, annual increases, based on one unit of ten dwelling assumption per year, and costs for Route Supervisor) for solid waste collection for the next seven years, commencing April 1, 2012 conditional on the other two municipal units awarding the same.

12-016 Moved by Councillor McInnis, seconded by Councillor Ritcey that Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater endorse the recommendation of the Engineering Department and award Tender 11-13E to the only bidder, GE's All Trucking Ltd., for the estimated total price of \$2,368,963.25, as outlined in Document 12-010, for solid waste collection for the next seven (7) years commencing April 1, 2012, conditional on the other two municipal units (Town of Mahone Bay and Municipality of the District of Lunenburg) awarding the same. Motion Carried.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE - PURCHASING CARD POLICY

Dawn Keizer, Director of Finance, reviewed her memo to Council. She said that there are a number of local suppliers that do not accept Town of Bridgewater purchase orders. In addition, supplies are ordered online and require payment by credit card.

There have been several requests by departments to have purchasing cards issued to staff to simplify the purchasing process where a Town purchase order cannot be used. With proper controls, purchasing cards can be an efficient and cost effective way of purchasing and paying for

low value items.

Council members were provided with a proposed policy for consideration. Ms. Keizer advised that, if approved, staff will initiate the use of purchasing cards, with a few cards initially to ensure that the procedures are adequate to maintain proper controls.

12-017 Moved by Councillor Mitchell, seconded by Councillor Hirtle that Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater endorse the recommendation of the Director of Finance and approve the Purchasing Card Policy as outlined in Document 12-004. Motion Carried.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER FOR 2012 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Ken Smith, Chief Administrative Officer, reminded Council of the upcoming municipal elections being held in October 2012.

In accordance with Section 4(1) of the *Municipal Elections Act*, Mr. Smith recommended the appointment of Amanda Shupe as Returning Officer for the 2012 Municipal and School Board Elections. Amanda effectively filled the role during 2008 elections, and has played a key role in other elections as well. Mr. Smith clarified that the process and tasks associated with the election begin in February or March, and it was therefore necessary to ensure the position of Returning Officer was filled in a timely manner.

Mayor Publicover acknowledged Amanda's past contributions to the Town's election process, and noted she was a competent individual who would do a good job as Returning Officer.

12-018 Moved by Councillor Mitchell, seconded by Councillor Ritcey that Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater endorse the recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer and appoint Amanda Shupe as Returning Officer for the 2012 Municipal and School Board Elections. Motion Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FIRST READING - PARKING METER BY-LAW

Christina Wentzell, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator, reviewed the proposed Parking Meter By-law. A member requested clarification regarding Section 14 (under "Enforcement"), questioning if there were further penalties if fines were not paid after 14 days.

12-019 Moved by Councillor McInnis, seconded by Councillor Hirtle that Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater endorse the intent of the proposed Parking Meter By-law as follows, and presented in Document 09-175I,

APPLICATIONS

1. *The public streets and highways in the Town of Bridgewater and parts thereof to which this by-law applies*

are those in which, parking meters shall have, from time to time, been installed.

PLACING OF PARKING METERS

2. Each parking meter installed in the Town of Bridgewater shall be placed adjacent to the sidewalk, or near the curb or edge of the roadway, and shall designate the parking space associated with it.

PARKING SPACES

3. The parking space provided with each meter shall be of sufficient size to be accessible and accommodate one standard passenger automobile, and the placing of vehicles shall be as follows:
- a) When parking in parallel to the curb or edge of roadway, the vehicles shall be placed with a space measured along the curb not closer than thirty centimeters to the meter nor more than one meter away from the meter;
- b) When two meters are supported by one standard, a vehicle shall be parked no closer than thirty centimeters, nor more than one meter away from the standard.

INDICATION OF TIME

4. Each parking meter installed shall have thereon an appropriate sign or device stating the parking time permitted, in the individual parking space to which it relates. When in operation each parking meter shall indicate thereon the period of time, acquired by coin deposit, during which parking is permitted in the parking space to which such meter relates.

WHEN IN EFFECT

5. Each parking meter shall bear thereon directions indicating the days and hours when the requirement to deposit coins therein shall apply, the value of the coins to be deposited, and the limited period of time for which parking is lawfully permitted in the parking space to which such meter relates.

FAILURE TO DEPOSIT COIN

6. It shall be an offence and a violation of this By-Law for the driver of any vehicle to park or leave the same standing in any parking space and fail to immediately deposit in the parking meter relating to such parking space, a coin or coins of lawful money of Canada of sufficient value to permit the parking or leaving standing of such vehicle in such parking space of any period of time permitted by this By-Law and as shown by the direction set forth on such parking meter.

PARKING IN EXCESS OF TIME ALLOWED

7. It shall be an offence and a violation of this By-Law for the driver of any vehicle to park or leave the same standing in any parking space for a period of time in excess of the maximum period allowed by the directions set forth on such parking meter, regardless of the number of coins deposited or whether "00:00" is visible in the observation windows of the parking meter.

PARKING WITH "00:00" VISIBLE ON METER

8. It shall be an offence and a violation of this By-Law for the driver of any vehicle to permit the same to be parked or left standing in any parking space while "00:00" is visible in the observation window of the parking meter relating to such parking space.

UNLAWFUL TO DEPOSIT SUBSTITUTE FOR COINS

9. It shall be an offence and a violation of this By-Law for any person to deposit or cause to be deposited in any parking meter installed in the Town of Bridgewater, any device, slug, dice, metallic substance, or other substitute for the coins permitted to be deposited in accordance with this By-Law.

CONTINUATION OF OFFENCE

10. A person commits a separate offence for each additional period of one hour that an offence pursuant to Section 6, 7, 8 or 9 of these regulations continues.

LIABILITY OF VEHICLE OWNER

11. (a) The driver of a motor vehicle at the time of an alleged offence pursuant to these regulations shall be liable for any fine levied to these regulations.
- (b) If, at the time of an alleged offence pursuant to these regulations, the driver of the offending vehicle cannot be identified then subject to subparagraph 11(c) hereto, the registered owner of the offending vehicle shall be liable for any offence pursuant to these regulations and said registered owner shall be liable for any fine levied pursuant to these regulations.
- (c) The registered owner of a motor vehicle shall not be liable for any offence or fine levied pursuant to these regulations if the owner can establish that at the time of the alleged offence the motor vehicle in question was in the possession of a person who did not have the permission or consent of the owner, expressed or implied to be in possession of said motor vehicle.

AUTHORITY TO BE IN CHARGE OF PARKING METERS

12. The operation, maintenance, regulation, and use of all parking meters installed in the Town of

Bridgewater, including the setting of parking rates, shall be under management, supervision, and direction of the Traffic Authority for the Town of Bridgewater.

ENFORCEMENT

13. *It shall be the duty of any police officer of the Town of Bridgewater, or Special Constable appointed for the purpose, to inspect and examine all parking meters installed, and all parking spaces in the Town of Bridgewater, and to report all violations of this By-Law.*
14. (a) *A person who is alleged to have violated this Parking Meter By-Law, and is given notice of the alleged violation, may pay a penalty in the amount of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) to the Town of Bridgewater provided that said payment is made within a period of seven (7) days following the day on which the alleged violation was committed, and twenty five dollars (\$25.00) if not paid within seven (7) days following the day on which the alleged violation was committed. Such payment shall be in full satisfaction, releasing and discharging all penalties and imprisonments incurred by the person for the violation.*
(b) *The by-law provides that no parking ticket shall be issued to or any other fine levied against the registered owner of a vehicle lawfully displaying a veterans number plate issued pursuant to the "Veterans Number Plates Regulations" of Nova Scotia.*
15. *These Regulations do not apply to stopping, parking or leaving vehicles in respect of which identification permits have been issued pursuant to Section 152(4) of the Motor Vehicle Act.*
16. *All Regulations heretofore made by the Traffic Authority of the Town of Bridgewater respecting parking meters are hereby wholly repealed on and not before the date when this By-Law came into force pursuant to Section 153(2) (a) of the Motor Vehicle Act.*

and proceed to second reading of the by-law at a Council meeting to be held on February 27, 2012, and authorize staff to publish all public notices pursuant to Section 168 of the *Municipal Government Act*. Motion Carried.

FIRST READING - DOG BY-LAW

An update was provided to Council regarding changes proposed to Chapter 16 - Dog By-law. It was noted that the most significant changes were updates to the fee schedule, implementation of a permanent dog tag (renewable annually), and clarification of the roles of police officers and dog control officer.

12-020 Moved by Councillor Ritcey, seconded by Councillor Mitchell that Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater endorse the intent of the proposed amended Chapter 16 - Dog By-law as follows, and presented in Document 10-300K,

1. *In this by-law:*
 - 1) *"Chief Administrative Officer" means the Town Chief Administrative Officer, or designate.*
 - 2) *"Dog" means any dog, male or female.*
 - 3) *"Dog Control Officer" means a Town police officer, or by-law enforcement officer, appointed under the Police Act to enforce this by-law, or any other person appointed by the Town for the specific purpose of enforcing this by-law.*
 - 4) *"Fierce or dangerous" dog means any dog who has attacked without provocation other domestic animals or persons. "Owner" of a dog includes any person who possesses or harbours a dog.*
 - 5) *"Town" means the Town of Bridgewater.*
 - 6) *"Registration Year" for the purpose of this by-law "registration year" shall mean the period from the first day of April to and including March 31st in each successive year.*
2.
 - 1) *No person shall own or keep any dog within the Town unless such dog is licensed as provided by this By-law.*
 - 2) *The holder of a dog license must be eighteen (18) years of age.*
 - 3) *The Owner of a dog shall ensure that his dog wears the dog tag provided by the Town pursuant to paragraph 7 herein, upon licensing of said dog, pursuant to subparagraph 2(5) hereof, when the dog is off the property of the Owner.*
 - 4) *The Owner of a dog shall obtain an annual license for such dog at such times and in the manner as specified in subsections 2(5).*
 - 5) *The Owner of a dog shall:*
 - a) *subject to the provisions of subsection 5(c) obtain a license for such dog on or before the first ordinary business day after the dog becomes three months of age;*
 - b) *obtain a license on the first ordinary business day after he becomes Owner of the dog;*

- c) obtain a license for a dog notwithstanding that it is under the age of three months, where the dog is found running at large;
 - d) obtain an annual license for the dog.
3.
 - 1) A tax paid at any time after the first day of April shall be the same amount of tax required to be paid on or before the first day of April notwithstanding that it is for any part of a year; but where the owner requires ownership of the dog after expiration of six months of the registered year, he shall only be charged one-half of the dog tax.
 - 2) Registration made and tax paid after the first day of April shall be effective until the last day of March next following the making and payment thereof.
4. The tax shall be annual as follows:
 - 1) For each neutered male or spayed female dog, the annual tax shall be \$10.00; Proof of neutered male or spayed female dog shall be provided prior to paying the fee for such dog.
 - 2) For each un-neutered male or female dog not spayed, the annual tax shall be \$20.00
5. The owner of a kennel of purebred dogs which is registered in the Canada Kennel Register shall, in any year, pay to the Treasurer of the Town Ten Dollars (\$10.00) as a tax upon the kennel for that year, and upon the production of the Treasurer's certificate of payment, the owner of such kennel shall be exempt from assessment and any further tax in respect of such dogs for that year.
6. The Chief Administrative Officer shall cause to be kept a record of every dog registered, showing the date and number of registration, and the name and description of the dog with the name and address of the owner. The owner shall furnish this information to the Chief Administrative Officer at or before the time of registration.
7. Upon initial registration of any dogs, the Chief Administrative Officer shall supply the owner with a lifetime metal tag for each dog registered with the registration number stamped thereon, and the owner of every registered dog shall keep on such dog a collar with the tag attached thereto.
8. If an owner files with the Chief Administrative Officer a Statutory Declaration that a tag has been lost, the Chief Administrative Officer may replace the tag that has been lost upon payment by the owner of Five Dollars (\$5.00).
9. Any owner within the town who sells or transfers any dog shall report to the Chief Administrative Officer the sale or transfer, the name and address to whom it was sold or transferred, a description of the dog and the number of registration as shown on the tag issued by the Chief Administrative Officer.
10. The Chief Administrative Officer shall transfer the registration of such dog to the new owner thereof on payment of the amount by which the tax on the new dog to the new owner would exceed any tax paid on the dog that year by the previous owner, or in any other case, without charge.
11.
 - 1) No dog shall be permitted to leave the premises of the owner, or be at large within the town, unless the said dog is under the effective restraint or control of some person in charge thereof, and the fact that any dog is running at large shall be an offence against this by-law.
 - 2) The owner of any dog, other than a dog that is trained to assist or is assisting a person with a disability, shall remove the dog's feces from public property and private property other than the owners.
12. The owner of a dog,
 - 1) which runs at large contrary to this by-law, or
 - 2) in respect of which the tax imposed by this by-law is not paid, or
 - 3) which is fierce or dangerous, or
 - 4) which, without provocation, has attacked or injured any person or property, or
 - 5) which persistently disturbs the quiet of the neighbourhood by howling, barking or in any other manner is guilty of an offence against this by-law, and is subject, on conviction, to the penalty described in Section 24.
13.
 - 1) The Dog Control Officer, without notice to or complaint against the owner of any such dog, may impound and kill, or kill on site without impounding any dog which is fierce or dangerous.
 - 2) The Dog Control Officer, without notice to or complaint against the owner of any such dog, may impound any dog,
 - a) found running at large contrary to this by-law.
 - b) in respect of which the tax imposed by this by-law has not been paid; or
 - c) which is fierce or dangerous.
 - d) which persistently disturbs the quiet of the neighbourhood by howling, barking or in any other manner.
 - 3) It shall be the duty of a Dog Control Officer of the town to take and impound at the pound provided by the Council for such purpose, any dog found at large within the town, and it shall be the duty of the pound keeper to receive and impound such dog and to furnish it with food and water.
 - 4) Any dog rabid, or at large and known to be rabid, shall be immediately killed.
14. The Council should appoint a pound keeper who shall keep all dogs delivered to him and furnish them with food and water.
15.
 - 1) If, at the expiration of 72 hours following the impounding of any dog, no claim of ownership for such dog is made, it shall be the duty of the pound keeper to make all reasonable efforts to notify the owner of such dog, and if unable to notify the owner, the pound keeper shall dispose of the dog, by selling it for the best price obtainable or, if the dog cannot be sold, by destroying it in a humane manner. At the sole option of the Dog Control Officer, the Dog Control Officer may in circumstances deemed appropriate by the Dog Control Officer and in circumstances where the dog in question is not considered fierce or dangerous, place the dog with an animal shelter.

- 2) *On any dog being impounded, the pound keeper shall forthwith prepare a notice in the following form:*

DOG NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that a dog (giving a short description) has been this day impounded at the Dog Pound (describe name of pound and address) in the town of Bridgewater, and unless such dog is claimed by the owner on or before the Day of A.D. , at o'clock in the And registered according to law, the said dog may be sold or euthanised if no sale can be made of the same.

DATED at the Town of Bridgewater this Day of A.D., 201 .

- 3) *The aforesaid notice shall be posted at least in the Town Hall, a copy forwarded to the owner, as well as being posted on the owner's premises, if known, not less than 48 hours before the time affixed by said notice.*
16. *The proceeds of any sale after deducting the fees of the pound keeper shall be paid over to the Chief Administrative Officer.*
17. *If the owner appears and claims his dog before the time fixed by the pound keeper, the dog shall be delivered to him on payment of any tax required by this by-law and on payment of the fees set out in Section 18.*
18. *A person or owner claiming an impounded dog shall be liable to pay the following:*
- 1) *For impounding a dog, the sum of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00).*
 - 2) *All costs incurred by the Town in housing, feeding and maintaining the dog, during the period in which the dog is impounded.*
19. *The Chief Administrative Officer shall immediately notify every person reported to him as the owner of an unregistered dog in the town by letter, by ordinary mail, postage paid and addressed to the owner's address, requesting such owner forthwith to register the dog and to comply with this by-law.*
20. *The Chief Administrative Officer shall keep a record of every dog and its owner so reported to him together with a description of the dog, if available, and the name of the reporting person.*
21. *The owner of any dog may be required by the Chief Administrative Officer to deliver to the Chief Administrative Officer, in writing, a statement of the number of dogs owned or harboured by him or which are habitually kept upon the premises and, for neglect or refusal to do so, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Twenty Dollars (\$20.00).*
22. *Every owner who neglects to obtain a tag for each dog owned by him and keep it securely fixed on his dog, excepting while the dog is being lawfully used for hunting purposes, or who uses a tag upon a dog other than that which it was issued, shall be liable for a penalty not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).*
23. *Every owner of a dog shall pay to the Town a fee of One Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$175.00) for each dog destroyed by the Town at the request of the owner.*
24. *Any person who violates any provision of this by-law, except as otherwise set out herein, shall be liable to a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), or not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), and in default of payment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding thirty (30) days.*
25. *All former by-laws of the Town heretofore enacted relating to Dogs are hereby repealed.*

and proceed to second reading of the by-law at a Council meeting to be held on February 27, 2012, and authorize staff to publish all public notices pursuant to Section 168 of the *Municipal Government Act*. Motion Carried.

AGREEMENT - TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER AND KENNETH PETRIE / BRIDGEWATER LUMBERJACKS

Carol Pickings-Anthony, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture, advised Council that an agreement has been drafted with the terms originally requested by Council. She noted that the Town's lawyer had made some suggestions (ie: renewal clause) which Council may wish to consider.

- 12-021** Moved by Councillor Mitchell, seconded by Councillor Ritcey that Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater direct staff to facilitate the execution of the agreement with Kenneth Petrie, as outlined in Document 11-151D. Motion Carried.

AGREEMENT - TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER AND SOUTH SHORE CANADIAN TIRE MUSTANGS

Council recently considered a request from the South Shore Canadian Tire Mustangs, and had

requested additional information from the club concerning the request for 'free' practice time. The Mustangs provided the information requested from Council so the matter was again before Council for consideration.

- 12-022** Moved by Councillor McInnis, seconded by Councillor Hirtle that Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater approve the request of the South Shore Canadian Tire Mustangs, as outlined in Document 11-214, and direct staff to draft an agreement with the South Shore Canadian Tire Mustangs to allow 'free' practice time on Fridays from 6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Motion Carried.

SKATEPARK LEASE

A draft skatepark lease was presented to Council for consideration. Chief Administrative Officer Ken Smith said that the topic had been deferred from the December 12, 2011 Town Council meeting. Mr. Smith recommended the approval of the agreement. He noted that the Lunenburg County Multi-Purpose Centre Corporation had been waiting for all stakeholders to come to an agreement. Both the Business Development Association and the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg have approved the agreement in its present form. He noted the Town's and other stakeholders' support of the ongoing efforts of the Youth Action Team to develop a permanent skateboard park.

Mr. Smith addressed the 'deconstruction' clause, noting that there was a potential risk if the Lunenburg County Multi-Purpose Centre Corporation did not wish to renew the lease twenty years from now to the Town and/or another organization for the Town to have to deconstruct the facility. He noted that, since the skateboard park met the recreational needs of our youth, it would be in the area's best interest to ensure the sustainability of the park.

Members expressed concern regarding the amount of time it had taken to come to an agreement with the lease, as well as the process; however, noted it was good to see it moving forward despite the delay.

- 12-023** Moved by Councillor Hirtle, seconded by Councillor Mitchell that Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater authorize the execution of the lease between the Lunenburg County Multipurpose Centre Corporation, the Town and the Bridgewater Development Association as presented in Document 10-306G. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

KICKSTAND: THE BICYCLE POLICY WORKSHOP

The UNSM advised Council of an afternoon session for elected Officials. The *Kickstand Workshop* will show elected officials how to make their municipalities more sustainable and how to increase bicycle mobility.

Councillor McInnis indicated he would like to attend this workshop. Deputy Mayor Walker had previously indicated his interest in also attending.

SUNDRY

FISH AND FOOD TRUCKS (COUNCILLOR MITCHELL)

Councillor David Mitchell noted that commercial taxpayers pay a significant amount of tax to do businesses in the Town of Bridgewater. When there are trucks selling items that commercial enterprises already sell, yet they are not paying taxes, it negatively affects the Town's taxpayers. He noted his concern, and stated it would be nice to discuss the matter to come up with a more balanced approach for such situations.

By consensus, it was referred to the February Discussion Session.

COUNCIL REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

Ken Smith, CAO, advised that three applications have been received for the Council Remuneration Committee, of which only two are eligible. He encouraged residents to apply if they had an interest, and asked Council members to encourage residents to contact the CAO's office if they needed additional information.

ADJOURNMENT

12-024 Moved by Councillor Mitchell, seconded by Councillor Hirtle that the January 23, 2012 Town Council meeting hereby be adjourned. (Time: 7:00)

Sandra Porter-Lowe, Executive Assistant

Carroll W. Publicover, Mayor