

11.1.2 Petroglyph Advisory Committee - Presentation of Final Report

Councillor Goucher addressed Council, as Chairman of the Bedford Petroglyph Advisory Committee, noting the unique position and leading role of the Committee, which was established in 1990. The Committee involved three levels of government, the Native community, and members of the community. Councillor Goucher thanked past and present members of the Committee, the Technical Advisory Sub-committee, former Mayor Christie, and others, for their participation and assistance.

Councillor Goucher advised he was pleased to present the Committee's final report, and introduced Committee member Shirley Jerram.

Ms. Jerram noted she has been a resident of Bedford for 22 years, and served as a Provincial representative on the Committee. She reviewed the history of the finding of the petroglyphs, noting they date back to 1500 A.D., which predates any other petroglyph site in Nova Scotia. Ms. Jerram then introduced committee member Mr. Rick Hattin.

Mr. Hattin reviewed the Report's final conclusions and recommendations.

Mayor Kelly enquired as to whether there were any questions from Council.

Councillor Hutt inquired whether any other markings have been found on the Barrens. Mr. Hattin indicated other markings have been found, but they were not petroglyphs.

Councillor Goucher indicated he had been proud to serve as Chairman of the Committee; that all members had learned from each other, and that the work was just beginning.

ON MOTION of Councillor Hutt and Deputy Mayor Cosgrove, it was moved that the Bedford Petroglyphs Advisory Committee Final Report be tabled, and that staff be requested to provide comments in terms of analyzing the recommendations contained within the Report and to advise as to ways and means by which to implement same along with any implications arising therefrom. The Motion was unanimously approved.

The Mayor thanked the Committee, noting they had done a fantastic job on the report. He also thanked the members of the Committee who were not from Bedford. He indicated to the members of the MicMac community that he hoped the Town would work with them in carrying out the recommendations of the Committee, as well as the Provincial and Federal Governments.

Councillor Hutt asked Native member Theresa McPhee-Marshall if she would explain one drawing of the petroglyphs, as to the meaning or significance of it.

Ms. McPhee-Marshall referred to the petroglyphs as "visual and permanent remarks" in stone. She noted that further indications as to their function and purpose are included in the report.

Mayor Kelly indicated copies of the report will be sent to the Provincial Departments of Natural Resources, and Transportation and Communication as well as the Federal Department of Indian and Northern Affairs and will be followed up with discussions. He noted that Council will be pursuing the recommendations as quickly as possible.

6. DEFERRED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Metro Waste Disposal/Management Accord (deferred from August 4, 1992)

ON MOTION of Councillor Goucher and Councillor Davies, it was moved to accept the Metro Waste Disposal Management Accord as presented.

Councillor Oickle spoke against the Motion, indicating he cannot support the motion or the Accord, although 98% of it makes sense and does open the door to alternatives. He noted that Option C seems to be the least costly choice, with no investment of capital funds required, transportation costs of \$9.00 per ton and \$60.00 or under per ton tipping fee. Councillor Oickle indicated his concern with the clause which gives the final decision to a Government-appointed consulting and engineering firm, and that if Council votes to accept the Accord, it will be legally binding. He further indicated that he can only support a vote to request the Metropolitan Authority to negotiate with Provincial Thermal Utilities.

Mayor Kelly responded, noting that if Council does not agree to support the Accord, then the previous Motion on the matter will stand, resulting in the construction of the incinerator in Burnside, with no other alternatives considered further. He suggested that the Accord will at least provide the opportunity to explore other options.

Mayor Kelly further noted that the cost or method for disposal of the top and bottom ash from the Provincial Thermal Utilities incinerator has not been established; in addition, it has not passed an environmental review yet. Mayor Kelly suggested that all the information needed on the P.T.U. incinerator, to say it will be the least costly choice, is not yet available.

Councillor Oickle suggested that the original plan for an incinerator in Burnside does not **have** to go ahead. He explained that if Bedford Council were to vote to allow