

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

February 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:05 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, NS, with the following members present:

- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson, Chair
- Jody Crook
- Murray Atkinson
- George El-Jakl
- Shaun Hatfield

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Asphalt Paving and C & D Landfill Policy
- Red Schoolhouse Lane
- Waste Collection

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Being duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the last meeting held January 21, 2019 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

INTERNET PRESENTATION BY EVAN NEMETH, WREN

Public Presentation

Evan Nemeth of the Western Regional Enterprise Network appeared before the meeting. He provided a power point presentation on high speed internet services for the Municipality. A copy of his presentation is attached and forms part of the minutes.

In-Camera Session

At this time Evan Nemeth met with members in an In-Camera Session to provide financial information provided by proposed providers. This session was held in accordance with Section 22(2)(e) of the Municipal Government Act.

The regular session of the Committee was called back to order at 8:00 p.m.

PRESENTATION BY TALENT WILSON RE: DOG PARK

Due to illness, the presentation was rescheduled for March 11, 2019.

In preparation of discussions on March 11th, information from other municipal units was requested.

SENIOR STAFF CREDIT CARD

Tabled Motion

It was reported that at the October 15, 2018 meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council the following motion was tabled:

Resolution COW190201

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that:

WHEREAS the Municipality of the District of Barrington may borrow to cover the annual current expenditures of the Municipality that has been authorized by Council;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it expedient to authorize a \$60,000 corporate VISA facility for the purpose of paying current operating expenditures;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of the District of Barrington approved a corporate VISA with the CIBC, limited to a maximum of \$60,000 for the purpose of the purchase of goods and services for municipal purposes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Draft Credit Card Policy

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a draft Credit Card Policy. The adoption of such a policy is being recommended by our Municipal Solicitor to ensure that rules are clearly set out.

Being duly moved and seconded that the draft Credit Card Policy be presented to Council for approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

INTEREST IN PILOT PROGRAM TO REMOVE CAP

Correspondence has been received from NSFM requesting to know how many municipal units across Nova Scotia would be interested in participating in some kind of pilot program to remove or phase out the CAP. NSFM is not aware of any opportunity to be part of a pilot program at this time, but is trying to gauge general levels of interest in such a pilot program.

Much discussion took place regarding this matter.

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality support the pilot program with a focus on tax exemption or a deferral mechanism for low-income homeowners.

AFFIRMATION

George El-Jakl
Shaun Hatfield

NEGATIVE

Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
Jody Crook
Murray Atkinson

Motion defeated.

FUNDING REQUEST FROM IBPVFD RE: 2019 VEHICLE EXTRICATION COMPETITION

Correspondence has been received from the Island and Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department requesting Council to place a sponsorship ad in the booklet for the 2019 Vehicle Extrication Competitions and Challenges to be held June 14-16th.

Resolution COW190202

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a full page ad be placed in the 2019 Vehicle Extrication Competitions and Challenges Booklet and advertise on their Poster at a price of \$100.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

HANDLING OF SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS

The CAO asked how members would like for him to handle sponsorship requested in the future. It was agreed that the Municipal Grants Policy be amended to provide authority to the CAO to approved sponsorship requests up to a maximum of \$250.00. Amendments will be drafted and brought back to committee for consideration.

TOP PRIORITIES TO BE PRESENTED TO MP

Further to our meeting with MP Bernadette Jordan on January 25, 2019, the CAO drafted and circulated a letter to members regarding the CSI Causeway and Priority Projects of the Municipality.

The letter confirmed the deteriorating condition of the CSI Causeway and its negative environmental impact, both in the water and on the coast and stated that the Municipality firmly believes that the responsibility of this issue falls on the Province of Nova Scotia. After discussion, it was agreed that the letter be revised to state that the responsibility for the CSI Causeway falls on both the Provincial and Federal governments. Current municipal priorities included the “New Recreation Centre Project” and “Rural Internet”.

It was agreed by consensus of members that suggested changes be made to the letter and forwarded to MP Bernadette Jordan.

REQUEST FOR “SCHOOL ZONE SIGN”

It was reported that a request has been received from the Oceanview Christian Academy of Centreville for a “School Zone Sign”. The school opened in 2017 and enrolment is now at 41 students. Parents drop off children in the morning and pick them up at dismissal resulting in 15 or more cars in the parking lot at one time. The concern is the speed at which cars approach the school because there is no “School Zone Sign” alerting motorists.

Resolution COW190203

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a letter be forwarded to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting that an assessment be carried out to determine if a “School Zone Sign” is warranted at this location and that a copy of this letter be forwarded to the Oceanview Christian Academy.

Motion carried unanimously.

SPEED ZONE – OAK PARK AREA

Concern has been expressed by residents regarding the excessive speed of cars on the Oak Park Road by high school students. They are suggesting that the speed limit of 80 km/h before getting to the School Zone is much too high.

Resolution COW190204

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality forward a letter to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting that they reassess the speed zones adjacent to the School Zone on the Oak Park Road.

Motion carried unanimously.

MUNICIPAL MODERNIZATION

In advance to the meeting members were provided with a Staff Report prepared by the CAO on Municipal Modernization. The CAO is suggesting that shared services could include By-law Enforcement, services of a Planner, etc.

Resolution COW190205

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality of Barrington actively pursue shared services with neighbouring municipalities and towns in an effort to provide the most efficient and cost effective services to its citizens.

Motion carried unanimously.

SMOKE FREE OUTDOOR SPACES SIGNAGE

It was reported that the MPAL Co-ordinator was unsuccessful in accessing provincial funding to purchase signage for designated Smoke-Free Outdoor Spaces throughout the Municipality, such as Municipal ballfields, playgrounds and the soccer field.

Resolution COW190206

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that \$500.00 be provided for signage for Smoke-Free Outdoor spaces.

Motion carried unanimously.

WASTE COLLECTION

Concern was expressed regarding workers on the waste collection truck not closing garbage bin lids, throwing garbage bags around and throwing green carts back in driveways or yards after emptying them on the truck.

Resolution COW190207

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a letter be forwarded to the Waste Collector advising him of concerns that have been expressed regarding his workers and requesting him to take action to address the concerns.

AFFIRMATION

Murray Atkinson
Jody Crook
George El-Jakl
Shaun Hatfield

NEGATIVE

Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson

Motion carried.

RED SCHOOLHOUSE LANE

Councillor Hatfield requested to know where the “Red Schoolhouse Lane” was on the list of roads forwarded to the province.

It was agreed that this information would be forwarded to him.

ASPHALT PAVING AND C & D LANDFILL POLICY

A resident has questioned why we do not permit the disposal of asphalt paving at the C & D Landfill Site.

It was agreed that this matter be checked and reported back to a future meeting.

IN-CAMERA SESSION RE: PHYSICIAN CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

At 9:45 p.m. an In-Camera Session was held to discuss physician contract negotiations. This session was held in accordance with Section 22(2)(e) of the Municipal Government Act.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 pm

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting



**Western Regional
Enterprise Network**

**Connecting Western NS
Update for the Municipality
of the District of Barrington**

February 11, 2019

Agenda

- Previous Vision
- Funding Sources
- Provincial Updates
- MoDB Present Situation
- Eastlink Proposed Solution
- Bell Proposed Solution



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Previous Vision

- 787 km of backbone
- 28 wireless towers
- 25mbps+
- Cost \$19.5 million
- Did not receive funding



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Funding Sources

- Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC)
 - \$750 million for Canada, over 5 years
- Investing in Canada
 - \$828 million for Nova Scotia
 - \$105 million eligible for “improved broadband”
- Provincial Internet Funding Trust
 - \$192 million – 40-66% of the solution



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Provincial Updates

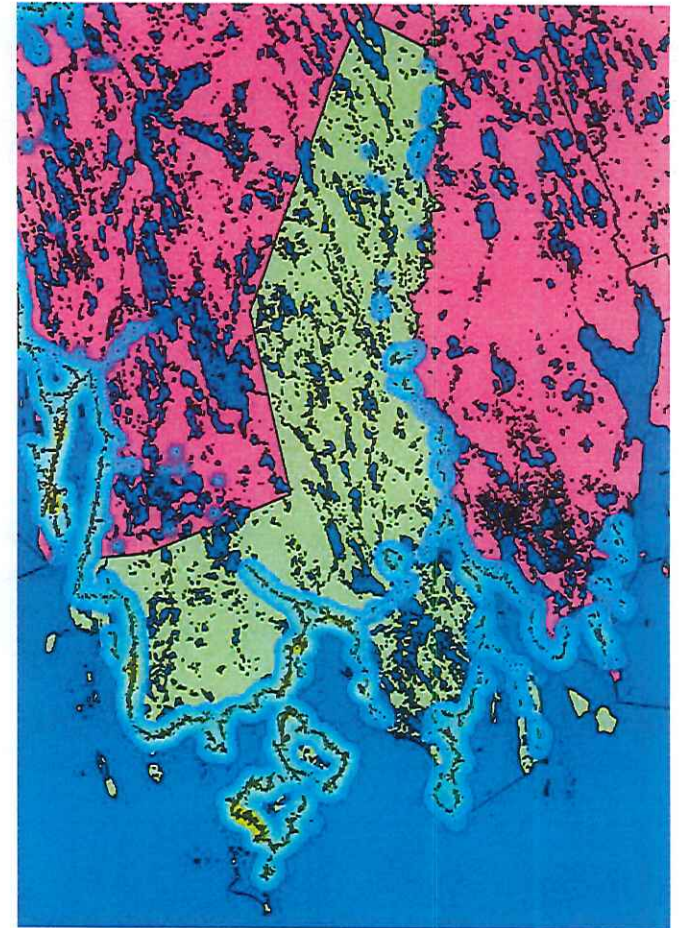
- Brightstar Reports – Middle Mile + Last Mile Strategies
 - \$300-500 million problem
 - *Utilizing existing infrastructure*
 - Targets:
 - Wired 50 Mbps+, wireless 25 Mbps+
 - 95+% coverage target
- \$192 million to NS Rural Internet Trust
 - Pre-qualification RFP closes March 2019
 - Financials / Skills / Experience
 - RFP TBA, likely Spring, Summer
 - Build within next 2-5 years



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MoDB

- Municipality of the District of Barrington
 - 4,562 premises
 - Existing Eastlink Coverage
 - --% wired
 - --% within 300-1000ft (\$ upgrades available)
 - --% outside wired, with wireless coverage
 - Existing Bell Coverage
 - --% wired



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Eastlink Proposed Solution

- --% presently wired
 - --% Wireless
- Additional -- premises
 - --% -> --%
- Will leave -- unserved
- Cost of \$--
- Eastlink Contribution of \$--
- \$-- Remaining

Eastlink Map and numbers are confidential, and will be displayed to council in camera



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Bell Proposed Solution

- --% presently wired
- Additional -- premises
 - --% -> --%
 - Will leave -- unserved
 - Cost of \$--
 - Bell Contribution of \$--
 - \$-- Remaining

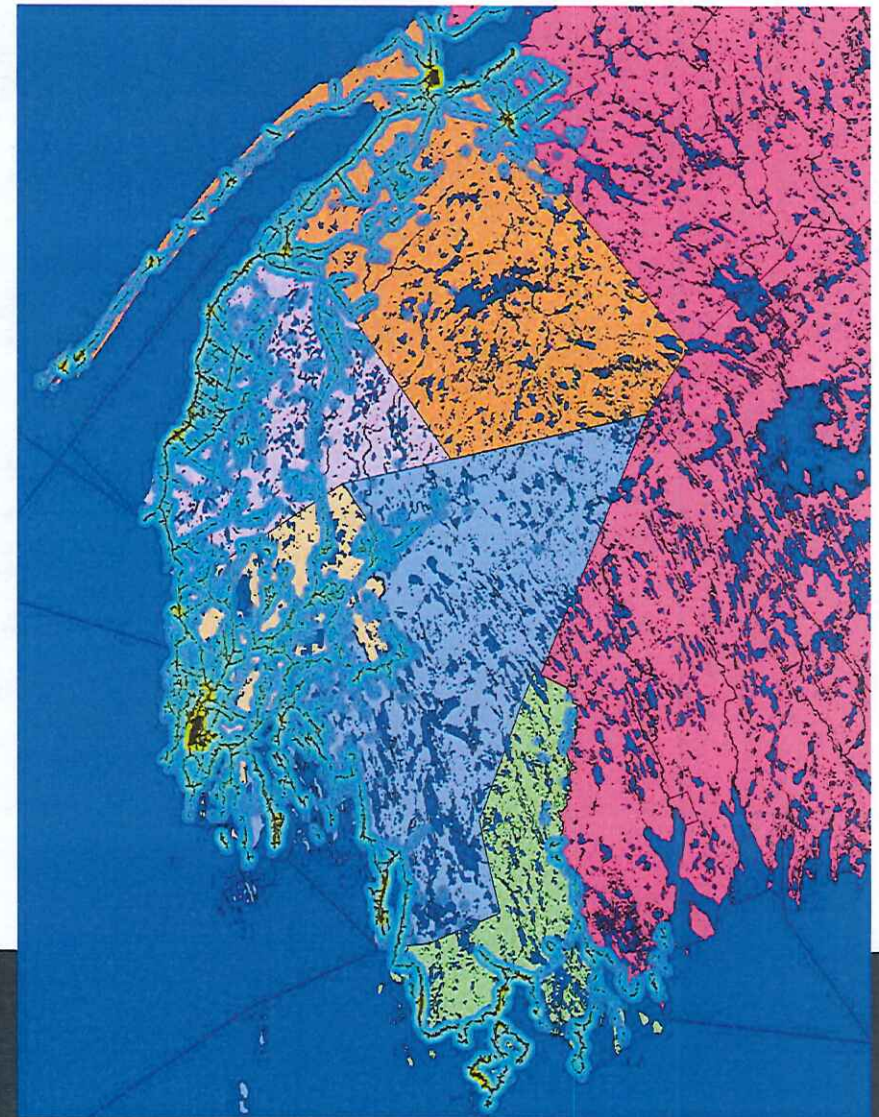
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Solution Summary

	Bell	Eastlink
Wired	--% wired	--% wired
Unserved	--	--
Contribution	\$--	\$--
Total Cost	\$--	\$--
Final Cost	\$--	\$--
Speeds	1 Gbps	0.4 – 1 Gbps
Data cap	n/a	Varies
Wireless	50/10 Mbps	10/1 Mbps



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