

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

December 2, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Jody Crook at 7:02 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, NS, with the following members present:

- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson, Chair - arrived at 7:16 p.m.
- Murray Atkinson
- Jody Crook
- George El-Jakl
- Shaun Hatfield

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was agreed that the following items be added to the Agenda:

- Tender for truck
- In-Camera Session Re: Sale of Municipal Property.

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 minutes of the last meeting held November 18, 2019, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION BY BRENNAN GOREHAM RE: ATLANTIC FISHERIES FUND

Brennan Goreham, Director, Atlantic Fisheries Fund, Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, appeared before the meeting. The purpose of Mr. Goreham's presentation was to increase awareness of the Atlantic Fisheries Fund. His presentation provided an overview of the Atlantic Fisheries Fund, including the funding model, eligible applicants and eligible projects. A copy of Mr. Goreham's presentation is attached and forms part of the minutes.

Mr. Goreham was thanked for appearing before the meeting and making his presentation.

The Chair was then turned over to Eddie Nickerson at 7:32 p.m.

UPDATE OF FIRE CAPITAL PURCHASING PLAN

As a result of Council's decision to put a freeze on all area fire rates and capital purchases, until staff has had an opportunity to review the process for all future capital purchases, the Fire Services Co-ordinator has been working on a Capital Purchasing Plan.

The Fire Services Co-ordinator appeared before the meeting to update members on progress to date on the development of the plan and to receive feedback. During this process recommendations will be made by staff to improve financial sustainability and achieve stable area rates. Much discussion has taken place with fire department representatives during the development of this plan.

The following funding models were explored and discussed with fire departments:

1. One rates for all department budgets.
2. One rate for existing loan payments and new trucks.
3. One rate for existing loan payment and new trucks and gear.
4. A rate for capital equipment purchases based on the cost of 1 SCBA and 3 sets of turnout gear per year per department and set the fire area rates every 3-5 years rather than every year.
5. Keep the fire department rates as they currently are.

The Fire Services Co-ordinator advised that departments are more acceptable to Option 4 or Option 5.

By locking in the rates for a fixed number of years the only impact on the taxpayer would be changes in assessment. This would then remove the uncertainty factor for municipal budgeting and make the process more efficient.

During discussion of this matter question was raised regarding the possibility of BMHS offering a personal development credit for students that join a fire department and undergo the required training. The Co-ordinator advised that an application has been submitted for review. The next review date is scheduled for 2021.

Resolution COW191201

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Minister of Education requesting support of our application for schools in our area to offer a Personal Development Credit for students that join a fire department and undergo the required training and a copy of the letter be sent to MLA LeBlanc and other municipal units in the province be requested to forward letters of support of the program.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Fire Services Co-ordinator was thanked for appearing before the meeting and making his presentation.

A copy of the Fire Services Co-ordinator's Power Point Presentation is attached and form part of the minutes.

MARTIN HOPKINS CONCERNS RE: ROSEWAY MANOR

In advance to the meeting members were provided with information relating to concerns expressed by Martin Hopkins regarding the poor condition of Roseway Manor.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that Mr. Hopkins has made his concerns known to Cathy Hambleton, Roseway Manor Administrator and Suzanne Bright, Investigation and Compliance Office with the Department of Health and Wellness.

Resolution COW191202

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality forward a letter to the Minister of Health and Wellness requesting that they investigate concerns at Roseway Manor as expressed by Mr. Martin Hopkins in his letter to Suzanne Bright, Department of Health and Wellness.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed that the CAO advise the Municipality of Shelburne of concerns raised by Mr. Hopkins and action taken by the Municipality of Barrington.

BEACH STRATEGY

Each member was provided with a copy of the draft Beach Strategy in advance to the meeting.

The strategy identifies five strategic outcomes for our beaches and identifies “Actions” for each strategic outcome which are as follows:

Strategic Outcomes	Action Items
Everyone can experience a day at the beach.	1. Deliver infrastructure that will support beach access and use.
Our beaches are vibrant, healthy and clean.	2. Monitor and improve the vibrancy of our beaches. 3. Maintain clean beaches.
Our infrastructure complements the beach and nature of the beach and is respected and maintained.	4. Develop a Beaches Resource Team who will work together with the best interests of our beaches, residents, wildlife and visitors in mind. 5. Fund, support and maintain infrastructure development at our beaches, that support our overall vision and outcomes of our beach strategy.
Our beaches are easy to find and help to tell our history, heritage and habitat.	6. Develop a signage strategy that incorporates wayfinding signage, beach signage and interpretive panels when and where required, which is consistent with our branding. 7. Work with local historical societies/groups, government organizations and Birding Studies Canada for relevant photos and information for interpretive panels. 8. Install and maintain all signage and interpretive panels.
There is collaborative stewardship of our beaches.	9. Develop collaborations and partnerships that support our beaches strategy. 10. Actively engage local stakeholders in regards to our beaches strategy.

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The Strategy also provides an overview of key actions to be taken over the next 4 year period, beginning with 2019. A copy of the Beach Strategy is attached and forms part of the minutes.

Councillor Hatfield suggested that beach signage be dealt with in 2020 and not 2021 as indicated in the Beach Strategy.

Much discussion took place regarding beach signage and beach access and parking at Crow Neck Beach.

Resolution COW191203

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Beach Strategy be accepted as amended to focus on beach signage early in the new year.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Jody Crook
George El-Jakl
Shaun Hatfield

NEGATIVE

Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

Resolution COW191204

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that staff develop a Signage Strategy for all beaches in the Municipality, in January 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

During discussion of this matter it was agreed that David Hodd of Nova Scotia Nature Trust be invited to meet with members to discuss access and parking at Crow Neck Beach.

CHARGING STATION FOR VEHICLES

General discussion took place regarding charging stations for electric vehicles and available Federal funding.

POLICIES

Policy 59 “Policy on Committees of Council”

Draft amendments to Policy 59 “Committees of Council” were circulated to members in advance to the meeting. Amendments include the following:

- Delete Nominating Committee
- Delete Hiring Committee
- Add Recreation Advisory Committee
- Add Heritage Advisory Committee
- No remuneration will be paid to non-council members except PAC until current terms expire.

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- As a general rule, Form A will be required 7 days in advance to the meeting.
- Terms of Reference for RAC has been amended to provide for 1 representative from the Town of Clarks Harbour and the quorum has been increased to 5
- Mandate for the Committee of the Whole Council has been revised.
- Terms of Reference for the NS Marathon Committee has been included in policy.
- etc.

It was agreed that “Notice of Consideration” of amendments to Policy 59 “Policy on Committees of Council” be given this evening and Council consider amendments at their meeting to be held on January 27, 2020.

TENDER - SALE OF SURPLUS VEHICLE

The CAO advised that tenders were invited for the sale of a surplus municipal vehicle which was formerly used by the Building Inspection Department. The vehicle in question is a 2009 Dodge Ram 1500.

Six tenders were received which were as follows:

Dave Smith Jr. Auto Sales & Salvage	\$1479.00
Keaton Nickerson	\$1050.00
Robert Robicheau	\$1037.00
Larry Hopkins	\$1000.00

2 tenders were received after the deadline and therefore could not be considered.

Resolution COW191205

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council to accept the tender received from Dave Smith Jr. Auto Sales & Salvage, for the purchase of the 2009 Dodge Ram 1500, in the amount of \$1,479.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

At 9:50 p.m. an In-Camera Session was held to deal with the sale of Lot 5, in the Brass Hill Subdivision. This session was held in accordance with Section 22(2)(a) of the Municipal Government Act.

The regular Committee Meeting was called back to order.

REPORT ON IN-CAMERA SESSION

It was reported that during the In-Camera Session direction was given to the CAO regarding the sale of Lot 5 located in the Brass Hill Subdivision.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

Atlantic Fisheries Fund

Presentation to Municipality of Barrington

December 2, 2019



Western Shelburne County– Key Figures

- Provincial Licence Holders
 - 4 Licensed Aquaculture sites (2 Landbased, 2 Marine Shellfish)
 - 62 Licensed Fish Buyers
 - 41 Licensed Fish Processing Facilities
- Over \$150,000,000 in reported purchases in 2018
- 15 commercial fishing ports

AFF Purpose – Atlantic Region

- Transform and drive innovation in the Atlantic fish and seafood sector
 - Innovative processes and technologies in harvesting, processing and aquaculture sectors
 - Infrastructure/new technology investments to improve quality, productivity and sustainability
 - Science Partnerships to enhance knowledge and understanding of changing oceanic conditions
- Provincial Priorities a Key Consideration

AFF Funding Model

- Partnership: Canada and the 4 Atlantic Provinces
 - Joint Management, Delivery and Approvals
 - Cost-shared 70/30
- Atlantic Component: \$295M Fed + Prov 30%
- National Marketing Pillar - \$30M + additional from all participating Provinces & Territories

Who can Apply?

- Commercial Enterprises
 - Harvesters
 - Processors
 - Aquaculturists
- Non-Commercial Organizations
 - Indigenous Organizations or Groups (other than Commercial)
 - Industry Associations
 - Research and Academic Institutions
 - Other NGOs that support the sector

Eligible Projects

- Innovation:
 - Research & Development of new products, processes, technologies and equipment
 - Pilot & test new innovations
 - Introduce innovations to market
 - Initiatives to create partnerships or networks that support innovation activities in the sector
 - Results: Productivity, Increased Value Added, Sustainability, Marketability
 - Led by industry with technical or academic partners

Eligible Projects

- Infrastructure:
 - Adopt new technologies, processes or equipment to improve effectiveness and sustainability
 - Associated training
 - Results: Productivity, Increased Value Added, Sustainability, Marketability
 - Direct investment in commercial operations

Eligible Projects

- Science Partnerships:
 - Science research on impacts of ecosystem shifts
 - Creation of partnerships or networks that help scientific activities in the sector
 - Science work on sustainable harvesting, processing and aquaculture technologies
 - Results: Informed Decisions on Industry Future, Technology Transfer and Research Commercialization
 - Work by academics and institutions with active participation, commitment and support from Industry.

Program Assistance

- Commercial Enterprises:
 - Contribution Less Than \$100,000 – Non-Repayable
 - Contribution Over \$100,000 – Repayable or conditionally repayable dependent on circumstances
- Commercial Enterprises:
 - % Contribution available from all Government sources
 - Less than 19 employees – up to 80%
 - 20-499 employees – up to 75%
 - 500 or more employees – up to 50%

Program Assistance

- Non-Commercial Organizations:
 - Non-repayable Contributions up to 80% (all Government sources)
 - % Contribution Based on Need:
 - Priorities for Fisheries, Seafood and Aquaculture Sectors
 - Level of Risk Involved
 - Availability of Other Funding

Examples of Approved Projects

- Harvesting:
 - Automated long lines and sustainable harvesting technology
 - Various onboard handling equipment related to improving the quality of fish when harvested
 - Electronic and new technology adoption for increasing efficiencies (e.g. Notus Echo system for shrimp fishery)
 - Pilot testing alternative, sustainable harvesting technologies for crab and lobster fisheries

Examples of Approved Projects

- Processors
 - New technology/state-of-the-art processing equipment to gain efficiencies and automate; as well as reduce energy consumption
 - Demonstration of new technology for live lobster holding
 - Acquisition of Automated live lobster grading systems
 - Traceability and Inventory management systems

Examples of Approved Projects

- Aquaculture
 - Acquisition of automated grading equipment for oysters
 - Productivity and efficiency improvements in grow-out gear and equipment for shellfish aquaculture
 - Adoption of new technologies to upgrade grow-out sites and hatcheries (shellfish and finfish)

Provincial Areas of Focus

- Harvesting, Processing, Aquaculture
- Innovation
- Quality
- Traceability
- Increased Value
- Improved Productivity
- Operating Efficiencies
- Sustainable Methods
- Market Access

Conclusion

- What are you hearing from the fish and seafood sector?
- How do you see the AFF advancing your priorities?
- Do you see yourself supporting the work of the AFF?

Contact US

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Capital Purchasing Plan



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Introduction

- The Why
 - To allow for better planning and maintain more consistent rates.
- Our Approach
 - Discuss various possibilities with fire department chiefs and treasurers who then took the information back to their respective departments.
- The Process
 - Receive feedback from the fire departments.
 - Present a plan to Council for approval.

The Why



The Why

- Fiscal Sustainability.
- Stability of Rates.
 - Allow fire departments to build reserve for capital purchases.
- Forecast Expenses.
- Simplified Long Term Planning for Fire Depts.
- Strategic Purchases.
- Upkeep of Equipment Standards.

Our Current Situation



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Current Situation

Municipality of Barrington Fire Departments Information 2019				
Training Summary				
	BPLTFD	IBPFD	WHSHFD	Total
Trained to FF-I	22	25	25	72
Exterior	10	5	6	21
Some FF-I Training (New)	0	8	1	9
No FF-I Training Admin	4	4	2	10
Membership	36	42	34	112
62% of the firefighters in the Municipality are trained to Firefighter I				
18% of the firefighters are exterior trained firefighters				
9% of the firefighters in the Municipality are not formally trained (New)				
Vehicle Summary				
	BPLTFD	IBPFD	WHSHFD	Total
Vehicles	6	6	5	17
Future Vehicles	4	5	3	12
Financial Summary (2019/2020)				
	BPLTFD	IBPFD	WHSHFD	Total
Assesment	\$141,897,800	\$197,116,300	\$98,551,900	\$437,566,000
Rate Generated	\$181,634	\$246,395	\$191,191	\$619,220
Other Sources	\$68,500	\$53,743	\$10,291	\$132,534
Operating Cost	\$250,134	\$300,138	\$201,482	\$751,754
Call Summary (Jan. 2019 - Oct. 2019)				
	BPLTFD	IBPFD	WHSHFD	Total
Fire	18	13	10	41
Medical	6	6	86	98
MVA	11	12	3	26
Auto or Mutual Aid	6	9	12	27
Other	31	77	21	129
Total Calls	72	117	132	321



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Truck Replacement Plans

■ Island & Barrington Passage

Truck	Comment
#34 – 1995 1500 gal. Tanker	Already past the 20 year ULC* rating period. This tanker would be maintained for six more years until #31 is paid for then replaced in 2024.
#36 – 2007 3000 gal. Tanker	Due for replacement in 2027 but would be replaced in 2029 once the quint is paid for.
#37 – 2007 Pumper Tanker	Will be sold or traded towards the cost of the quint.
#30 – 2007 Heavy Rescue	Due for replacement in 2034. Will be combined with #31 and replaced with a Rescue Pumper.
#31 – 2014 Pumper Tanker	Due for replacement in 2034. Will be combined with #30 and replaced with a Rescue Pumper.

*Underwriters Laboratories of Canada (ULC) is an independent product safety testing, certification and inspection organization. We have tested products for public safety for 90 years and we are accredited by the Standards Council of Canada and International Accreditation Service, Inc.



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Truck Replacement Plans

- Barrington / Port Latour

Equipment	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30
Current Truck	\$28,247.97	\$27,543.97	\$26,839.85	\$26,135.91	\$25,431.96	\$24,727.97	\$24,023.98	\$23,319.97	\$22,615.97	\$9,215.66
Current Hall	\$78,840.22	\$77,543.22	\$76,108.32	\$74,523.58	\$72,792.64	\$70,940.66	\$68,994.50			
Loans Total	\$107,088.19	\$105,087.18	\$102,948.17	\$100,659.55	\$98,224.60	\$95,668.63	\$93,018.48	\$23,319.97	\$22,615.97	\$9,215.66
Truck Requirements	2022/2023 – 2 front line trucks will go out of commission.						New truck to replace one or two trucks.			
Turn Out Gear	3 sets		3 sets		3 sets		3 sets		3 sets	
B/As		2 sets		2 sets		2 sets		2 sets		2 sets
Pagers										
Jaws			1 (Used F/F Fund)							



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Truck Replacement Plans

- Woods Harbour / Shag Harbour

Steps	Comment
1.	Finish paying loan in 2022.
2.	Apply same level of funding after 2022 to pay #11 replace the passenger van.
3.	Apply same level of funding until #11 is paid for.

MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE FIRE VEHICLES 2019												
Trk #	Quint	Pumper	Tanker	Pump GPM	Tank Gal	Rescue	Utility	Passenger	loan payment	Loan Paid	20 year	Planned Rep
Woods Harbour Shag Harbour												
15		1996 Volvo		1050	1000						2016	2031
11		2016 Spar		1250	2500				\$45,000	2031	2036	2041
14						2012 Spar			\$34,000	2022	2032	2031
16								2006 Chev			2021	2023
23							2000 Ford				2020	N/R
									\$79,000			
Island Barrington Passage												
37		2007 Int		1050	1000							N/R
36			2007 Int	420	3000						2027	2030
30						2007 Int					2027	2035
38								2018 Ford			2035	
34		1995 Int		420	1500						2015	2025
31		2015 Int		1250	1500				\$49,000	2025	2035	2035
3	2020 Rose			1250	400				\$85,000	2030	2040	2045
Compressor												
									\$21,000	2026		N/R
									\$155,000			
Barrington Port Latour												
42		2001 GMC		1050	1000						2021	2026
43						2008 Ford					2028	2026
41			2019 Int	420	2500				\$24,000	2029	2039	
44		2003 Freig		1050	1000						2023	2029
45							2008 Chev				2023	
46		2008 Ken		1050	2500						2028	2036
Hall									\$80,000	2026		N/R
									\$104,000			
Total Yearly Loan Payments												
Department yearly loan total												
Those highlighted in yellow are pumper tanker												
Replaced with Rescue Pumper												
Current cost of Rescue Pumper: Commercial Chassis \$450,000 Custom Chassis \$650,000												
Current cost of a Tanker: \$360,000												
TRUCK REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE												
YEAR	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
DEPT.				WHSH		IBP	BPLT			BPLT	IBP	WHSH
TRUCK TYPE				Passenger Van		Tanker	Rescue Pumper			Pumper	Tanker	Rescue Pumper



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Concepts Considered

1. One rate for all the fire departments budgets.
2. One rate for existing loan payments and new trucks.
3. One rate for existing loan payment and new trucks and gear.
4. A rate for capital equipment purchases based on the cost of 1 SCBA and 3 sets of turnout gear per year per department and set the fire area rates every 3-5 years rather than every year.
5. Keep the fire department rates as they currently are and developing a plan for the next 10 years to allow for more consistent replacement of capital equipment, allowing the municipality to forecast future costs and keep the equipment up to NFPA standards that is fair and even for all departments.

With all these ideas there would have to be oversight and flexibility. For example the same number of SCBA per Department and avoiding duplication of apparatus.

All these ideas will require cooperation from the fire departments and from the municipality.



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Concepts Considered Cont.

Of the concepts considered the one that seems to be the most palatable to all stakeholders is a capital equipment rate of 1.5 cents per \$100 of assessment which translates into \$21,878.30 per department per year for equipment purchases. The departments would have to reduce their budgets by \$21,878.30 a year. The intent of these funds would be to purchase turnout gear and SCBAs, however it could be invested for future capital equipment purchases under section 7.6 of the Fire Response and Emergency Services Policy (Policy #54).

In the past 3 years, departments have spent anywhere between \$15,000 and \$45,000 on capital purchases. Upon review of the historical financial information and the upcoming capital purchases, the Fire Services Coordinator believes that \$21,878.30 per department per year is an adequate amount of funding to maintain standards.

The assessment of the need to purchase gear would be made by the Fire Services Coordinator as he would have an up to date inventory of the equipment within each department and would have a clear understanding of their future purchases.



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Concepts Considered Cont.

Structuring the rates this way and setting fire area rates every 3-5 years will allow the Municipality to ensure that the fire departments keep their gear up to standards and replace vehicles as loans are paid off. This option would also allow fire departments to build a capital reserve fund to be used for future capital purchases and make long term replacement planning easier for the departments. It would also put the onus on the fire departments to manage their finances in order to replace equipment in a more planned fashion.

Impact of Implementing a *Fire Capital Equipment Rate*

	BPLT	IBP	WHSH
Current Fire Area Rates	12.8	12.5	19.4
Municipal Fire Capital Equipment Rate	1.5	1.5	1.5
Corresponding Fire Area Rate Reduction	(1.5)	(1.1)	(2.2)
New Fire Area Rate	12.8	12.9	18.7

Elimination of some vehicles and replacing 2 types of vehicles with combination vehicles will enable the fleet to be further reduced to 12 from 17.

Budget Implications & Next Steps



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Budget Implications

Budget implications vary depending on which option is chosen. In either option, a clear understanding of where the revenue from offsetting funding (i.e. the Emergency Services Provider Fund, the sale of a vehicle and HST rebate from the purchase of capital equipment) would be posted. For example, if a fire department was to purchase a truck, would the revenue from the HST rebate be incorporated in the departments operating budget, would it need to be applied to the purchase of the truck or could it be held in reserve for the next capital equipment purchase?

Finally, by locking the rates for a fixed number of years the only impact on the taxpayer would be changes in assessment. This would then remove the uncertainty factor for municipal budgeting and make the process more efficient.



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Next Steps

- The Committee Work.
- Timeline.



Feedback/Concerns



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MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF BARRINGTON
Beaches Strategy



THE MUNICIPALITY OF
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The Municipality of Barrington's Beaches Strategy is an encompassing strategy that makes clear the need to manage our beautiful beaches in consultation and collaboration with key stakeholders. The MODB identified our beaches as one of their key action items in its Strategic Plan under Promotion and Support of the Tourism Industry. Council has committed \$250,000 over the next 5 years to support the improvement and development of its beaches.

Beaches are an important part of life not only within the Municipality of Barrington, but in Nova Scotia as a whole. Tourism Nova Scotia identifies the seacoast as one of its biggest tourism strengths, people choose to come to Nova Scotia to explore our seacoast, beaches and ocean. Beaches provide many recreational opportunities for our residents and visitors. Boating, fishing, swimming, surfing, walking, beachcombing, bird-watching, playing and sunbathing are among the common activities our beachgoers enjoy. Many of our beaches provide unique habitats for a variety of plants and wildlife, including species at risk that depend on our beaches for their survival. Our beaches provide protection to residents living near the ocean by acting as a buffer against the high winds and waves of powerful storms. Finally, beaches also play an important role in the economy, as spending time at the beach is among the fastest-growing nature-based outdoor activities for visitors to Nova Scotia.

The MODB Beaches Strategy includes five strategic outcomes. These five outcomes compliment one another and addressing them as equal priorities will achieve the strategy's vision: Our beaches are welcoming, accessible, clean, safe and healthy, today and for future generations to come.

Our five strategic outcomes for our beaches are:

- » **Everyone can experience a day at the beach;**
- » **Our beaches are vibrant, healthy and clean;**
- » **Our infrastructure compliments the beach and nature of the beach and is respected & maintained;**
- » **Our beaches are easy to find and help to tell our history, heritage and habitat; and**
- » **There is collaborative stewardship of our beaches.**





The Municipality of Barrington's beaches extend from Baccaro to Cape Sable Island and play an important role for our residents and visitors alike. We understand the need for them to be maintained, protected and where necessary, enhanced to ensure future generations are able to enjoy them.

Some of our beaches are included in the international network of Important Bird Areas and are particularly special as they provide critical nesting habitat for endangered Piping Plovers or are important stopover sites for migrating shorebirds during the late summer and fall.

Our Property Services team currently manages the amenities provided at our beaches, except for Sand Hills Provincial Park which is maintained by the Department of Lands & Forestry. Our operational or maintenance work includes providing and maintaining garbage bins & picnic tables, organizing the installation of port-a-potties during the summer months, maintaining the boardwalk/gazebo at North East Point beach, general lawn/vegetation maintenance where necessary, installation of signage and maintenance of parking lots where necessary/required.

The Municipality also supports and participates on the Shelburne County Beach Stewardship committee which is committed to educating residents and visitors on the importance of healthy and safe beaches.



*Our beaches are welcoming,
accessible, clean, safe and healthy,
today and for future generations to come.*

Our Beaches



The Hawk Beach,

Cape Sable Island GPS: Lat 43.415975 - Lon -65.614321

The Hawk Beach is located on the most southerly tip of Nova Scotia. Walk this white sandy beach and explore the 1500 year old drowned forest exposed at low tide, a broad area of tree stumps still rooted in the original soil.

As part of the Cape Sable Important Bird Area (IBA) The Hawk is one of the best birding areas in Nova Scotia. From the beach you can view the Cape Sable Lighthouse, the tallest lighthouse in the Maritimes, standing at 101 feet tall.

Current Status

Parking	No	Beach Name Signage	No - Destroyed by storm
Washrooms	No	Other Signage	Yes (currently not installed)
Change Rooms	No	Picnic Tables	No
Garbage Bins	No	Boardwalk Access	Yes (but privately installed)



Daniel's Head (South Side) Beach,

Cape Sable Island GPS: Lat 43.513249 Lon -65.608507

Walk for miles on this white sandy beach. Like all our beaches, a great backdrop to your special day. A place to collect sea glass, swim or just relax and enjoy the sights and sounds! Another spot for that birding enthusiast.

Current Status

Parking	Yes	Beach Name Signage	Yes
Washrooms	Yes (Port-a Pottie)	Other Signage	Yes
Change Rooms	Yes	Picnic Tables	Yes
Garbage Bins	Yes	Boardwalk Access	Yes



Stoney Island Beach,

Cape Sable Island GPS: Lat 43.463583 Lat -65.577334

One of the more secluded beaches on Cape Sable Island. When you walk along the Stoney Island beach you will feel the warm silvery powdered sand between your toes. Another spot for swimming, walking, picnics or soothing the day away!

Current Status

Parking	No	Beach Name Signage	No
Washrooms	No (Vandalized in past)	Other Signage	Yes
Change Rooms	No	Picnic Tables	No
Garbage Bins	Yes (no recycle bin)	Boardwalk Access	No



North East Point Beach,

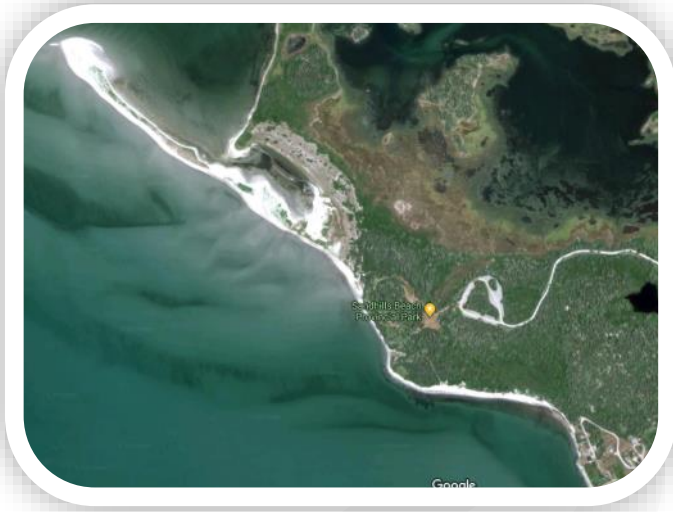
Cape Sable Island Causeway

GPS: Lat 43.513249 Lon -65.608507

Located across the Causeway from the center of Barrington Passage. This beach is a local hot spot for swimming, soaking in the sun, playing in the white sand or catching a boat race or two! Stroll along the boardwalk, have a picnic in the gazebo or watch the sailboats and dorys in the Bay.

Current Status

Parking	Yes	Beach Name Signage	Yes
Washrooms	Yes (Port-a-potties)	Other Signage	Yes
Change Rooms	No	Picnic Tables	Yes (Gazebo)
Garbage Bins	Yes	Boardwalk Access	Yes (Floating Dock access)
Other	Wi-Fi Hotspot & Power Access		



Sandhills Provincial Park,

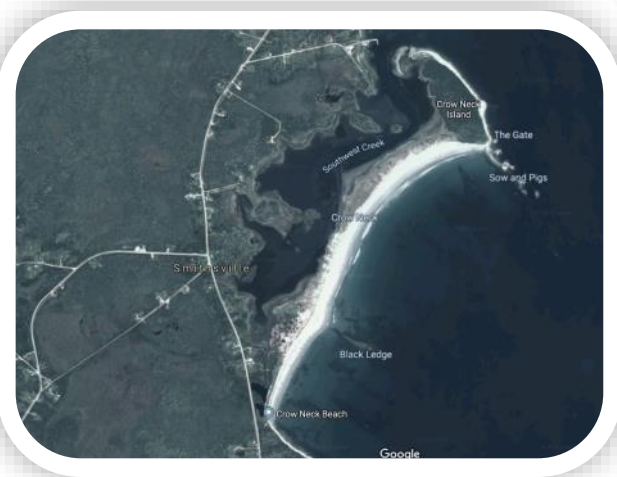
Villagedale GPS: Lat 43.530850 Lon -65.554485

Sandhills Provincial Park features a 2.5KM white sand beach. At low tide there are wide sand flats that are warmed by the sun, when the tide comes back in the water is warmed that makes this a unique beach for swimming and snorkeling. A spectacular sand dune system backs the beach area.

This provincial park offers the explorer beach combing, searching for sand dollars, deep sea clamming (in season), kite flying and so much more! Bring the family for the day, pack a lunch that can be enjoyed in the large picnic area. Sit back and soak up the fresh sea air!

Current Status

Parking	Yes	Beach Name Signage	Yes (Provincial)
Washrooms	Yes	Other Signage	Yes (Provincial)
Change Rooms	Yes	Picnic Tables	Yes
Garbage Bins	Yes	Boardwalk Access	Yes
Other	Outdoor Shower & Taps		



Crow Neck Beach,

Baccaro GPS: Lat 43.468787 Lon -65.470762

The property is owned by the Province, with the provision that it is protected as a Nature Reserve, and will also be protected through conservation by the Nature Trust and the Province.

Crow Neck, located in Baccaro, is another beach for bird watching, beach combing or taking a nice leisurely stroll next to the Atlantic Ocean. Baccaro is the oldest place name in Nova Scotia. Just around the corner is the Baccaro Lighthouse; rebuilt in 1934 this 45 foot tall light-house is land assessible.

Current Status

Parking	No	Beach Name Signage	No
Washrooms	No	Other Signage	No
Change Rooms	No	Picnic Tables	No
Garbage Bins	No	Boardwalk Access	No

Strategy Vision

The five strategic outcomes for the MODB’s Beaches Strategy are complimentary. Being able to deliver on these outcomes as equal priorities will achieve the strategy’s vision:

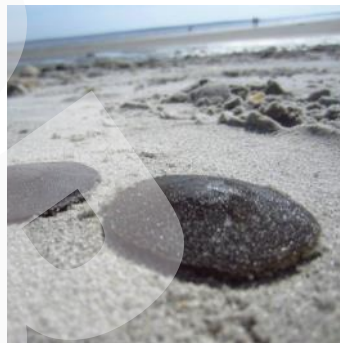
Our beaches are welcoming, accessible, clean, safe and healthy, today and for future generations to come.

STRATEGIC OUTCOMES



Everyone can enjoy a Day at the Beach

Our residents & visitors of all ages, abilities and backgrounds are able to enjoy the beach to explore, unwind & play on.



Our beaches are vibrant, healthy and clean.

Our residents and visitors are able to enjoy clean stretches of white sand beaches and help to maintain the cleanliness of them.



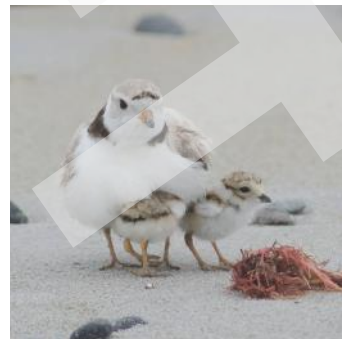
Our infrastructure compliments the beach and nature of the beach and is respected & maintained

Our infrastructure is planned, managed and maintained with the best interests of the beach, stakeholders, residents & visitors alike in mind.



Our beaches are easy to find and help to tell our history, heritage & habitat.

We install proper signage both at the beaches and wayfinding signage to guide our visitors to our beaches. We install stewardship signs and interpretive panels to help educate & inform.



There is collaborative stewardship of our beaches

All levels of government, key stakeholders, the community and visitors who benefit from the Municipality’s beaches contribute to their management.



Everyone can enjoy a day at the beach

With a growing, ageing and increasingly diverse population, it's very important to manage our beach environment so that everyone can experience a day at the beach.

For the Municipality of Barrington, this will mean

- » People of all abilities can enjoy a day at the beach. The beaches are open and accessible to everyone - whether you are on foot or in a wheelchair, you will be able to enjoy our beautiful beaches.
- » Residents and visitors will be able to enjoy a day at the beach swimming, surfing, body boarding, playing, sunbathing, birdwatching, photography or attending events



Action Items

1. Deliver infrastructure that will support beach access and use

We will conduct an assessment of existing infrastructure that supports people's access to our beaches. This will include parking, amenities, access points and equipment that will support better access to our beaches for everyone. We will maintain and further develop infrastructure on the appropriate beaches where and when necessary. We will conduct community engagement/surveys on beach experiences.





Our infrastructure compliments the beach and nature of the beach and is respected and maintained

Each one of our beaches are unique and therefore should be managed with specific characteristics in mind. Not every beach needs infrastructure in place to improve the quality of the beach experience.

For the Municipality of Barrington, this will mean

- » Working with various levels of government, community groups, residents to support and analyze various types of infrastructure development and implementation on and around our beaches
- » Consider each beach individually and how it's used, promoted and managed and develop them according to their specific characteristics in mind
- » Maintain and improve the user experience at our beaches

Action Items

4. Develop a Beaches Resource Team who will work together with the best interests of our beaches, residents, wildlife and visitors in mind.

This will be made up of various government organizations, including Department of Natural Resources, Bird Studies Canada, Shelburne County Beach Stewardship Committee, council, staff and residents.

5. Fund, support and maintain infrastructure development at our beaches, that support our overall vision and outcomes of our beach strategy.

Our beaches are easy to find and help to tell our history, heritage and habitat

Enabling our residents and visitors to easily find our beaches will help make the user experience that much better. Sharing a bit of our story adds to that experience and helps to educate people on their surroundings and the habitat that share our beaches. Through the use of QR Codes, we can connect visitors and residents to relevant information, videos, resources (wildlife, flora, fauna) that pertain to each beach and surrounding area.

For the Municipality of Barrington, this will mean

- » Better signage that will allow residents and visitors to find our beaches
- » Interpretive panels that will help educate and inspire
- » Improve the overall beach experience, including Beach Logs where visitors can leave their comments, suggestion and experiences they have had on our beaches.



Action Items

6. **Develop a signage strategy that incorporates wayfinding signage, beach signage and interpretive panels when and where required, which is consistent with our branding.** This will work to incorporate the Municipal brand, logo and colours creating consistency with other signage within the Municipality.
7. **Work with local historical societies/groups, government organizations and Bird Studies Canada for relevant photos and information for interpretive panels**
8. **Install and maintain all signage and interpretive panels.**





There is a collaborative stewardship of our beaches

The beaches within the Municipality of Barrington are enjoyed by and provide benefits to many people. Residents, visitors, businesses, government/non profit organizations and wildlife either directly or indirectly benefit from our beautiful white sand beaches. It is important that we work together to ensure they are maintained and healthy for generations to come.

For the Municipality of Barrington, this will mean

- » Everyone understands the benefits to having vibrant, clean, healthy and accessible beaches
- » There is investment in managing our beaches from various levels of government and those who benefit from the beaches within the Municipality.
- » Research and community engagement activities help to keep everyone informed and have a more balanced approach to decision making
- » Stakeholders are informed and actively participate in actions required to manage, protect and maintain our beaches and those who use them.

Action Items

9. Develop collaborations and partnerships that support our beaches strategy

We will partner with other levels of government, community members and organizations that support our strategy and approach to our beach management. We will seek funding from various sources that will help to implement our plan.

10. Actively engage local stakeholders in regards to our beaches strategy

We will support and promote a joint stewardship for our beaches. We will provide opportunities for open communication and engagement with our residents about protecting our beaches and the wildlife that call them home. We will continue to educate users of our beaches on best stewardship practices.

The Local Wish List

Keeping in mind that each one of our beaches are unique, they should be managed with specific characteristics in mind. Not every beach needs permanent infrastructure in place to improve the quality of the beach experience.

Here is some of the feedback received from local residents on how we could create a better beach experience for everyone:

- » Accessibility - both for those with disabilities and just better access to our beaches
- » Better parking areas
- » Washroom facilities
- » Change Room Facilities
- » Outside fresh water tap - helpful for cleaning off sand after you are done at the beach
- » Picnic Tables
- » Bicycle Racks
- » Adequate Garbage and Recycle Bins
- » Camping facilities at Sand Hills Provincial Park
- » Better signage
- » Cleaner Beaches
- » Boardwalks
- » Seasonal buildings that can be rented out for tourism providers, food vendors, artisans, etc.





Overview of Key Actions

The key actions of the Beaches Strategy are laid out over the next 4 years. Key implementation actions identified in the strategy will be addressed through available core funding laid out by council and successful application through various funding programs. The strategy will assist staff and council in capital planning and annual work processes. At the end of year four, we will reassess the Strategy to align with the strategic planning and goals of council

2019

ACTION ITEMS

Purchase land at Stoney Island Beach

Develop parking area at Stoney Island Beach

2020

ACTION ITEMS

Structured engagement sessions - online surveys and community engagement sessions

Assessment of existing infrastructure and develop a plan for future infrastructure

Evaluation of our beaches and finding one that will work the best for accessibility

Develop collaborations and partnerships that support our beach strategy

Work with local groups, residents and organizations to organize yearly beach clean ups

Provide waste bins where appropriate and provide better opportunities to help keep our beaches clean

Recruit and Facilitate a Beach Resource Team

Actively engage stakeholders, residents to support and promote stewardship of our beaches

2021

ACTION ITEMS

- Develop signage and directional signage for the beaches that work with our branding.
- Work with local groups, residents and organizations to organize yearly beach clean up
- Seek funding opportunities where needed to help build new infrastructure for our beaches
- Develop collaborations and partnerships that support our beach strategy
- Actively engage stakeholders, residents to support and promote stewardship of our beaches
- Develop infrastructure as assessed and planned in previous years

2022

ACTION ITEMS

- Work with local groups, residents and organizations to organize yearly beach clean up
- Design and develop Interpretive Panels where they are deemed necessary
- Install Beach Logs at designated beaches
- Include QR Codes on signage that will allow visitors and residents to access information on our beaches through the use of technology
- Develop appropriate infrastructure as assessed and planned in previous year
- Seek funding opportunities where needed to help build new infrastructure for our beaches
- Actively engage stakeholders, residents to support and promote stewardship of our beaches
- Reassess Beach Strategy to align with strategic planning and goals of council





Successful implementation of the Municipality of Barrington Beaches Strategy will be indicated by cleaner, healthy, vibrant, accessible beaches that will allow everyone, including wildlife to enjoy a day at the beach.

Improving the status of our beaches is a shared responsibility that requires action from more than just the Municipal government. Individual residents, community organizations, different levels of government also have an important advocacy and stewardship roles to play. We must remain respectful of the natural environmental roles our beaches play and keep in mind the unique users on all levels. Each strategic outcome in our plan compliment one another and all play an important role in the vitality and health of our beaches for our generation and into the future.

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