

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING
September 21, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:00 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, NS, with the following members present:

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

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Old Post Road, Barrington.
- Partnership Opportunity with NSP Vehicle to Grid Project.
- Statement – Ongoing Situation in St. Mary’s Bay.

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 Committee of the Whole Council Meeting held September 14, 2020 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION BY GEONOVA RE: RENAMING OF SOME GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS

Colin MacDonald, Director of Geographic Information Services of the Department of Service NS and Internal Services, appeared before the meeting. Mr. MacDonald provided information regarding the Geographic Naming program and process. He also provided information concerning current applications regarding derogatory names of areas in the Municipality and steps to be taken to rename these areas. Applications have been received to rename the following areas:

- Cape Negro Island
- Cape Negro Point
- Cape Negro Harbour
- Cape Negro community

The initial application included "Squaw Island", but further investigation is required on that request.

Public Engagement Sessions will be held in the future to make the public aware of applications and to collect suggested replacement names. Mr. MacDonald agreed to keep in contact with the CAO regarding times and locations of Public Engagement Sessions.

Mr. MacDonald was thanked for appearing before the Committee and making his presentation of which a copy is attached and forms part of the minutes.

PRESENTATION BY GOOSE LAKE ASSOCIATION RE: ROAD MAINTENANCE

Corey Crowell of the Goose Lake Association Limited appeared before the meeting. He advised that the Goose Lake Road is being travelled more than ever before with some residents living in the area year round, cottage owners spending more time in the area, people travelling to access their leased camp sites and people cutting wood. The cost of maintenance and upgrades to the road is increasing year by year, due to both cost increases of contractors and the road requiring more attention due to use.

Mr. Crowell is requesting Council to consider providing financial assistance in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the remainder of the current fiscal year to assist with the cost of road maintenance and repairs. He is further requesting that assistance be provided annually at the rate of 12.8% of taxes generated from properties in the Goose Lake Area which would result in approximately \$5,900.00. A copy of Mr. Crowell's presentation is attached and forms part of the minutes.

During discussion it was noted that \$6,200.00 is generated annually through By-law No. 35 "A By-law Respecting the Maintenance and Improvement of Private Roads in the Goose Lake Area". Question was raised as to whether property owners would be interested in increasing their annual fee of \$100.00 in order to generate more funds. Mr. Crowell indicated that this is something he plans to discuss with members of the Association.

It was agreed that this request and the possible development of a Road Grant Policy be placed on a future agenda of the committee.

Mr. Crowell also expressed concern regarding the entrance to Goose Lake Road and requested members to take a look at making it safer for vehicles entering the road travelling from the East.

Mr. Crowell was thanked for appearing before the Committee and making his presentation.

OCEANVIEW CHRISTIAN ACADEMY REQUEST

The CAO reported that he met with Shana Newell to work out details of a possible lease agreement between the Municipality and OCA for use of the VIC building. She will be discussing details of the lease agreement with her Board and will get back to us after that.

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Possible sale of the property to OCA was discussed. During discussion it was noted that the property is currently being subdivided and an appraisal is being carried out to determine its value.

Resolution COW200909

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the CAO be instructed to proceed with the sale of the VIC property to Oceanview Christian Academy, following the process prescribed in the Municipal Government Act.

Motion carried unanimously.

DRAFT RFP RE: SALE OF VIC

As a result of the recommendation to Council to sell the VIC property to Oceanview Christian Academy, it will now be necessary to rescind the following motion:

Resolution C200810

“Being duly moved and seconded that Council sell the VIC building located at 2517, Highway 3, in Barrington by way of an RFP”

This matter will be placed on the September 28, 2020, Council Agenda for consideration.

OCTOBER MEETINGS

Resolution COW200910

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that due to the Municipal Election being held on October 17, 2020, all meetings be cancelled for the month of October and that the new Council be sworn into Office at the first Council Meeting after the Election held on Monday, November 2, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

BASIL BLADES MEMORIAL BALL PARK – PARKING LOT LIGHTS

The CAO provided information on the installation of lights at the Basil Blades Memorial Ball Park located in Centreville.

1. Two streetlights on two separate poles. This would cost approximately \$10,000 to purchase and install the poles and wire the lights. In addition, the connection of the streetlights would require Nova Scotia Power which would take months as they are 6 months behind in their work orders.
2. Wired spotlights on the dugouts and storage building. This would cost approximately \$3,000 to purchase and wire the lights. This work could also take a few months as a panel and meter would be required.

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3. Industrial Solar Spotlights. These would cost approximately \$750.00 each. These lights typically last 5-6 hours after sunset and can be installed anywhere.

Resolution COW200911

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality assess the need for a minimum of two streetlights at the Basil Blades Memorial Ball Park and the cost of installation be provided in the 2021/22 Capital Budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

50/50 TIR COST SHARED PROGRAM – ROADS

Correspondence has been received from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal advising that they are accepting submissions of roads the Municipality would like to have paved under their 50/50 Cost Shared Program.

The list of eligible roads was discussed.

Resolution COW200912

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the following roads, listed in order of priority, be submitted for consideration under the TIR 50/50 Cost Shared Program for paving:

1. Bateman Road
2. Petticoat Lane
3. Clam Point Road
4. Station Road - Shag Harbour
5. Butler's Road

Motion carried unanimously.

ORDER TO REMEDY – DWAYNE STEWART BOAT

An Order to Remedy has been drafted in cooperation with the Municipal Solicitor. In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of the draft Order to address the condition of the Property (Vessel), located at 1138 Clements Pond, Highway 103, Barrington NS, owned by Dwayne Stewart.

Being duly moved and seconded that the Order to Remedy the condition of the Property (Vessel) located at 1138 Clements Pond, Highway 103, Barrington, NS, be issued requiring the owner to contact the Municipality and arrange to remove the property.

Motion carried unanimously.

Council approval is not required for the Order to Remedy as the CAO has authority to issue the Order as the Administrator of Dangerous and Unsightly Premises.

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APPLICATION TO SERVE ON THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

An application has been received from Boyd Hilton Scott of Barrington expressing interest in serving on the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Resolution COW200913

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that Boyd Hilton Scott be appointed to serve on the Accessibility Advisory Committee for a two year term.

Motion carried unanimously.

LETTER OF SUPPORT NSCC BATTERY DEMAND REDUCTION STUDY

Correspondence has been received from Riley Cook, NSCC, advising that they are applying for a Low Carbon Communities Provincial Grant to carry out a Study, in the western region of Nova Scotia, on Reducing Peak Demand Charge in buildings using battery energy storage. Mr. Cook is requesting a letter of support for their project.

Resolution COW200914

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a letter of support be provided to NSCC, in support of their application for funding for a Study to be conducted on Reducing Peak Demand Charge in buildings.

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD POST ROAD

The Chair reported on concerns relating to the Old Post Road located in Barrington and requested that the Municipal Digital Speed Sign be located on the road to inform motorists of their speed.

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY WITH NSP VEHICLE TO GRID PROJECT

Correspondence has been received from Nova Scotia Power advising of an application they will be submitting for the Federal Low Carbon Funding. NSP will be using this funding to study battery to grid technology which they plan to do by installing an EV Charging Station, along with solar panels at a building within the Municipality as part of their program. A vehicle will be supplied for municipal use. The battery in the vehicle will be used to put energy back on the grid during peak times or outages. This energy could be used to power comfort/warming centres in our area. The battery will be recharged by the solar panels.

Resolution COW200915

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality partner with NSP and provide a letter, in support of their application for Federal Low Carbon Funding to study battery to grid technology.

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AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Jody Crook
George El-Jakl
Shaun Hatfield

NEGATIVE

Eddie Nickerson

Motion carried.

STATEMENT – ONGOING SITUATION IN ST. MARY’S BAY

It was reported that ongoing protests have been taking place in St. Mary’s Bay, NS, as a result of lobster fishing in the area which is creating conflict between commercial and First Nation fishers. Some organizations and governments have recently called upon Minister Jordan to take action to intervene and deescalate the situation.

Since time is of the essence, members agreed by consensus, that direction be given to the CAO to prepare a letter to be forwarded to the Honourable Bernadette Jordan, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, expressing our concern for the safety of everyone involved in the escalating situation in St. Mary’s Bay and implore her to immediately intervene to find a peaceful resolution.

WATER LENDING PROGRAM

Concern was expressed regarding the requirement to have a good payment history with the Municipality in order to qualify for funding under the Water Lending Program. The CAO advised that this is the only way the Municipality can assess the ability of the individual to pay. If the individual defaults on payment, the full amount becomes due immediately which could cause extreme hardship for some and may result in their property being sold at Tax Sale. In addition, lending to individuals with poor payment history is precarious and could put the Municipality at risk.

Resolution COW200916

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the practice to require applicants of the Water Lending Program to have a “good payment history” with the Municipality be discontinued.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting



Derogatory Geographic Names in Barrington District



Agenda

Overview of Process Name Change

Background on the File

Municipal Involvement

Discussions/Questions

Geographic Naming in Nova Scotia

- 1000's years? Aboriginal people named places
- 1897 Canada recognized need for standards in naming places & features; national board created (Geographic Board of Canada)
- 1961 National committee transferred naming authority and responsibility to Provinces
- 2000 Board renamed Geographical Names Board of Canada (GNBC)

What is a Geographic Name?

- People commonly use a geographic name to refer to a place, landform or water feature
 - Annapolis Royal, Annapolis Valley, Annapolis River
- Application of names to places & geographic features is known as the field of Toponymy

What is a Geographic Name?

- Characteristics:

- spelling
- pronunciation
- classification
- location
- extent
- status
- language
- alphabet
- meaning



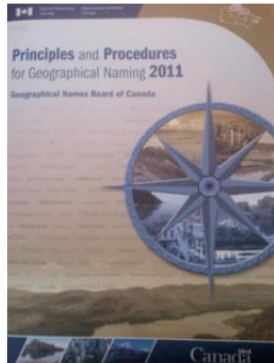
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Base Mapping
Civic Addressing
Place Names
Coordinate Referencing

Find Place Names in
Canada



- ▶ Query Place Names in Canada
- ▶ Download Place Names from GeoGratis



The GNBC develops and publishes the national geographical naming standard known as the Geographical Names Principles and Procedures. This national standard is in use by all jurisdictions in Canada.

Place Names

Find Your Way with Place Names

Everyone uses place names every day to describe where we are and where we want to go.

Place names on maps, signs and during daily conversations help us identify historic, cultural and natural features on the landscape. Name origins may reveal histories about the people, place and their community.

Propose New Place Name

Names evolve over time and new names or name changes can be proposed. Name Applications may be submitted by anyone. Proposals are reviewed and may be approved by the Nova Scotia representative on the Geographical Names Board of Canada.

Get Started:

1. Read Guidelines
2. Review Geographic Naming Process
3. Propose New Name

How the Program Works

Since 1897, Official place names have been authorized through a national committee known today as the *Geographical Names Board of Canada (GNBC)*. The GNBC creates and promotes the use of geographical naming standards across Canada. Names are recorded in a national authoritative register known as the *Canadian Geographical Names Database*. Official place names are the ones that appear on government maps.

Source Matters

We want names on maps to be reliable. Access to authoritative information is key in helping people find their way.

Official Place Names are part of the foundation geography in the Nova Scotia Geospatial Infrastructure (NSGI). Through this environment, the

Find Place Names in
Nova Scotia



- ▶ Explore Nova Scotia Place Names on a Map
- ▶ Download Nova Scotia GeoNames Data

GeoFact: *There are over 28,000 official place names in Nova Scotia!*

GeoNames Explorer

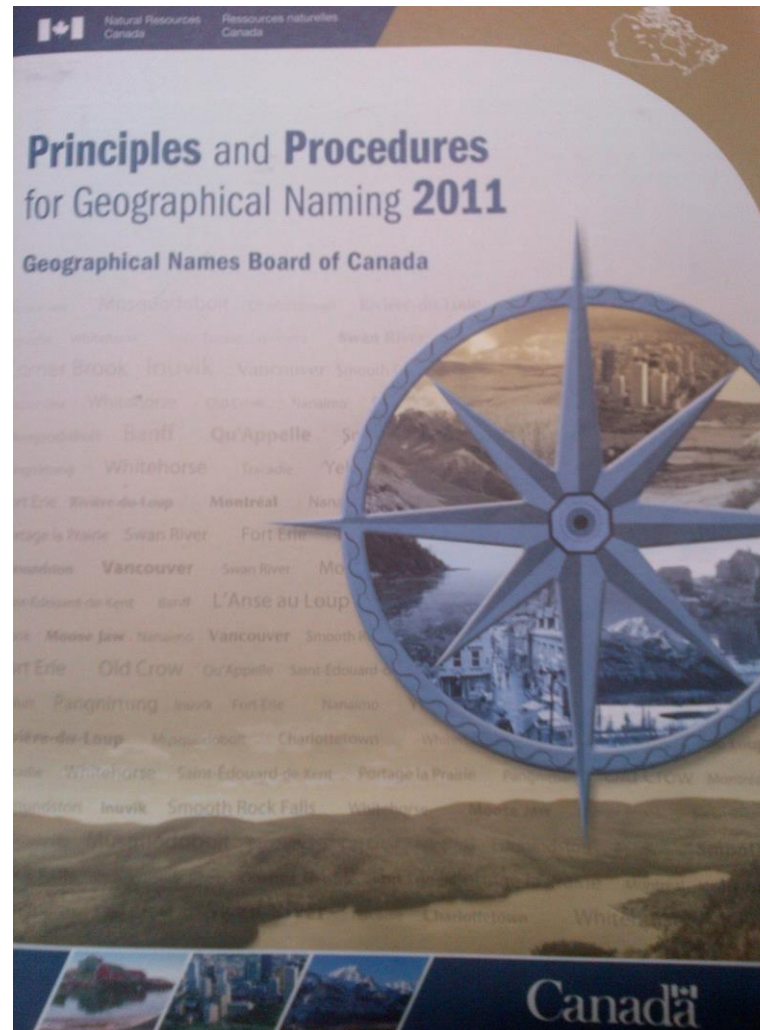
Discover authoritative place names in Nova Scotia. Search for community names and geographical features names.

Explore NS GeoNames ▶

Related Documents

- ▶ Commission de toponymie du Canada - Plan stratégique 2014

Guiding Principles



So What is the Process?

- Application
 - Review guidelines with Applicant (Applicant & **Geo Names Team**)
 - Submit application for a geographic name (**Applicant**)
 - Review application for completeness and conduct research (**Geo Names Team**)
 - Approve / Reject application to proceed (**Geo Names Team**)

So What is the Process?

- Engagement

- Involve the residents for support of application using a survey (**Applicant & Geo Names Team**).
- Secure local government support for proposed name through a Motion in Council (Applicant).
- Secure MLA support for proposed name with a letter (**Applicant**)
- **Note:** Involving residents, municipalities, and MLA is not Approval, it gathers support and helps inform the decision for a proposed name(s)

** Optional Process: public engagement and collection of candidate names. Community then selects proposed name from list. Includes feedback on how the public input influenced the decision.

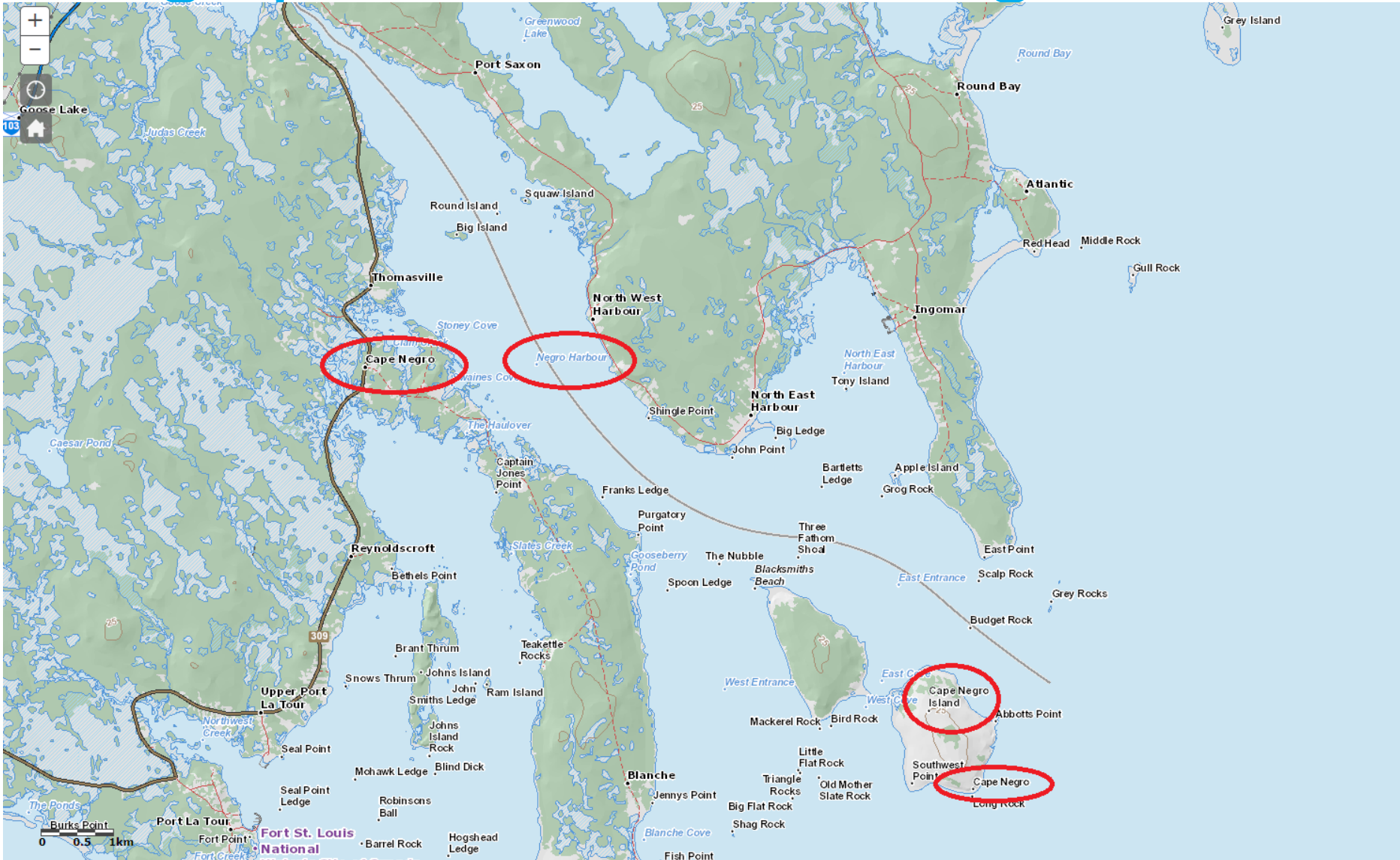
So What is the Process?

- Proposal and Decision
 - Submit complete package for the geographic name (Applicant)
 - Approve / Reject proposal for geographic name (Geo Names Team)
 - Executive Briefing and update GIS database and maps (Geo Names Team)

Principle 7.3:

Discriminatory or derogatory names (as applied to populated places and geographical features) are those perceived, at a given point in time, to be offensive, demeaning or harmful to the reputation of individuals or to social, ethnic, religious or other groups. It is recognized that the perception of “discriminatory” or “derogatory” may vary through time and from place to place. In response to requests from the public, the appropriate status of any names deemed to be discriminatory or derogatory will be investigated.

Geographic Names in Barrington



Geographic Names in Barrington

- December 2016 – original application to rename 4 existing geographic names, citing principle 7.3
- The applications referenced: Negro Harbour, Cape Negro (community), Cape Negro Island
 - 2 additional names to be added Cape Negro (the point) and Cape Negro Island (community)
- Several delays (applicant out of province, issues with names proposed, internal resource shortages, common date for public engagement)
- Technically, the application has not been approved to proceed

Next Step - Community Engagement

- Engage citizens to create awareness of geographic naming and current derogatory names
- Working with the Black Loyalist Heritage Centre in Birchtown as the venue
- Proposed dates are October 20th and 21st, from 4 – 8pm on each day
- Encourage citizens to suggest new names for the geographic features
- Public Health protocols to be followed.

Proposed Timeline

- **September 21st & 28th:** Meet with District councils in Barrington and Shelburne. At that time, we will lay out the proposed public engagement plan for feedback.
- **October 20th / 21st:** public open houses to share information about geographic naming, derogatory names, and to seek names to replace the current derogatory names.
- **November / December:** Survey to residents asking them to vote for their preferred names (as collected from the open house).

Proposed Timeline

- **December / January:** request support for proposed names from: Shelburne and Barrington District councils, provincial MLA.
- **January:** Brief our Minister and approve geographic name changes
- **January / February:** Formally adopt and communicate name changes.

Q &A / Briefing Package

- Slides from this this presentation will be made available
- We will prepare a briefing or FAQ package based upon this presentation and questions / conversations that arise
 - Will be made available within 1 week
- Review of Municipal Input
 - A motion from Barrington Council on whether to support (not approval) the new geographic names
 - We may request assistance from the municipality to mail out the survey

Discussion/Questions

Goose Lake Association Limited

496 Centreville/South Side Rd
Clark's Harbour, NS
B0W 1P0

August 28, 2020

Chris Frotten
Chief Administrative Officer
Barrington Municipality
P.O. Box 100
Barrington, NS
B0W 1E0

Dear Mr. Frotten, Deputy Warden Crook, and Members of Council,

The Goose Lake Association (GLA) writes to you today to ask for financial assistance for the maintenance and improvement of the private road(s), as specified in By Law # 35, cited as The Goose Lake Area Private Roads Maintenance and Improvement By-law.

Nearly 38 percent of property owners in Goose Lake have now made Goose Lake their year round homes, with many others living in Goose Lake for up to 6 months. The privately owned portion of the goose lake road (as well as the Municipal portion, of course) is being travelled more than even before. Property owners, guests, those non-owners just going for a drive or looking for deer, those who have been granted wood cutting permits, those who access their leased property on Clement's Pond, and others, now travel this road. Many properties have had excavation work to improve their properties, bringing heavy equipment over the road. Those with wood cutting permits come in with light, empty trailers, bouncing them as they travel. They then take them out laden with the weight of the wood, and during the wet season of the spring, causes even more road damage. The cost of maintenance and repairs to the Goose Lake road is increasing year by year, due to both cost increases from the contractor(s), and simply the road requiring more work to keep it in a good state.

Property owners in the Goose Lake area are not provided waste collection services. Rather simply a dumpster is made available, which is only accessible during the operating hours of the C&D Landfill site. Having access to the dumpster and compost bin only during these hours does not allow many, if not most, property owners to dispose of their household waste in a timely manner. In fact, about one third of the property owners are also tax payers elsewhere in the Barrington Municipality, and have to take their household waste home with them to dispose of with their trash from their primary residence. Those property owners who live outside of the Municipality, of course, dispose of their waste in another waste collection area.

Also, since nearly 1/3 are paying taxes to the Municipality on at least one other property, there is a certain duplicate funding of services. This refers to the principal that the cost of providing health care and/or emergency services, education, street lighting or policing services to an individual and his/her family because they own more than one property in the Municipality is insignificant, yet those who do own more than one property, is paying taxes for such services with each tax account.

Another issue which brings the GLA to ask for assistance is the fact that services such as fire, ambulance, and policing cannot gain access to properties along the Goose Lake road due to deep snow cover and the condition of the road during the freeze/thaw periods of the winter and spring

months. Your financial contribution to the maintenance and improvement of the Goose Lake road would allow for the road to be more passable during these times.

The GLA is requesting this assistance in lieu of services not rendered, as well as duplication of taxation, and requests that such financial assistance approximate the value of said services.

A review of property values in the Goose Lake area, serviced by the Charge Area as per By Law #35, indicates that the tax assessment values generated by these properties in 2019 was approximately \$3.9 million. The tax revenues generated by these values was around \$46,000. Since waste collection services alone represents 12.8% of the 2019/2020 Municipal tax revenues (11% of budget), the GLA is requesting financial assistance in the amount of \$3000 for the remainder of the 2020/2021 taxation year, to be credited to the GLA Road Account, held with the Municipality. Further, the GLA is requesting that this be an annual recurring assistance, at a rate of 12 percent of the taxes generated from the properties adjacent to the Charge Area as per By Law #35, to be valued each year, and at the time the tax rates are approved. This rate currently represents \$0.1296/\$100 of assessment. This value would also be credited to the GLA Road Account.

As the Municipality of Barrington owns and operates a materials pit along the Goose Lake Road, the GLA requests that these materials be made available to the GLA, for the purposes of road maintenance, improvement and repair, for the Charge Area. The value of pit material should be at a rate equal to the local going wholesale rate for similar materials, to be determined on April 1 each year.

The GLA also requests that Municipal heavy equipment (loader, backhoe, etc) and a licensed and certified operator be made available, as required, and within a reasonable time period, to provide road smoothing, material handling, as well as snow clearing services during major snow falls along the Charge Area road. The value of this service would be determined by the local going applicable commercial machine/operator rate multiplied by a .80 factor. The request for snow removal will only be requested when smaller, privately owner plows cannot remove the snow. It will also only be required to clear the centre of the travelled portion of the Charge Area road, to allow for emergency services to access properties when required.

The value of the goods and services provide by the Municipality shall be debited to the Road Account. Any remaining balance from the annual credit would remain in this account, and be subjected to the rules of By Law #35.

The GLA asks for your expedited consideration of this request, and looks forward to answering any questions you may have regarding this request. Please contact Corey Crowell at (902) 637-8396, or Martin Crowell at (902) 637-7902, to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely

Corey P Crowell
Secretary, GLA