

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING
October 17, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- George El-Jakl, Chair
 - Jody Crook
 - Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
 - Andrea Mood-Nickerson
 - Shaun Hatfield – Left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.
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- Chris Frotten, CAO
 - Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that minutes of the last meeting held October 10, 2023 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There were no matters arising from previous meetings.

HOUSING PRESENTATION

Adrian Mason of the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing appeared, virtually, before the meeting to present information on housing initiatives and provide an overview of available housing programs. A copy of his presentation is attached and forms part of the minutes.

A brief discussion followed.

Mr. Mason was thanked for his presentation.

BARRINGTON CEMETERY ASSOCIATION GRANT REQUEST

Conflict of Interest

Deputy Warden Jody Crook declared Conflict of Interest, vacated his seat and left the meeting room. Deputy Warden Crook's spouse is a member of the association.

A grant request was received from the Barrington Cemetery Association requesting funding in the amount of \$500.00.

Resolution COW231005

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a grant in the amount of \$500.00 be provided to the Barrington Cemetery Association for 2023/24.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Warden Crook returned to the meeting.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD APPOINTMENTS FOR 2023-2024

In advance to the meeting members were provided with a copy of the current list of committee and board memberships.

Councillor Hatfield informed members that he would be leaving the meeting at 8:30 p.m. It was therefore agreed that members move to the In-Camera Session.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

At 8:10 p.m. an In-Camera Session was held in accordance with Section 22(2)(a) of the Municipal Government Act to deal with the possible sale of municipal property and Section 22(2)(e) of the Municipal Government Act to deal with contract negotiations.

Councillor Hatfield left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

The meeting returned to open session at 8:33 p.m.

REPORT ON IN-CAMERA SESSION

During the In-Camera Session, the CAO provided members with an update on contract negotiations and the possible sale of municipal property.

The CAO was provided direction to continue negotiating the Purchase and Sale Agreement for the sale of municipal property.

Resolution COW231006

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality commit to taking over ownership of the sewer lateral to support the expansion of the housing development in Forest View Estates, as requested by the owner and the request for the Municipality to takeover the roadways be denied.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTINUATION OF COMMITTEE AND BOARD APPOINTMENTS FOR 2023-2024

It was agreed that no appointments be made to the Barrington Municipal/Clarks Harbour Town Satellite Dialysis Clinic Committee at this time and staff contact public members to determine whether there is a continued need for the committee.

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It was agreed that since there is no legal requirement to appoint members to serve on the Shelburne County Housing Coalition and the Barrington Municipal Exhibition Committee, no Council appointments will be made. However, members may still serve on these committees as public members should they wish to do so.

Resolution COW231007

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that appointments to the various committees and boards be approved as indicated below for 2023/24:

COMMITTEE	MEMBERSHIP
Committees of Council	
Committee of the Whole Council	ALL
Planning Advisory Committee (3)	Eddie Nickerson Jody Crook George El-Jakl
Audit Committee (3) (2) minimum citizen appointments	Eddie Nickerson Jody Crook Andrea Mood-Nickerson
Joint EMO Executive Committee (2)	Eddie Nickerson George El-Jakl
Joint Police Advisory Board (2)	Eddie Nickerson Jody Crook
NS Marathon Committee (Ad hoc committee created Sept 12/18) (At least 1 member of council and minimum 6 citizens)	Jody Crook Eddie Nickerson
Recreation Advisory Committee (2)	Jody Crook Andrea Mood-Nickerson Alternate George El-Jakl
Accessibility Advisory Committee (3)	Eddie Nickerson Shaun Hatfield George El-Jakl
Outside Committees to which Council Appoints a Councillor	
Region 6 Waste (1)	Andrea Mood-Nickerson Alternate – Jody Crook
Western REN Liaison and Oversight Committee	Eddie Nickerson Alternate Shaun Hatfield
Western Counties Regional Library (1)	Shaun Hatfield
Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation (1)	Eddie Nickerson
Yarmouth Hospital Charitable Foundation (1)	Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried unanimously.

SET MEETING DATES FOR DECEMBER, 2023

Resolution COW231008

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the Committee of the Whole Council Meeting be held on December 5th and the Council Meeting be held on December 12, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously.

NSFM UPDATE

In advance to the meeting members were provided with a NSFM Monday Memo Summary Sheet covering the period September 19th to October 16, 2023.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

There were no agenda items brought forward.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

Provincial Housing Programs & Initiatives

OCTOBER 17, 2023

DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING

A Shared Responsibility



Federal

Legislation, policy direction, and funding



Provincial

Deliver programs across the housing spectrum

Responsible for policy, administration of public housing, partner engagement



Municipal

Regulation, planning, and approvals



Developers

Private and non-profit organizations that build housing

The Housing Spectrum



Housing services are developed to meet the needs across the housing spectrum





Provincial Housing Programs

Supply

- ▶ Affordable Housing Development Program
- ▶ Land for Housing
- ▶ Public Housing

Preservation

- ▶ Community Housing Acquisition Program
- ▶ Housing Repair & Accessibility Program
- ▶ Community Housing Infrastructure and Repair Program

Affordability

- ▶ Canada-Nova Scotia Targeted Housing Benefit (rent supplement)
- ▶ Down Payment Assistance Program

Community Housing Sector Growth & Sustainability

- ▶ Community Housing Growth Fund
- ▶ Community Housing Operating Support

SUPPLY PROGRAMS



Affordable Housing Development Program

- Supports creation of new housing development through capital contributions
- No fixed contribution, commensurate with social outcomes
- Must include affordable units (min 80% of AMR for min 15 years)
- All types of housing considered
- Open to private and non-profit developers
 - 20% equity for private, 5% equity for non-profit



Land for Housing

- Supports the creation of new housing supply by making provincially owned land available
- Must include affordable units (min 80% of AMR)
- Open to private and non-profit developers
- Eligible housing types are dependent on zoning and suitability of the land site





Public Housing

- Nova Scotia Provincial Housing Agency (NSPHA) operates:
 - 11,200 deeply affordable, rent-geared-to-income units across NS
 - Over 17,000 Nova Scotians are housed
- Rents based on income source and household composition
- Waitlist for program
 - Includes a Priority Access Waitlist



PRESERVATION PROGRAMS



Community Housing Acquisition Program

- Supports the purchase of existing residential properties through a repayable loan
- Open to community housing organizations
- Must contain a minimum of 5 self-contained units or private rooms in a rooming house
- 30% of units must have rents at or below the AMR for similar units in the immediate area
- Additional stream available for the acquisition of supportive housing units in conjunction with DCS

Housing Repair & Accessibility Program

- Provides grants or loans to homeowners & landlords
- Eligible landlords must provide affordable units
- Health & safety repairs
- Accessibility upgrades



Community Housing Infrastructure & Repair Program

- Supports the preservation of existing affordable housing units through forgivable repair loans
- Open to all community housing organizations
- Provides health & safety repairs and accessibility upgrades





AFFORDABILITY PROGRAMS



Canada-Nova Scotia Targeted Housing Benefit

- Provides a rent supplement to eligible households
- Supplement is based on household income & composition, and AMR for area
- Priority access for victims of domestic violence & those homeless or at risk of homelessness



Downpayment Assistance Program

- Assists Nova Scotians who pre-qualify for a mortgage to purchase their first home
- Eligible participants can receive a loan up to 5% of their purchase price
- Loans are interest free and repayable over 10-years
- Maximum: \$25,000





COMMUNITY HOUSING SECTOR GROWTH & SUSTAINABILITY



Community Housing Growth Fund

- Provides financial resources to strengthen the community housing sector
- Available to community housing organizations, post secondary researchers and municipalities
- Three streams:
 - Capacity building
 - Research and innovation
 - Planning & Pre-Development (Seed funding)



Community Housing Operating Support

- Provides time-limited operating support to community housing organizations
- Supports transformation and long-term sustainability initiatives
- Transformation examples:
 - Energy efficiency upgrades
 - Financial planning
 - Governance & operational reviews



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