

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Tuesday, December 12, 2023. The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:11 p.m., with the following members present:

- Warden Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- Deputy Warden Jody Crook
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Councillor Shaun Hatfield
- Councillor Andrea Mood-Nickerson

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held November 28, 2023 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There were no matters arising from previous meetings.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden provided a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

Congratulations were extended to Jessica MacKinnon of Clarks Harbour and Rhyah Stewart of Antigonish on being named to the National Women's U18 Team that will represent Canada at the IIHF U18 Women's World Championship from January 6-24, 2024, in Zug, Switzerland.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

The Deputy Warden and each Councillor provided a brief report on their activities since the last meeting of Council.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

Deputy Warden Crook reported on recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Council.

Grant Requests

Resolution C231201

Being duly moved and seconded that grants in the amount of \$500.00 each be provided to the Atlantic Hall and Evergreen Cemetery Association.

Motion carried unanimously.

RFP Evaluation Report Re: Barrington Recreation Centre

An RFP was issued on September 14, 2023, inviting proposals to perform work to complete the construction of the Barrington Recreation Centre. The closing date was November 1, 2023.

Proposals were received from the following:

- Rikjak Construction Limited - \$8,966,457.
- Avondale Construction Limited - \$10,100,000.

Resolution C231202

Being duly moved and seconded that the Municipality accept Option 1, as outlined in the Evaluation Report and award the project to Rikjak Construction Limited for the Base Bid of \$8,966,457.

Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORT

The Chief Administrative Officer provided his report to members for the period ending December 12, 2023 of which a copy is attached and forms part of the minutes.

NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

There was no new or other business to be dealt with.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to be reported on.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Warden

Chief Administrative Officer

Secretary for the Meeting

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KEY STRATEGIC AREAS

1. Growing our Economy

3.1 Attract Accommodations

Nothing new to report at this time.

3.2 Invest in our Beaches and Parks

Nothing new to report at this time.

3.3 Improved Cell Service

Nothing new to report at this time.

1.4 Municipal Property Development

We continue the work of listing a number of properties and coordinating with our real estate agent to streamline the sale process. Our goal is to ensure a smooth and transparent transaction for both the municipality and prospective buyers.

1.5 Renewable Energy

Nothing new to report at this time.

2. Investing in our People

2.1 Community Health Centre

Meetings with local stakeholders are being scheduled between December 18-20. Our architects have finalized a discussion document which will be distributed to stakeholders for review prior to the meetings.

2.2 Doctor Recruitment & Retention

Nothing new to report at this time.

2.3 Public Transit

Nothing new to report at this time.

3. Strengthening our Communities

3.1 Infrastructure Renewal

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This objective is completed.

3.2 Housing

Nothing new to report at this time.

3.3 Improved Wastewater Services

Nothing new to report at this time.

3.4 Accessibility

Nothing new to report at this time.

3.5 Diversity and Inclusion

Nothing new to report at this time.

4. Operating Efficiently

4.1 Develop an Employee Retention Program

Nothing new to report at this time.

4.2 Create an Economic Development Office

Nothing new to report at this time.

4.3 Consider the Expansion of the C&D Site

Nothing new to report at this time.

4.4 Transparency

We continue to work on having a strong social media presence to inform our residents on municipal matters and we continue to actively publish all publicly available municipal documents. Our Director of Marketing and Tourism and Recreation Director participate in a community of practice for municipal communications professionals being hosted by the Association of Municipal Administrators of Nova Scotia. The goal of the community of practice is to share knowledge, advice, and best practices on a pre-determined communications related topic, as well as to foster relationship-building throughout the municipal communications community.

5. Keeping Barrington Moving

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5.1 Enhance Recreation Programs

Nothing new to report at this time.

5.2 Sherose Island Recreation Complex Strategy

Nothing new to report at this time.

5.3 Increase the Number of Outdoor Spaces Strategy

Nothing new to report at this time.

5.4 Trail Expansion

In the month of October, 1,173 people used the Sherose Island Nature Trail. The highest day was on October 28, which was the Halloween event put on by the Sherose Island Rocks group. There were 817 people on the trail that day.



Last month, upgrades to a section of the Sherose Island Rocks Trail were complete! A boardwalk over what was referred to as the "muddy" section and a bench seating area overlooking the water were installed.

5.5 Sidewalk Expansion

Nothing new to report at this time.



An ocean of opportunity

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FROM NOVEMBER 28TH TO DECEMBER 12TH, 2023

TOPICS

Given the short timeframe between the last Regular Council meeting and the preparation of this report, there are no updates to provide on any activities.



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CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

Here is an update on our 2023-2024 Capital Projects:

Rank	Project	Status
4	Beach Facilities Water Drilling	Not Started
1	Recreation Centre	In Progress
2	Community Healthcare Centre	In Progress
3	Pool Liner/Pool Lift	In Progress
5	Lighting/Power Stoney Island Beach	In Progress
10	Lobster Sculptures	In Progress
6	Arena Shower/Flooring	Completed
8	Goose Lake Road Improvements	Completed
7	Property Services Building Heat Pump	Completed
9	Brass Hill Clarifier	Completed

