

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING
June 11, 2024

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:04 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- George El-Jakl - Chair
- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- Jody Crook
- Shaun Hatfield
- Andrea Mood-Nickerson

- Chris Frotten, CAO

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 May 21, 2024, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

2024 VOLUNTEER REPRESENTATIVE RECOMMENDATION

After a review of all of the submissions received for the volunteer of the year representative, staff is recommending that Jacqueline Coffin be selected to represent the Municipality at the Nova Scotia Awards Ceremony to be held in September.

Resolution COW240601

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that Jacqueline Coffin be recognized as the Provincial Volunteer Representative for the Municipality of Barrington for 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS

Members were provided with grant applications submitted by various groups for funding for 2023-2024.

Resolution COW240602

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council to approve the listed grants below.

Organization	Amount Requested 2024-2025	Amount Approved 2024-2025
Grants \$0 - \$500		
Bonny Castle Cemetery	\$500.00	\$500.00
Doctors Cove Old Cemetery	\$500.00	\$500.00
Goodwill Club	\$500.00	\$500.00
White Lily Cemetery Trustees	\$500.00	\$500.00

Motion carried unanimously.

TENNIS COURT – SHEROSE ISLAND

It was noted that the current outdoor municipal tennis court has not seen upgrades or much maintenance attention in recent years and with some upgrades to the current playing surface and fencing, it could continue to provide a great venue for physical activity and engaging in several popular court sports, including tennis, basketball, ball hockey, and pickleball.

Resolution COW240603

Whereas our Municipal tennis court has not had many upgrades to the court surface nor to the fencing in recent years;

Whereas our Municipal tennis court currently has some dips and uneven spots in its playing surface;

Whereas the fencing around our Municipal tennis court does not provide space for proper regulation play;

Whereas construction is currently taking place, soon to include an asphalt parking lot for our arena and new recreation centre and that, therefore it may be more cost-effective to consider upgrades to our Municipal tennis court at this same time;

Whereas our Municipal tennis court, if upgraded for the aforementioned reasons, could also encompass additional markings to include other court events such as basketball or pickleball;

Therefore, be it duly moved and seconded, that staff look into both the logistics and costs of resurfacing and enlarging the fencing at our current Municipal tennis court to address the need for upgrades and potential for expanding the versatility of this outdoor recreational asset.

Motion carried unanimously.

CELL PHONE SERVICE

The poor cell phone signal in the Barrington Passage area was brought forward. It was suggested that Council invite representatives from the service provider companies and write to the higher levels of government to advocate for an improved service.

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Resolution COW240604

Whereas our local residents are paying fees to registered business entities for a specific service in the matter of wireless internet and cellphone use;

Whereas our local residents are clearly not getting a reasonable and adequate service for payments rendered to such companies and;

Whereas effective wireless internet and cellphone services are essential and life-saving services to our residents and;

Whereas consistent wireless internet and cellphone service is crucial to timely personal and business transactions for our residents and;

Whereas ineffectual and faltering wireless/ cell service is not only amounting to an economic “bilking” of local residents, but it also puts them in danger when it comes to communicating emergency needs;

Therefore, be it resolved that Council write a letter to services providers, the CRTC, our local MLA, our local MP and the Federal and Provincial Ministers, requesting that the companies promising to deliver cellphone service be held to a higher regulatory standard of quality when it comes to the delivery of such “services” for which our citizens are paying a premium.

PETITION TO NAME PRIVATE LANE

A petition has been received from property owners on a private lane located in Clyde River. Property owners are requesting their road be recognized as “Four Boys Road” for civic numbering purposes.

Resolution COW240605

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the private road in Barrington, in Forest View Estates, be named “Four Boys Road” as requested by petition signed by property owners.

Motion carried unanimously.

RICHARD SWAINE SOCCER FIELD PARKING LOT ISSUE

Concerns were raised relating to the traffic congestion at the Richard Swaine Soccer Field during soccer programming. It was suggested that an access point to Stirl’s road be constructed to create a designated entrance and exit.

Resolution COW240606

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council to add an access point to the Richard Swaine Soccer Field via Stirl’s Road with the funds for the work coming from either the Canada Community-Building Fund or the operating reserves.

Due to the urgency of the matter, direction was provided to the CAO to act on it immediately.

Motion carried unanimously.

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IN-CAMERA SESSION RE: MGA SECTION 22(2)(c)

At 7:54 p.m. members moved In-Camera, in accordance with Section 22(2)(a) of the Municipal Government Act.

The regular meeting was called back to order at 8:12 p.m.

REPORT ON IN-CAMERA SESSION

Information relating to a personnel matter was provided to Council. No action was required.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting