

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL
November 19, 2024

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:

- Shaun Hatfield - Warden - Chair
- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- Amy MacKinnon
- Cynthia Bazinet
- George El-Jakl – arrived at 7:08 p.m.

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Debbie Mader, 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 the minutes of the last meeting held November 12, 2024, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION: PRONOVA VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

Several representatives from ProNova Volunteer Fire Brigade were in attendance. The presentation was presented by Logan Swaine and Graham Dixon. The presentation is attached and forms part of the minutes.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Shag Harbour UFO Incident Society

A request from the Shag Harbour UFO Incident Society has been received requesting a long-term lease for municipal land located near the UFO Incident landing site in Shag Harbour. The request is attached and forms part of the minutes.

Resolution COW241103

Being duly moved and seconded it is recommended to Council to develop a Memorandum of Understanding to commit the land requested, either by long term lease or purchase, to the Shag Harbour UFO Incident Society once they have further commitment for development of the land.

Motion carried unanimously.

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SolarBank Corp

SolarBank Corp is seeking a support resolution letter from the Municipality for their three solar projects located in the Municipality at 7740 Highway 3, 244 Forbes Point Road and at Lower Shag Harbour.

Resolution COW241104

Being duly moved and seconded it is recommended to Council to provide SolarBank with a letter of support from the Municipality for their three solar projects located at 7740 Highway 3, 244 Forbes Point Road and at Lower Shag Harbour.

Motion carried unanimously.

GROWTH AND RENEWAL FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – ARENA ACCESSIBILITY

The CAO provided information on the Growth and Renewal for Infrastructure Development Program and provided examples of what this funding could be used for in our Municipality.

Resolution COW241105

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council to support an application to the Growth and Renewal for Infrastructure Development Program to offset some of the accessibility components of the new Recreation Centre.

Motion carried unanimously.

LIVE STREAMING

Direction was given to the CAO to develop a policy for live streaming meetings which will be brought back to the Committee of the Whole Council for consideration.

CHANGING MEETING TIME OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL AND COUNCIL MEETINGS

Discussion on the pros and cons of changing the meeting time of the Committee of the Whole and/or Council Meetings to an earlier time. The consensus was to keep the meeting times at 7:00 p.m. and revisit this again in the future if circumstances change.

GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS – FOREST RIDGE ACADEMY HOME & SCHOOL

Resolution COW241106

Being duly moved and seconded it is recommended to Council to provide a \$500 community grant to Forest Ridge Academy Home & School.

Motion carried unanimously.

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NSFM UPDATE

The NSFM Fall Conference is November 26-29, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

Pronova Volunteer Fire Brigade



Mission Statement



To provide mutual aid to fire departments

To provide medical first response services

To provide special rescue services that no else offers

To do all we can, with the training we have, for the person that needs help, free of charge.



About the ProNova Fire Brigade

ProNova Fire Brigade is a non-profit organization completely funded by donations, fundraising, and available grants. No municipal area tax rates.

The organization is governed by a volunteer executive board

Membership is 100% volunteer



How we will be activated

We will be activated through a fire dispatch service. By mutual aid and auto-aid agreements. Also we will be deployed through the Nova Scotia Guard. As we are not currently aiming to be a primary service provider, we will be reliant on existing fire departments to call us in on mutual aid. If we can acquire municipal mutual aid registration.

All members will follow the general operating guidelines within Policy 54



What we aim to provide

Currently Provided by Municipal Departments:

Fire suppression, Medical First Response, MVA response, low and high angle rescue, ice rescue.

Not Currently Provided by Municipal Departments:

Confined space rescue, trench rescue, water rescue/dive team, a higher level of MFR patient care capability through specialty equipment, aerial platform capabilities



Our Equipment (Currently)

Tower 1, 100ft Aerial Platform Ladder Truck

25 foot more reach than most ladder trucks on the south shore. Only ladder truck with a platform between Annapolis Valley Area and Bridgewater Area. Will be equipped with basic fire suppression hose and rescue gear. As well as rope rescue gear, which we currently have.

Advantages being: Platforms provide a safer and more secure work area than aerial ladders. Consider a window rescue, roof operation, or technical rescue call. All are more safely completed with a platform rather than an aerial ladder because we can operate with more rescue personnel/victims in the bucket than on the tip of a ladder. It is also equipped with an onboard generator which we plan to utilize by making the platform a light tower as well.





Our Equipment (Currently)

Rescue 1, Walk in Rescue/Medical Truck

Basic rescue tools onboard. Medical supplies, including AED and oxygen. Vitals monitoring equipment. Fire fighting rehab equipment. This truck will be equipped with a stretcher and patient care seats.

Advantages Being:

We will be the only department in the Barrington municipality with a truck capable of holding patients securely on a stretcher until patients are transferred to EHS. This will be a major asset at any emergency call where there are victims and/or injured firefighters. From our members experiences over the years in the fire service there has certainly been a need for this type of vehicle. This will be the only vehicle in the municipality capable of safe patient transport should we be authorized to do so at a later date





Our Equipment (Currently)

Our Facility

Our station is a 60ft by 60ft, 2 story steel and concrete block building. With multiple bays and office space. Also has a backup emergency power supply. Over the next couple months we will be renovating to accommodate the new service. On site we will be installing a pressurized fire hydrant system for community use in the coming year, which isn't currently offered in the municipality. We are currently in contact with EHS on establishing a day and night landing zone for LifeFlight helicopters adjacent to our station. This landing zone will also accommodate DNRR and Coast Guard helicopters.

The station is located at 6435 Highway 3 Lower Woods Harbour





Membership training

The majority of our members have or will have the following:

Firefighter Level 1 & 2 training

Medical first responder (MFR) training

Training through the Nova Scotia Guard

Specialty Rescue Training



Addressing Concerns

Liability: Since we are not municipal funded, we are able to keep a separation from the municipality. We are not an agent of the municipality. We currently have our own liability insurance that's required.

Worker's Compensation: After providing WCB with the details, they have informed us that due to us not being funded by the municipality, and since we're our own incorporated body, we can apply for worker's compensation insurance separate from the municipality. We are currently in the process of doing so. Barrington municipality is not responsible to provide us workers compensation.

Addressing Concerns



Some have listed that the services we aim to provide are already offered currently as a reason to deny registration. We hope this presentation has shown that we want to provide different services and equipment, as well as assist with current services.

We are willing to offer emergency services at no cost to the community, accepting all liability involved. Is there any reason to prevent this from happening?

Municipal Registration



We need to be registered to qualify for key elements of our service. Such as:

Nova Scotia Fire Service TMR Radios

Dispatching and Mutual Aid agreements

Fundraising programs

For clarification purposes to other organizations/municipalities

Municipal Registration



We meet all the requirements listed in the Municipal Government Act. Part 10, Sections 293,294,295

Also, we meet the requirements in Barrington Policy 54

Municipal Registration



Nova Scotia Municipal Government Act: Part 10

Section 294

- (1) A body corporate may apply to a municipality for registration as a fire department.**

- (2) A municipality shall not refuse to register a body corporate that complies with this Act if the**
 - (a) municipality is satisfied that the body corporate is capable of providing the services it offers to provide;**
 - (b) body corporate carries liability insurance, as required by the municipality;**
 - (c) body corporate does not provide the fire services for profit; and**
 - (d) municipality does not provide the same services for the same area.**

- (3) A fire department, including a fire department of a municipality, village or fire protection district, shall register in each municipality in which it provides emergency services.**

- (4) A registered fire department shall provide the municipality with a list of specific emergency services it will endeavour to provide and the area**

Municipal Registration

Nova Scotia Municipal Government Act: Part 10



Section 294

(1) A body corporate may apply to a municipality for registration as a fire department.

We are registered with Nova Scotia joint stocks as a non-profit society. (ProNova Volunteer Fire Brigade Society)

(2) A municipality shall not refuse to register a body corporate that complies with this Act if the

(a) municipality is satisfied that the body corporate is capable of providing the services it offers to provide;

Members are currently trained and experienced in multiple services we endeavour to provide. We are working to get equipment and training for services not currently offered within the municipality.

(b) body corporate carries liability insurance, as required by the municipality;

We currently hold the required insurance. The policy number can be found on our registration forms.

Municipal Registration

Nova Scotia Municipal Government Act: Part 10



(c) body corporate does not provide the fire services for profit; and
We do not offer any emergency services for profit.

(d) municipality does not provide the same services for the same area.
Some of our services are the same, and will cover the same area, however, our new organization is focused on offering many services that aren't currently offered with Barrington Municipal.

(3) A fire department, including a fire department of a municipality, village or fire protection district, shall register in each municipality in which it provides emergency services.
We have submitted a registration form to be a mutual aid service provider to the municipality.

(4) A registered fire department shall provide the municipality with a list of specific emergency services it will endeavour to provide and the area
We included a list on the registration. We will continue to add to the list as our service grows.

Dual Membership



As an organization we fully support dual members from other fire departments. Our vision is to have members from multiple departments join and work together. Our intent is not to take away response personnel from other departments. We endeavor to provide the opportunity to expand their capabilities. Our membership is welcoming to all like minded individuals that want to help communities to the best of their capabilities.

Nova Scotia Guard



Nova Scotia Guard



As we intend to respond provincially with the Nova Scotia Guard, being a MFR agency is very important to us. This differs from the municipal departments. With MFR status we will be able to assist with medical emergencies on our deployments. ProNova has applied to be a registered Guard agency and most of our members are Guard responders. Currently we are the only department with strong support for the Nova Scotia Guard. All our members are strongly encouraged to join as it expands their response limitations.

Requests of Council

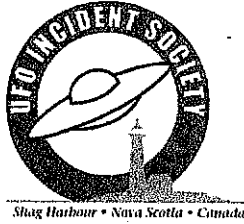


We bring this presentation to your attention to request that the council approve our mutual aid registration as specified in Barrington Policy 54. Despite it not being the normal practice since 2014, it would greatly benefit our organization to adhere to the current policy.

Based on the information provided in this presentation we request that the Warden or CAO review and sign our EHS MFR sponsorship application. EHS is currently waiting for that application to be signed so they can continue our MFR registration process. We would greatly appreciate getting this done, as EHS supports our intentions to apply for sponsorship.

Pronova Volunteer Fire Brigade





Shag Harbour UFO Incident Society

Box 13, Shag Harbour, NS

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October 23, 2024

To: Municipality of Barrington Council

Re: Land Title Transfer Request

This letter is in response to our presentation to the Barrington Municipal Council on September 10, 2024 where we formerly requested consideration of Land Title Transfer located at 6139 NS Trunk 3, Shag Harbour, NS with the plan to construct a new Interpretive Centre on the site of the 1967 UFO Crash.

We were very pleased to hear that council was in favour and put out two options of how to receive the land. After discussion at our October 21, 2024, meeting it was agreed that we would choose to lease the land for a determined number of years for \$1.00 and we understand that discussion will have to be held as to the terms of the Lease Agreement as to who will be responsible for i.e., liability, upkeep, property taxes, insurance, etc. We would be very happy to continue discussions with you on that.

It was also agreed at our meeting that if we cannot deliver on getting funding and getting an appropriate Centre built, then we would turn the land back over to the Municipality and the Lease Agreement would be terminated.

Please let me know what the next step in this process would be, Chris. On behalf of our Society members, we wish to thank Council for giving us the opportunity to continue to proceed with this exciting project.

Regards,

Laurie Wickens, President