

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, May 28, 2024. The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:03 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 - absent

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Debbie Mader – Finance 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 April 23, 2024 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There were no matters arising from previous meetings.

SECOND READING RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAW NO. 40 "A BY-LAW RESPECTING THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF BARRINGTON LAKE ROAD"

Resolution C240501

Being duly moved and seconded that the proposed amendments to By-law No. 40 "A By-law Respecting the Maintenance and Improvement of Barrington Lake Road" be approved in Second and final reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

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

Councillor El-Jakl reported on recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Council.

Drone DisplayResolution C240502

Being duly moved and seconded that the \$26,000 budget amount for the drone display be removed from the budget and replaced with a budget of \$26,000 for a well at Stoney Island Beach to provide water for the toilets that are currently in the budget for this year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Grants to OrganizationsResolution C240503

Being duly moved and seconded to approve the listed grants below.

Organization	Amount Requested 2024-2025	Amount Approved 2024-2025
Grants \$0 - \$500		
Archelaus Smith Museum	\$500.00	\$500.00
Atwoods Brook Cemetery Association	\$500.00	\$500.00
Barrington Farmers Market	\$500.00	\$500.00
Bear Point Rifle Club	\$500.00	\$500.00
Centreville Cemetery	\$500.00	\$500.00
Clark's Harbour and Area Minor Ball Association	\$500.00	\$500.00
Clyde River Society and Cemetery	\$500.00	\$500.00
Forbes Point Cemetery Association	\$500.00	\$500.00
Forest Hill Cemetery Association	\$500.00	\$500.00
Greenwood Cemetery Company	\$500.00	\$500.00
Mount Pleasant Cemetery Company	\$500.00	\$500.00
Newellton Community Hall	\$500.00	\$500.00
Sea Side Cemetery Club	\$500.00	\$500.00
Samuel Wood Historical Society	\$500.00	\$500.00
Shelburne County Archives & Genealogical Soc	\$500.00	\$500.00
Villagedale Community Association	\$500.00	\$500.00
Wesley Heritage Community Senior's Association	\$500.00	\$500.00
Woods Harbour Community Centre	\$500.00	\$500.00

CORRESPONDENCE

Amendments to the Municipal Government Act, Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, and the Housing in the Halifax Regional Municipality

Correspondence was received from Municipal Affairs and Housing outlining amendments to the Municipal Government Act relating to the development approval process and supporting housing development, amendments to support modernization and efficiencies, amendments to topics to support Code of Conduct and amendments to topics relating to administrative items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Warden

Chief Administrative Officer

Secretary for the Meeting

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OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

We continue to communicate the new two-bag system for recycling. This means that residents will now be required to separate their recyclable containers and paper products into two separate blue bags before placing curbside for collection. In other words, moving forward all paper such as newspaper, flyers, cereal and cracker boxes, tissue boxes, magazines, frozen food boxes and paper towel rolls belong in one blue bag, while recyclable containers such as all plastic bags, containers, glass, metal and tin cans belong in a separate blue bag.



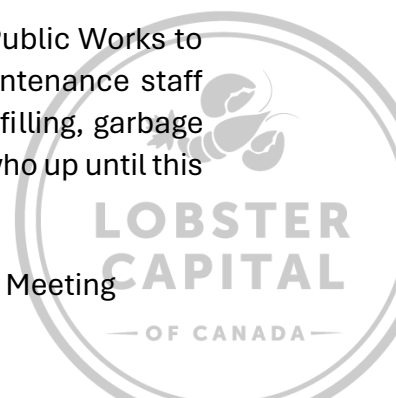
This is being implemented as the processing facility that accepts our recyclables is now requiring that paper be kept separate from other recyclables, and we are preparing for once Nova Scotia moves to Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) in 2025.

This is the same system used throughout most of the Province (including our two municipal neighbours), so this change will keep us more aligned with other municipalities across the province but will also ease the transition to EPR next year.

We announced this on our Facebook page, but we will also be advertising it in print and radio ads and in our municipal newsletter. In addition, we will be publishing more information on our Facebook page. More information on the new system can be found on our municipal website at <https://bit.ly/3QshCVx> and residents can also email info@barringtonmunicipality.com or call the municipal office at 902-637-2015.

The Marathon Committee continues to prepare for the marathon in July and we are seeing extremely good response from participants. There are currently 390 registered for the marathon – which is roughly 60 more compared to this same point last year. The Marathon Committee along with Mile East administering the event, continues to work incredibly well and we are very happy with the arrangement.

We have been working closely with sports field users in coordination with Public Works to better support organizers and coaches in community sport. Two field maintenance staff started at the beginning of May with the responsibility for mowing, lining, infilling, garbage removal etc. on fields. This is a big change especially to volunteer coaches, who up until this



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year gave up their own time to do some of this field preparation on top of coaching duties. This also allows us to improve communications and relationships with these community sport organizations.

We supported BASA with their FREE KICKS event on May 5. We assisted with a Timbits fun station, support letter for sport funding, prizes, promotion, staff and volunteers. The event was a huge success with close to 200 people attending, including many newcomer families.

Our Active Living Coordinator went to Antigonish for the Physical Activity Practitioner Exchange conference hosted by the province. the topic was active transportation. Our Coordinator will look into doing a walking audit in Barrington Passage in the near future.

We partnered with other Shelburne County Recreation Departments, Schools Plus, the Shelburne County Community Health Board and some Our House staff to facilitate an “Empower to Lead Summit” – a leadership day for girls in grades 7-10. This full day event took place in Barrington on May 15, and covered topics like community belonging, confidence, and discovering one’s passion.

Facility Bookings, particularly Community Use of School bookings, are increasing significantly. Most community use of school bookings require several emails between the client, us and the school for approval and communication of all requirements. We have streamlined this as much as we can and the schools are very accommodating and responsive but it is still taking quite a bit of staff time.

Lobster Festival event planning is in full swing. We have lots of great events planned/happening this year, including, Tinker Trivia, The Great Lobsterman Challenge, Trivia Night, Men's & Women's Pickleball Tournaments, Lobster Fest Market, Movie Night, Beach Yoga, Rugby Challenge and the Tinkers Run (the last three all being hosted at Stoney Island Beach).

Our Tourism Ambassadors have been hired, we are pleased to welcome Kay Sears and Kyla Bancroft to the team this summer. They will begin May 22nd.

From April 15 to May 12, 30 permits were issued for a total construction value of \$10,477,500. This represents a \$9,215,500 increase from the same period last year. 87 building inspections and 2 fire re-inspection were conducted over this period. 6 locations were visited to discuss civic numbering with 7 new civic numbers were issued. 2 civic addresses were deleted due to demolition and 2 were corrected. 3 subdivision applications were received and 4 were sent for registration. We currently have 4 open subdivision files. 3

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new by-law complaints were received, and one was resolved. We currently have 8 outstanding complaints to address.

Fire departments responded to 23 calls this April compared to 27 in April 2023.

BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE							
EMERGENCY CALLS April 2024							
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire	Mut	Auto	MFR	MVC	Other	TOTAL
		Aid	Aid				
Barrington/Port La Tour FD	4				1	2	7
Island Barrington Passage FD		3		1	3	2	9
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD	1			5	1		7
TOTALS	5	3		6	5	4	23
B/PLT - 1 vehicle, 1 rekindle, 1 fire in yard, 1 brush							
IBP -							
WH/SH- 1 vehicle							

This past month, our Fire Services and EMO Coordinator attended the Fire Services Association of Nova Scotia’s annual conference, held a Fire Chiefs meeting, prepared and handed out ID Cards for firefighters and completed monthly fire and life safety inspections on municipal properties.



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UPCOMING INITIATIVES

Senior summer recreation staff will be starting this week, so we will be getting recreation program schedules ready for registration in early June. The pool schedule will be available this week with an opening (to the public) date of June 10. We are extremely short-staffed in the day-time hours in June but have a good number of high-school aged guards to work evenings, weekends and the summer months. We will be hosting a multi-day training session to include a swim to survive instructor course, first aid and lifeguard recerts, refresher and Inservice training for existing staff, a special lifesaving pre-requisite course challenge for older adults, and mentorship for our Aquatic Manager.

We are applying for funding to get “Barrington Moving”. This program will fund the placement of "play pockets" along the Sherose island Trail. These play pockets will allow families to play more on the trail, which will enhance physical activity. We have started clearing some deadfall in sections for this use. Also, our Active Living Coordinator has distributed 64 garden kits to the community as part of the garden kit initiative. Finally, he will work on applying funding to get kayaks stored at the North East Point Beach shed for accessible kayaking in the cove.

A call for submissions to paint our new lobster sculpture has been launched. The lobster will help to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Cape Sable Island Causeway. Planning for the 75th Anniversary will be underway to be held on August 5th.

Our Fire Services and EMO Coordinator will be closely monitoring precipitation totals and maintaining situational awareness of wildfire risk.



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CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

Here is an update on our 2024-2025 Capital Projects:

ID #	Project	Status
4	Barrington Ballfield Lights	Not Started
8	Administration Office Roof Replacement	Not Started
10	Kiack Brook Parking Lot Resurfacing	Not Started
12	Goose Lake Road Improvements	Not Started
1	Pool Lift	In Progress
2	Curling Club Heat Pumps	In Progress
3	Arena Board Replacement	In Progress
5	Portable Restrooms (Stoney Island)	In Progress
6	Portable Restrooms (Barrington Ballfield)	In Progress
7	Sidewalk Crossing Improvements	In Progress
9	Property Services Vehicle	In Progress
11	Digital Road Sign	In Progress
13	Community Health Centre	In Progress
14	Recreation Centre	In Progress
15	Sidewalk Extension – Barrington Passage	In Progress



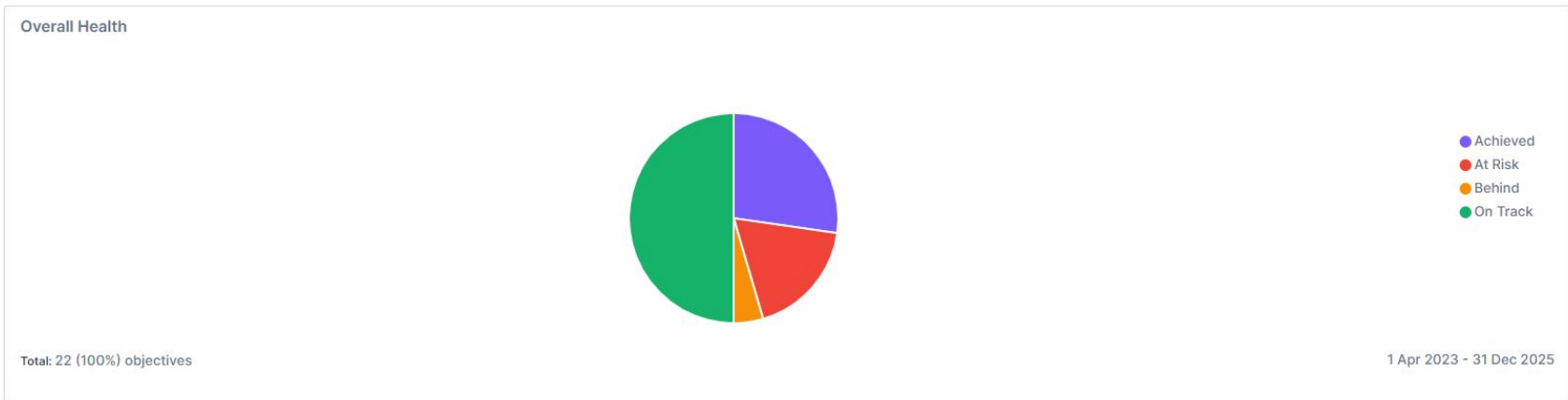
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2022-2025 Strategic Plan Update

Here is a brief update on our strategic plan's progress. This update outlines our achievements, key performance indicators, and the impact of initiatives.



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FOCUS AREA: STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITIES				
PLAN: 2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN				
	Objective	Health	Progress Change (MoM)	Time Frame
	Housing	● On Track	↑ 59% (0% - 59%)	Jan 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2024
	Diversity and Inclusion	● On Track	↑ 38% (0% - 38%)	Jan 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025
	Improve Wastewater Services	● At Risk	0% (0% - 0%)	Apr 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025
	Accessibility	● On Track	↑ 92% (0% - 92%)	Apr 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
	Infrastructure Renewal	● Achieved	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2023
FOCUS AREA: OPERATE EFFICIENTLY				
PLAN: 2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN				
	Objective	Health	Progress Change (MoM)	Time Frame
	Consider the Expansion of the C&D Site	● On Track	↑ 43% (0% - 43%)	Apr 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025
	Develop an Employee Retention Program	● Achieved	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2023
	Create an Economic Development Office	● At Risk	↑ 31% (0% - 31%)	Jan 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2024
	Transparency	● Achieved	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	Apr 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024



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FOCUS AREA: GROW OUR ECONOMY			
PLAN: 2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN			
Objective	Health	Progress Change (MoM)	Time Frame
Invest in our Beaches and Parks	On Track	↑ 71% (0% - 71%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
Attract Accommodations	On Track	↑ 95% (0% - 95%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
Municipal Property Development	At Risk	↑ 32% (0% - 32%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
Improved Cell Service	On Track	↑ 83% (0% - 83%)	Apr 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025
Renewable Energy	Achieved	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2023
FOCUS AREA: KEEP BARRINGTON MOVING			
PLAN: 2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN			
Objective	Health	Progress Change (MoM)	Time Frame
Sherose Island Recreation Complex Strategy	On Track	↑ 20% (0% - 20%)	Apr 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025
Increase the Number of Outdoor Spaces Strategy	On Track	↑ 68% (0% - 68%)	Apr 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
Enhance Recreation Programs	Achieved	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	Apr 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
Trail Expansion	On Track	↑ 62% (0% - 62%)	Jan 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2024
Sidewalk Expansion	On Track	↑ 17% (0% - 17%)	Apr 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025



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FOCUS AREA: INVEST IN OUR PEOPLE				
PLAN: 2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN				
	Objective	Health	Progress Change (MoM)	Time Frame
	Public Transit	● Achieved	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2023
	Community Health Centre	● At Risk	↑ 76% (0% - 76%)	Mar 01, 2023 Sep 01, 2025
	Doctor Recruitment & Retention	● On Track	↑ 57% (0% - 57%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024

