

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, June 25, 2024. The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:01 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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Being duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as circulated with the addition of adding a request from CRCT Foods for an exemption to the noise by-law.

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 May 28, 2024 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.

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 Mood-Nickerson reported on recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Council.

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2024 Volunteer Representative

Resolution C240601

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Grants to Organizations

Resolution C240602

Being duly moved and seconded 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.

Cell Phone Service

Resolution C240603

It is recommended to Council that:

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;

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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.

Motion carried unanimously.

Petition to Name Private Lane

Resolution C240604

Being duly moved and seconded that a private lane in Clyde River be named “Four Boys Road” as requested by petition signed by property owners.

Motion carried unanimously.

Richard Swaine Soccer Field Parking Lot Issue

Resolution C240605

Being duly moved and seconded 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.

Motion carried unanimously.

Due to the urgency of the matter, direction was provided to the CAO to act on immediately following the Committee of the Whole meeting.

2024 Municipal Bursary Selection

Resolution C240606

Being duly moved and seconded that the 2024 Municipal Bursary be awarded to Marlee Bubar.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tender Evaluation Report – MODB 2404 2024/2025 Half Ton Truck

Resolution C240607

Being duly moved and seconded to accept the tender from Smith & Watt Limited in the amount of \$45,170.63 plus HST.

Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORT

The Chief Administrative Officer prepared a report for the period ending June 24, 2024 of which a copy is attached and forms part of the minutes.

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NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

Noise By-Law Exemption Request

A request from CRCT Foods has been received for an exemption to the noise by-law for a one-day fundraising event. The fundraising event is in honour of the Barrington Leisure Park.

Resolution C240608

Being duly moved and seconded that this request be referred to July 9th Committee of the Whole Council for further review.

AFFIRMATION

Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
Andrea Mood-Nickerson
George El-Jakl

NEGATIVE

Jody Crook
Shaun Hatfield

Motion carried.

Resolution C240609

Being duly moved and seconded to send a letter to all residents of Centreville to notify them of the event and to invite them to a public hearing to voice their concerns, if any.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Volunteer Emergency Service Provider Fuel Tax Exemption Letter Response

Correspondence was received from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance in response to a letter we sent regarding the exemption of volunteer emergency service providers.

Resolution C240610

Being duly moved and seconded to redraft the letter and to specifically request for the exemption of fuel tax for volunteer emergency service providers.

Motion carried unanimously.

Expanding Qualifying Expenditures for the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF)

Correspondence was received from the Municipality of Shelburne regarding their request to the Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities to expand the qualifying expenditures for the Canada Community-Building Fund.

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Resolution C240611

Being duly moved and seconded to write a letter of support for the Municipality of Shelburne in requesting that the Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities expand the qualifying expenditures for the Canada Community-Building Fund.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Warden

Chief Administrative Officer

Secretary for the Meeting

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OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

As we mark the one-year anniversary of the largest wildfire in our province's history, it is important to reflect on both the challenges we faced and the remarkable resilience demonstrated by our community. The wildfire tested our emergency response systems, strained resources, and displaced thousands of residents, including those who tragically lost their homes. Despite these hardships, the coordinated efforts of firefighters, emergency personnel, and volunteers were nothing short of heroic, saving lives and properties. Our community's spirit of solidarity and mutual aid was evident as neighbors supported each other through evacuations and the rebuilding process. Over the past year, significant progress has been made in recovery and rebuilding efforts, although much work remains. This anniversary serves as a poignant reminder of the need for continued vigilance, improved emergency preparedness, and sustained support for those affected, ensuring that our municipality emerges stronger and more resilient in the face of future challenges.

We conducted several information sessions for camp programming with parents. These sessions were to address participation and safety concerns in person for all who wish to register for our recreation camp offering this summer. The calendars are available on our website: <https://barringtonmunicipality.com/Recreation/summer-programs>.

The pool opened on June 10 to the public. We are hosting a number of class trips and after school and evening/weekend swims and rentals until July 2 when we begin regular summer scheduling. The pool schedule is available on our website and we have expanded swimming lesson offerings to Saturdays. We have also partnered with autism NS to offer adaptive swimming lessons which filled very fast and so we are adding more time slots.

Our field maintenance crew has made some real difference to playing conditions for players, coaches and community sport organizers. They are providing mowing, lining, grading on a regular basis as well as specialty service like building up pitching mounds, putting in batters boxes and base pegs. Field users are very appreciative and we are building better relationships and communication as a result of their work. Soccer Field users have noted a huge improvement to parking and traffic flow with the expansion of the lot at Richard Swaine Field.

We offered an intensive aquatic training to our pool team. We have several new staff so conducted a Swim for Life Instructor Course along with additional in-service training for all staff, recerts for existing staff, and supervisory and pool management training for Logan, our Summer Aquatic Manager. This will ensure we have safety plans and processes in place to address risk factors associated with running an aquatic facility.

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Professional Development: Joel was trained on developing a theory of change to enhance movement at the Municipality of Barrington. The project idea was to look into ways to enhance walking in the Barrington Passage-Causeway beach area. MPAL will look at improving the Causeway Beach by adding kayaks at the newly acquired shed, and working on other initiatives to enhance movement.

In the month of May, there was 620 people on the Sherose Island Nature Trail. The highest single day usage was May 31 with 249. We removed a significant number of deadfalls and dead trees from close to the trail and created sections to develop into play pockets. Some logs, stumps and wooden discs were left as nature play elements.

From May 13 to June 16, 36 permits were issued for a total construction value of \$658,000. This represents a \$585,000 decrease from the same period last year. 99 building inspections, 7 fire inspections and 1 re-inspection were conducted over this period. 11 locations were visited to discuss civic numbering with 7 new numbers being issued and 3 numbers being deleted as the buildings were moved or demolished new civic numbers were issued. 6 subdivision applications were received and 4 were sent for registration. We currently have 8 open subdivision files. 3 by-law complaints were resolved with 5 remaining outstanding.

Fire departments responded to 20 calls this May compared to 47 in May 2023.

BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE							
EMERGENCY CALLS May 2024							
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire	Mut	Auto	MFR	MVC	Other	TOTAL
		Aid	Aid				
Barrington/Port La Tour FD	5					3	8
Island Barrington Passage FD						3	3
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD				9			9
TOTALS	5			9		6	20
B/PLT - 1 controlled burn, 1 woods fire, 1 Brush fire							
IBP -							
WH/SH-							



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This past month, our Fire Services and EMO Coordinator completed monthly fire & life safety inspections on municipal properties, attended fire department information conference in Wolfville, attended Shelburne County Firefighters Association meeting, attended evacuation and re-entry training session with NSEMO and received renewal notification for the high school personal development credit.



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UPCOMING INITIATIVES

The Girls on Board Program will happen once again in the month of July. We will have two sessions – one for girls 10-13 years old, and one for girls 14-16 years old. Girls on board focuses on female empowerment and paddling.

We are overhauling our youth leadership programming and moving from "camps" to leadership experiences. These programs will meet specific interests and provide intensive instruction, practice and leadership opportunities in 1–3-day programs for teens aged 12–15-years-old.

Our MPAL applied funding from the Active Communities Fund for three initiatives. 1) placing kayaks at the shed in Causeway Beach to enhance movement at the beach 2) purchasing garden kits to loan to community members and 3) improving Sherose Island Nature Trail by installing play pockets on the trail to enhance play opportunities.

We are partnering with the Barrington Curling Club to offer try-it sessions in pickleball to encourage play among specific age groups like seniors and youth.



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CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

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

ID #	Project	Status
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
4	Barrington Ballfield Lights	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
2	Curling Club Heat Pumps	Completed

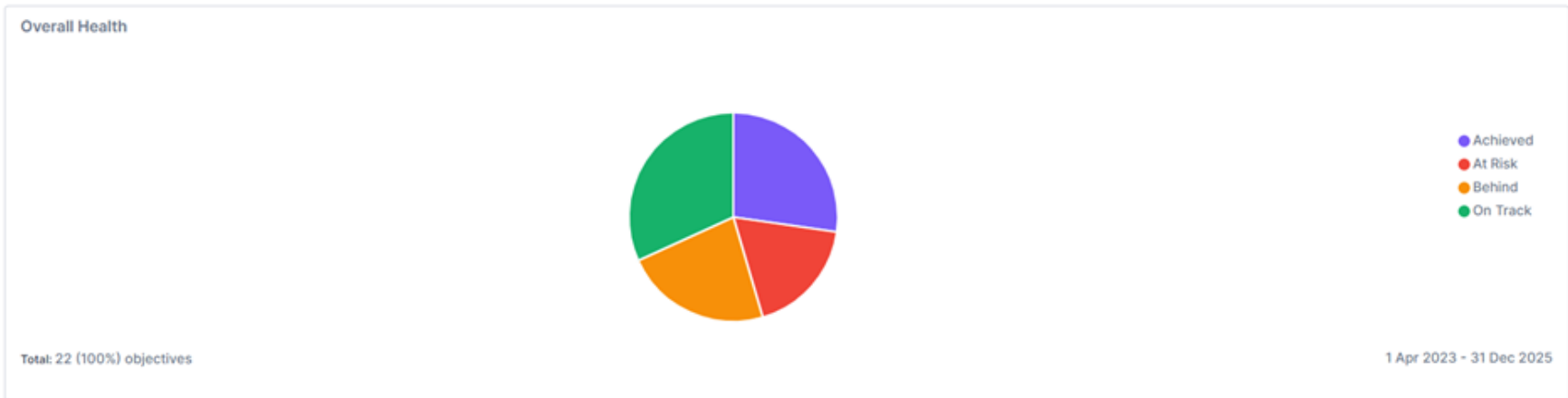


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2022-2025 Strategic Plan Update

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	● Behind	↑ 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	● Behind	↑ 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	● Behind	↑ 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	● Behind	↑ 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	● Behind	↑ 57% (0% - 57%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024

