

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, September 24, 2024. The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:02 p.m., with the following members present:

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

- Debbie Mader, 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 August 27, 2024 and minutes of the Special Council Meeting held September 3, 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

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

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Tennis Court Assessment & Potential Upgrades

Resolution C240903

Being duly moved and seconded that given the current state of our tennis court and the potential for enhancing our recreational facilities, it is recommended to investigate the detailed costs for resurfacing the court, upgrading the fencing and adding multi-sport markings to increase the versatility of the court.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tax Sale Process

Resolution C240904

Being duly moved and seconded that the 2025 Tax Sale be conducted through a public tender process.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook
George El-Jakl
Andrea Mood-Nickerson
Shaun Hatfield

NEGATIVE

Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson

October Meetings

Resolution C240905

Being duly moved and seconded to cancel all regularly scheduled meetings for the month of October to allow candidates to prepare for the upcoming Municipal Election.

AFFIRMATIVE

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

NEGATIVE

Shaun Hatfield

Report on In-Camera Session

Resolution C240906

Being duly moved and seconded to enter into an agreement with ScotiaWay Energy to provide solar energy to the Sandy Wickens Memorial Arena.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Resolution C240907

Being duly moved and seconded to renew the lease for Fort Creek Park in Port LaTour with the new owner.

Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Auditors

Resolution C240908

Being duly moved and seconded that Grant Thornton be appointed to serve as Municipal Auditors for the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

RFP Evaluation Report – MODB 2405 Swimming Pool Facility Condition Assessment

Resolution C240909

Being duly moved and seconded to proceed with TEAL Architects & Planners phase one, to assess the current condition of the pool.

Motion carried unanimously.

December Meetings

Resolution C240910

Being duly moved and seconded to set meeting dates for December as December 2, 2024, Committee of the Whole Council Meeting and December 10, 2024, Council Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORT

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

NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

First Reading Re: Proposed Amendments to By-law No. 35 “A By-law Respecting the Maintenance and Improvement of Private Roads in the Goose Lake Area”

Council is considering amendments to By-law No. 35 as requested by Goose Lake Road Association to change the maintenance fee from \$100 to \$150. It is also recommended to change the charge area definition.

Resolution C240911

Being duly moved and seconded that the amendments to By-law No. 35 “A By-law Respecting the Maintenance and Improvement of Private Roads in the Goose Lake Area” be approved in First Reading as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

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CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Warden

Chief Administrative Officer

Secretary for the Meeting

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OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

The construction of our new Recreation Centre continues. Footings are complete and pouring of the perimeter walls continues. Drainage in the curling rink parking area is complete and the parking lot is ready for paving.



They are now finishing insulating the foundation, completing the backfilling of the perimeter walls, placing the elevator sump pit and digging and placing the pit slab for the elevator. In the next week or two, they will dig and pour interior footings, build the elevator shaft, start underslab plumbing and run the domestic water line.

The municipal and CSAP elections are well underway in the Province, including in our Municipality. The official candidate list has been finalized following Nomination Day on September 10. The candidates are as follows:



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<p>District 1</p> <p>Geroge El-Jakl Laura Ross Eric Shand</p>	<p>District 2</p> <p>Murray Atkinson Becky Lenney-Nickerson Amy MacKinnon</p>	<p>District 3</p> <p>Tremaine Blinkhorn Shaun Hatfield Lewis Ross</p>
<p>District 4</p> <p>Daniel Chetwynd Eddie Nickerson Dorothy Penney</p>	<p>District 5</p> <p>Cytnhia Bazinet Jody Crook</p>	<p>CSAP</p> <p>Debise Babin (ACCLAIMED) Clyde DeViller (ACCLAIMED)</p>

This year's election will be administered with a hybrid model - meaning both electronic and paper voting. Intelivote Systems Inc. will be administering the electronic portion of the election. They are a premiere Canadian electronic voting system company that provides the voter with a dynamic choice of voting options. Intelivote specializes in providing secure and accessible electronic voting solutions for elections.

Electors in the Municipality will be able to vote via internet from any computer, tablet, or smartphone, or by telephone from 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 10 until Friday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. A Voter Information Letter will be sent out by the end of September with all of the information and instructions on how to vote electronically.

Up to date information, including information for voters and results can be found at www.barringtonmunicipality.com/elections.

Consistent engagement with sports field users has been a focus this year. A meeting is scheduled for September 26 to address concerns and strategize for the next season and future. While planning and receiving feedback, one major concern came up with the ask that it be addressed in this budget year. Through several meetings we have collected the information necessary for Council to make a decision on prioritizing some upgrades to address drainage and surfacing. A separate report on this will be presented in the future.

Our Physical Activity Coordinator continues to work on the Connect2 project that was funded by CCTH. The RFP has been published, and we will look to hire a contractor to build the 150 meter path connecting Barrington Bay Trail to Island view Park in 2025.

The bicycle maintenance workshop was held September 17 and we had 5 participants. The workshop reviewed best practices on fixing bicycles.



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An evaluation was completed on our camp and swim lesson programming this summer. We had a total of 356 registrations in our 8 weeks of camp sessions with an average of 22.5 youth registered in each of our camps (aged 5-7 and 8-11) weekly. All feedback was extremely positive with special note of our camp leader team being outstanding. A full aquatic summary is attached.

Our Physical Activity Coordinator collaborated with our Public Works Department to have a sailboat sandbox and mud kitchen set built and placed on the Sherose Island Nature Trail. These materials will enhance unstructured play and creativity along the Sherose Island Nature Trail.

We had a soft opening of our arena on September 14, with the Southwest Storm, our local Nova Scotia Regional Junior Hockey League team, hosting tryouts. A pre-season tournament was held by the team this past weekend and we opened to the public yesterday. We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to welcoming all of the familiar and new faces.

From August 18 to September 14, 22 permits were issued for a total construction value of \$705,000. This represents a \$411,300 increase from the same period last year. 113 building inspections, 5 fire inspections and 2 re-inspections were conducted over this period. 5 locations were visited to discuss civic numbering with 3 new numbers being issued and 1 number being deleted. 3 new subdivision applications were received and 1 was sent for registration. We currently have 7 open subdivision files. 2 by-law complaints were resolved and none were received so we now have 5 outstanding.

This past month, our Fire Services and EMO Coordinator met with fire chiefs, the EMO Planning Committee, the new region 3 EMPO and attended a meeting of EMO region 3. The Coordinator also took part in a presentation at the AMANS conference discussing emergency management programs, completed revisions to policy 54 and have sent it to the fire departments for their feedback, started the firefighter 1 program with 4 students, attended quarterly training on Alert Ready and updated our EMO plan to recent reflect changes.

We received new satellite phone from Public Safety Field Communications and our Coordinator has placed it into service.

Discussions with the Red Cross' EMC on shelter assessment in our area continue.



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Our Coordinator conducted fire and life safety inspections on municipal properties, and continued to monitor precipitation amounts and maintain situational awareness of any tropical storm development.

Fire departments responded to 12 calls this August compared to 25 in August 2023.

BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE							
EMERGENCY CALLS August 2024							
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire	Mut	Auto	MFR	MVC	Other	TOTAL
		Aid	Aid				
Barrington/Port La Tour FD				1		1	2
Island Barrington Passage FD	1				3	1	5
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD	1			3		1	5
TOTALS	2			4	3	3	12
B/PLT -							
IBP - 1 debris fire							
WH/SH- 1 vehicle fire							



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UPCOMING INITIATIVES

The Municipal Volunteer Recognition event is planned to take place on September 25 at 6:30 pm at the West Head Church. We coordinated with the Town of Clark's Harbour to organize the nominations, invitations and the event. Light refreshments will be served after the presentation of awards. Jacquelyn Coffin was honoured at the 50th Annual Provincial Volunteer Awards on September 18 in Truro.

A "Movie in the Park" is scheduled for September 20 in partnership with the Barrington Leisure Park Association. Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle will be featured. The movie will start at 8:30 pm with pre-show activities at 7:30 pm. The movie is free to the public.

Our Recreation Director will be attending a World Trails Conference in Ottawa the first week in October. This conference has lots to offer with information on developing trails for tourism and culture, as outdoor play spaces and how to engage and support community trail volunteers. She will also be attending the annual Recreation Nova Scotia Conference in Antigonish later in October.

Our Fire Services & EMO Coordinator is preparing new curriculum for Firefighter I & II for next fall as well as Strategy and Tactics for the spring. He will be attending new Trunked Mobile Radio training as well as getting radios replaced in October. Finally, he will be finishing the process of updating policy 54 and prepare it for presentation to Council for approval.



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CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

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

Project	Status
Barrington Ballfield Lights	In Progress
Portable Restrooms (Stoney Island)	In Progress
Portable Restrooms (Barrington Ballfield)	In Progress
Sidewalk Crossing Improvements	In Progress
Administration Office Roof Replacement	In Progress
Digital Road Sign	In Progress
Community Health Centre	In Progress
Recreation Centre	In Progress
Sidewalk Extension – Barrington Passage	In Progress
Pool Lift	Completed
Curling Club Heat Pumps	Completed
Arena Board Replacement	Completed
Property Services Vehicle	Completed
Goose Lake Road Improvements	Completed
Kiack Brook Parking Lot Resurfacing	Cancelled



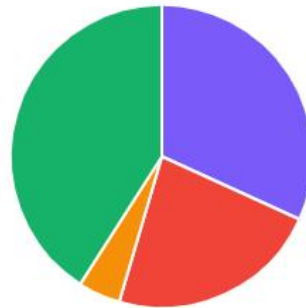
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2022-2025 Strategic Plan Update

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

Overall Health



- Achieved
- At Risk
- Behind
- On Track

Total: 22 (100%) objectives

1 Apr 2023 - 31 Dec 2025



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FOCUS AREA: STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITIES				
PLAN: 2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN				
+	Objective	Health	Progress Change (MoM)	Time Frame
🎯	Housing	🔴 At Risk	↑ 59% (0% - 59%)	Jan 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Diversity and Inclusion	🟢 On Track	↑ 52% (0% - 52%)	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	↑ 67% (0% - 67%)	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	↑ 20% (71% - 91%)	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	● At Risk	↑ 20% (0% - 20%)	Apr 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025
	Increase the Number of Outdoor Spaces Strategy	● Achieved	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	Apr 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
	Enhance Recreation Programs	● Achieved	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	Apr 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
	Trail Expansion	● Behind	↑ 83% (0% - 83%)	Jan 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2024
	Sidewalk Expansion	● On Track	↑ 83% (0% - 83%)	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	 On Track	↑ 76% (0% - 76%)	Mar 01, 2023 Sep 01, 2025
	Doctor Recruitment & Retention	 On Track	↑ 73% (0% - 73%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024

