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**From:** Rob Frost  
**Sent:** January-19-17 3:30 PM  
**To:** Eddie Nickerson; Jody Crook; George El-Jakl; shaun hatfield; Murray Atkinson  
**Cc:** Lesa Rossetti  
**Subject:** Information on Crosswalk Possibility at Bay Vista Apartments  
**Attachments:** Information from TIR re a crosswalk at Bay Vista.pdf

Good afternoon everyone,  
Please find attached the information that was received from the Dept of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal two years ago in regards to a possible crosswalk at or near Bay Vista Apartments.

A quick summary was that there needs to be 15 crossings an hour before they would recommend a crosswalk. This would be 180 people crossing on average per day. When they did the pedestrian count there were 6 crossings recorded during the day.

Hope this helps,  
Rob

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Brian Holland  
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Dear Mr Holland:

**RE: Bay Vista Crosswalk**

Thank you for your December 5, 2014 letter. I am writing to let you know that the department conducted a pedestrian count in September and it indicated that a crosswalk was not warranted at this time.

The department's policy is to install a marked crosswalk when the need for a crosswalk has been verified taking into consideration vehicle and pedestrian volumes, pedestrian generators and overall walking network connectivity. To assist us in determining if a crosswalk is warranted the department follows the guidelines provided by the Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) in the Pedestrian Crossing Control Guide

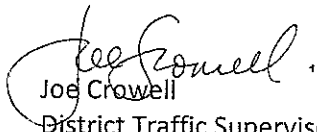
The primary goal of the Pedestrian Crossing Control Guide is to promote uniformity in the provision of pedestrian crossing control. It assists in decision making regarding the need for pedestrian crossing control and identifying the best-suited traffic control device should one be warranted. The guide converts pedestrian volumes into Equivalent Adult Units (EAU) to account for pedestrian age and physical ability. With regard to EAUs it states **"The minimum average hourly pedestrian volume at which the installation of a pedestrian traffic control device should be considered is 15 EAUs."** The guide also indicates, **"Available research indicates that the minimum practical traffic volume at which the installation of a pedestrian crossing control device should be considered is 1,500 vehicles/day."**

To assess the traffic volume I reviewed the department's latest published traffic count data. In July 2012, a weeklong traffic volume count taken near the Barrington Passage boundary indicated there was an average daily volume of 7670 vehicles on Trunk 3 at that time. This volume exceeded the minimum vehicular volume suggested by TAC and prompted a pedestrian count at Bay Vista Apartments.

On Wednesday, September 17, 2014, pedestrian crossings near the Bay Vista Apartments were counted. Observation began at 7 am and continued until 7 pm. During that period, six adults crossed Trunk 3. Four of the adults crossed alone, the remaining two crossed together, all of the crossings took place near the apartment parking lot entrance and only one pedestrian had to wait for a gap in traffic, all of the others were able to cross safely immediately upon reaching the side of Trunk 3. Two was the highest number of pedestrians to cross in any one hour.

Since this location did not meet the suggested minimum pedestrian demand and since a crosswalk at this location would not provide any connectivity to a larger walking network I must conclude that a crosswalk is not warranted.

I trust this information is sufficient at this time. Please contact me if you have any questions.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe Crowell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Joe Crowell

District Traffic Supervisor – Western

cc: Greg Newell, Area Manager – Yarmouth  
Pamela Mehlman-Shand, Operations Supervisor - Shelburne

WOODS HARBOUR TRAIL

Members were questioned whether or not they felt the Woodland Multi Use Trail Association should take over the portion of the multi use trail in Woods Harbour that is now under licence to the Municipality of Barrington. This is the only section of the entire trail through Shelburne County through the Municipality that is now being maintained by the Municipality.

Resolution COW150108

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that representatives of the Woodland Multi Use Trail Association be invited to a Committee meeting as soon as possible in order to discuss transfer of the section of trail in Woods Harbour to their Association from the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

SEA STAR ICE DOGS

Members were informed that there has been no further communication from this organization since their last discussion with the Committee.

Resolution COW150109

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that the President of the Sea Star Ice Dogs be invited to attend the next Committee meeting for the purpose of discussing the payment of their outstanding account.

Motion carried unanimously.

BAY VISTA CROSSWALK REQUEST

Correspondence had previously been received from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding this request. This information has been circulated to members. The Department had completed a pedestrian crossing count in the vicinity of Bay Vista Apartments. The count indicated there were an insufficient number of pedestrians crossing at this point in order to warrant a crosswalk being established in this area. As a result the Department of Transportation concluded that a crosswalk is not warranted at that location.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:30 p.m.

### Speed Zone and Passing Zone

As a result of Council's request for the Department of Transportation to evaluate the passing zone and the 80 kilometre zone in Clyde River, with a view to reducing the speed limit and eliminating the passing zone, correspondence has now been received from Joe Crowell of the Department of Transportation. Mr. Crowell has advised that the department has engaged a consultant to complete a safety and operational review of Highway 103 from Tantallon to Yarmouth. The objective of the review is to identify the current and projected operational and safety deficiencies and make recommendations for practical strategies to ensure that an acceptable level of service and safety performance are maintained. The section of Highway 103 through Clyde River will be part of this review and residents' ongoing concerns about the speed limit and the passing zone will be brought to the consultant's attention.

### Bay Vista Crosswalk

As a result of Council's request for the Department of Transportation to investigate the possibility of establishing a crosswalk in the vicinity of Bay Vista Apartments, correspondence has now been received from Joe Crowell of the Department. Mr. Crowell advised that he will arrange for a traffic/pedestrian count at the Bay Vista Apartments. If the data indicates that there is sufficient demand for a pedestrian crosswalk, then he will be able to approve the installation. Due to the location, if a crosswalk is warranted, it will require overhead RA-5 signs with flashing amber beacons. It will also be necessary to cut the curb for wheelchair access and provide a curb refuge area for pedestrians on the other side of Trunk 3. Mr. Crowell will contact us once the count data has been reviewed.

### Thank You Letter

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a copy of a letter received from Sou' West Nova Transit Association. The letter thanked Council for the grant of \$4,500 to assist with the operation of their transit service.

### PROCLAMATION - "RIGHT TO KNOW WEEK"

In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a draft proclamation, proclaiming "Right to Know Week".



Resolution C140605

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by J. Crook that Council approve the variance requested by Mr. Randal Smith reducing his side yard requirement from 10 feet to 3 feet.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

High Speed Internet Service

Correspondence has been received from the Minister of Economic and Rural Development regarding the provision of high speed internet within the Municipality. The Minister says, in part, that every effort will continue to be made to find a solution that will expand high speed internet service to currently unserved Nova Scotians, including those who live and work in the communities referenced within the Municipality of the District of Barrington.

Resolution C140606

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that representatives of Eastlink be asked to meet with the Committee of the Whole in order to discuss the terms of the Broadband for Rural Development and Tourism, and its contractual obligations to provide broadband to rural Nova Scotia, in particular, within the Municipality of Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

EMO Budget

Members were informed that the Town of Clark's Harbour has approved the EMO Budget for the 2014/2015 fiscal year.

Request for Crosswalk

Correspondence has been received from the Western Regional Housing Authority to have a crosswalk installed in front of the Bay Vista apartments in Barrington Passage. A similar request was previously made of the Department of Transportation in 2007.

Members then discussed the possibility of establishing a crosswalk in that area.

Resolution C140607

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal be requested to investigate the possibility of establishing a crosswalk in the vicinity of Bay Vista apartments. This crosswalk may not necessarily be directly in front of the apartments, but on a nearby intersection with a local road.

Motion carried unanimously.

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This correspondence will be copied to Bonnie Lloyd, Field Officer, at Western Regional Housing Authority.

There then followed some discussion regarding the location of other crosswalks in the community such as where multi-use trails intersected with the highway.

Resolution C140608

**Moved** by S. Hatfield and seconded by J. Crook that the Western Regional Housing Authority also be requested to send a letter to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal in support of the Municipality's request for the location of a crosswalk.

Motion carried unanimously.

WARDEN'S REPORT

The Warden indicated that he had attended various meetings during the month of June including the Lobster Festival Opening June 6<sup>th</sup>, Tourism Meeting June 6<sup>th</sup>, Trail Opening Meeting June 14<sup>th</sup> and an Audit Committee Meeting June 12<sup>th</sup>.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Crook brought forward the recommendations from the Committee of the Whole meetings during the month.

Barrington Bay Trail

Resolution C140609

**Moved** by J. Crook and seconded by D. Messenger that the Municipality contact the Woodlands Multi Use Trail Association to confirm that they are willing to assume the licence of the Municipality from the Department of Natural Resources for the Barrington Bay Trail, and then request the Department of Natural Resources to transfer the Municipality's licence to the Woodlands Multi Use Trail Association, and that a letter of congratulations be sent to the Woodlands Multi Use Trail Association for their trail work done within the Municipality, and the establishment of the kiosk and trail head location at the Cape Sable Island Causeway.

Motion carried unanimously.

C & D Landfill Hours

Resolution C140610

**Moved** by G. El-Jakl and seconded by J. Crook that the Municipal Landfill close on Saturdays at Noon, beginning Saturday, August 2, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

Also discussed were other matters brought up by the residents of the Municipality, including, speeding in the Barrington area and the presence of small electrically powered scooters on the road in the Barrington area.

It was also indicated by members that a new Cpl, Mr. Doug Brannen, who is a native of Wood's Harbour, is scheduled to arrive in the area not later than November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Having completed their discussion of these matters, the R.C.M.P. then retired from the meeting.

#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INTERVIEW

Mr. Benny Acker, Area Supervisor for the Department of Transportation appeared before the committee for the purpose of discussing Department of Transportation issues. Issues that were discussed with Mr. Acker included:

1. Pope's Road in Wood's Harbour is in need of grading.
2. There is a hole in Post Office Road and water is laying in the ditches. The hole in Post Office Road is near Civic #6530.
3. The old Oak Park Road that extends from Barrington to Wood's Harbour through the woods is not maintained in the Barrington area. Mr. Acker indicated that this road is considered a "K" class road in Shelburne County, but it is considered an "T" class road in Yarmouth County. The difference is that "T" class roads are roads that are normally maintained by the Department of Transportation and "K" class roads are Department of Transportation roads that are not normally maintained. Mr. Acker indicated that he will have the bushes cut back along the Old Oak Park Road within Shelburne County.
4. It was indicated to Mr. Acker that the shoulder of the road is in need of repair between the Old School House Restaurant and the Rebecca Lodge in Barrington Passage. Mr. Acker will look at this section of shoulder to determine what is necessary.
5. Mr. Acker was informed that Council has received a request to place a crosswalk at Bay Vista Apartments. Mr. Acker provided Council with the guidelines from the Highway Operations Manual of the Department of Transportation. These guidelines indicate how the Department of Transportation determines where and when crosswalks are required.

#### Resolution COW061001

**Moved** by D. Messenger and seconded by G. El-Jakl that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to Mr. Greg Newell, the Area Supervisor for the Department of Transportation, requesting that a crosswalk be considered for the area immediately adjacent to Bay Vista Apartments, and that Mr. Newell be informed that new apartments and a new facility are being constructed at the former I.O.O.F. Hall adjacent to the Bay Vista Apartments.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Mr. Acker was informed that a phone call had been received from a Mrs. Victor