

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING
January 10, 2022

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:25 p.m., by way of video conference, with the following members present:

- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson, Chair
- Jody Crook
- George El-Jakl
- Shaun Hatfield
- Andrea Mood-Nickerson – by phone

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Sandy Wickens Memorial Arena
- Coldest Night of the Year Fundraiser

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Being duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that minutes of the regular meeting held December 6th and the special meeting held December 14, 2021, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

RFP Re: Purchase and Development of Barrington Passage Properties

The draft RFP Re: Purchase and Development of Barrington Passage Properties identified as PID# 80051063 and 82569138 was once again discussed.

It was agreed that the RFP be revised to clarify the type of housing development being sought, RFP is not to include entire acreage and a portion of the land is to be retained for possible construction of a medical centre at that location.

Once the RFP has been revised, it will be presented to Council for approval.

BULK WATER SUPPLY

The CAO requested that this topic be deferred to the next meeting of the committee.

BEACH STRATEGY REPORT CARD

In advance to the meeting members were provided with the Beach Strategy Report Card which identified actions taken since 2019 and actions planned for 2022. A copy of the report card is attached and forms part of the minutes.

MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES REVIEW

Correspondence has been received from the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board advising that Section 369 of the MGA requires councils to apply to the URB in 2022 to confirm or to alter the number and boundaries of polling districts and the number of councillors.

Resolution COW220101

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that direction be given to staff to commence the boundary review with the intention of retaining the status quo with minor changes being made where necessary and with particular attention being given to the boundary between District 2 and District 5 in the Oak Park – Riverhead area, as that boundary has caused some confusion to residents in the past.

Motion carried unanimously.

BAY VISTA CROSSWALK – BARRINGTON PASSAGE

At a previous meeting, members requested information on Council's requests for the installation of a crosswalk at or near Bay Vista Apartments in Barrington Passage. Information was pulled from the files and provided to members. During review of the information it was noted that the Department of Public Works requires 15 crossings an hour before they will recommend a crosswalk. This would be 180 people crossing on average per day. When they did the pedestrian count in 2014 there were 6 crossings recorded during the day.

Discussion took place regarding current activities in that area, apartment buildings, businesses, Barrington Developmental Residence and Mayflower Place.

Resolution COW220102

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Department of Public Works requesting that they reassess the installation of a crosswalk in the vicinity of Bay Vista Apartments, in light of our perpetual requests, the recent accident and the number of housing developments and businesses, in that area.

Motion carried unanimously.

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During discussion of this matter reference was made to some locations having flashing (strobe) lights installed on poles on either side of the crosswalk.

Question was raised regarding the guidelines for crosswalks. The CAO agreed to obtain information on the rationale behind the requirement for 15 people to cross the roadway per hour.

REQUEST FOR STREETLIGHTS IN BARRINGTON PASSAGE

Due to a recent accident in Barrington Passage, near Bay Vista Apartments, requests have been received for additional streetlights in that area to light the roadway. The matter has been investigated and there is one pole that would accommodate a light. Our policy provides for the installation of a light on every second pole. Since this request is outside of the policy, Council approval is required.

During discussion of this matter, it was suggested that additional streetlights be installed throughout the business district. A lighting plan was suggested with more attractive lamp post type lights. Increased lighting would discourage crime activity and increase the safety and security of pedestrians in that area.

Resolution COW220103

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that streetlights be installed on available poles in the Barrington Passage Business District from where Barrington Bay Trail crosses Highway 3 to T.L. Swaine's Garage.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed that a lighting plan for the Barrington Passage Business District be brought up at a future meeting for discussion.

OWAISSA SKATING RINK

Residents have expressed an interest in having the Owaissa Skating Rink reopened. This is the pond in front of the Barrington Municipal Library. When the library was built in 2006 the pond was reduced in size, fenced and a water fountain was installed. Prior to this time, the pond was used for ice skating. The ice thickness was checked by the Recreation Director and the pond was open to the public when safe for skating. The last time the pond was used for skating was in 2007.

The CAO provided information to members on temperatures and depth of the pond. Some discussion took place regarding synthetic ice surfaces and shallow ice surfaces made using tarps. The possibility of partnering with a location organization was also discussed.

It was agreed that the CAO obtain more information on outdoor synthetic ice surfaces to be brought back to committee at a future meeting.

It was agreed that the CAO contact residents who expressed an interest in reopening Owaissa Rink to let them know that due to temperature data collected it does not seem possible to open the rink for skating and ask if they have any other suggestions.

SANDY WICKENS MEMORIAL ARENA

It was reported that complaints were received regarding the arena being closed a few days before the holidays even though Provincial guidelines allowed rinks to remain open. It was suggested that every attempt be made to keep our facilities open in accordance with Provincial guidelines.

It was noted that facilities were closed due to the increase in the number of COVID cases in the area and the cancellation of some bookings, as well as the upcoming holidays. The CAO assured members that these types of decisions are not made lightly and every attempt is made to balance the safety of our staff and the operation of facilities.

Councillor El-Jakl left the meeting at 9:48 p.m.

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR FUNDRAISER

Correspondence has been received from Wanda Doucette, Event Director, The Coldest Night of the Year Fundraiser. On February 26, 2022 people in Yarmouth will join thousands of others in 150+ cities across Canada in a 2-5 km winter walk in support of people experiencing hunger, hurt and homelessness in our community. In Yarmouth, they will be walking for SHYFT and the Tri-County Women's Centre. She is requesting the Municipality to sponsor the event and is also requesting the Warden to enter a team of 8 – 10 people made up of councillors and staff, to participate in the event.

It was agreed that staff obtain additional information on the event and circulate it to members.

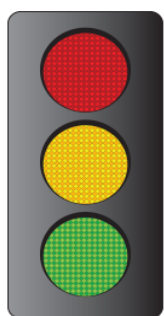
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

BEACH STRATEGY REPORT CARD



ROADBLOCKS

SLOW PROGRESS



ON TRACK

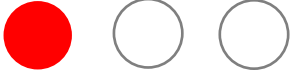



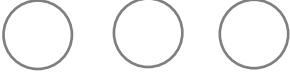







STRATEGY NAME	Beach Strategy
LEAD	Chris Frotten
PROJECT CODE	N/A
DATE OF STATUS ENTRY	January 10, 2022
PERIOD COVERED	2019-2022

OVERALL STATUS THIS MONTH

OVERALL STRATEGY STATUS	ON TRACK	NOTES	COVID-19 and delays with engagement and planning have slightly impeded progress but we have made strides in all of the action items other than for the infrastructure.
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COMPONENTS

ACTION	STATUS	YEAR	NOTES
Purchase land at Stoney Island Beach	DONE	2019	Purchased the property.
Develop parking area at Stoney Island Beach	DONE	2019	The project is complete.
Structured engagement sessions	DONE	2020	A survey was launched in June/July 2020 and more engagement is being planned.
Assessment of existing infrastructure		2020	Conceptual plans are complete and are being discussed with the Beach Resource Team. Preliminary plans would be the next step.
Assessing accessibility		2020	We've completed preliminary assessments and have researched funding programs, but no official plans are in place.
Develop collaborations and partnerships	DONE	2020	Our key stakeholders have been engaged and the necessary collaborations and partnerships have been developed.
Organize yearly beach clean up	DONE	2020	Due to COVID-19, no beach clean-up was organized, but we supported a local clean-up organized by location groups.
Provide waste bins to help keep our beaches clean	DONE	2020	The waste bins were placed at three of our beaches.
Recruit and facilitate a Beach Resource Team	DONE	2020	The terms of reference were approved on February 22, 2021, members have been recruited and the first meeting was held on May 4, 2021.

Support and promote stewardship of our beaches	DONE	2020	Walk & Talk Series, waste bins, social media posts/campaigns, lifeguards as "guardians"
Develop signage and directional signage for the beaches.	DONE	2020	Our beach signage plan was approved on April 27, 2020, and all the signs have been installed other than for a handful that may have to be moved or added.
Organize yearly beach clean up	DONE	2021	We didn't organize a clean-up ourselves but we supported several local clean-ups organized by groups.
Seek funding opportunities to help build infrastructure		2021	No work has begun on this yet.
Develop collaborations and partnerships		2021	We continued our work with our Beach Resource Team and key stakeholders.
Engage stakeholders to support and promote stewardship		2021	Walk & Talk Series, waste bins, social media posts/campaigns, lifeguards as "guardians". We are also working on collaborating with Birds Canada on Stewardship Ambassadors for the 2022 summer season.
Develop new infrastructure as assessed.		2021	We are currently still working on preliminary plans therefore we are not ready to move on to construction.
Organize yearly beach clean up		2022	
Design and develop interpretive panels.		2022	
Install beach logs.		2022	
Include QR Codes on signage.		2022	
Develop new infrastructure as assessed.		2022	
Seek funding opportunities to help build infrastructure		2022	
Support and promote stewardship of our beaches		2022	
Reassess Beach Strategy to align with strategic planning and goals of council		2022	