

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**February 14, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:05 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson, Chair
- Jody Crook
- Andrea Mood-Nickerson
- George El-Jakl – Arrived at 7:08 p.m.
  
- Shaun Hatfield - Absent due to vacation
  
- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 17<sup>th</sup> and Special Meeting held January 31, 2023 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

WESLEY HERITAGE COMMUNITY SENIORS ASSOCIATION – GRANT REQUEST

Pat Hudson, President and Carol Wilson, Vice President of the Wesley Heritage Community Seniors Association, appeared before the meeting to provide additional information regarding their grant request. The Association is requesting funding in the amount of \$6,666.00 to assist with the cost of necessary repairs to their building, located at 2288 Highway 3, Barrington. A copy of their presentation is attached and forms part of the minutes.

It was agreed by consensus that the grant request received from the Wesley Heritage Community Seniors Association be referred to budget deliberations.

Ms. Hudson and Ms. Wilson were thanked for their presentation and left the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Draft Alternative Voting By-law

In advance to the meeting, members were provided with a draft Alternative Voting By-law. Byway of this by-law, alternative voting may be permitted on advance polling days and on the ordinary polling day where Council has passed a resolution permitting one or more forms of

alternative voting for an election. Such resolution shall specifically state whether, in addition to Alternative Voting, there will be voting by paper ballot.

It was agreed that the Draft Alternative Voting By-law be referred to Council for First Reading.

CODE OF CONDUCT CONSULTATION – SANCTIONS AND INVESTIGATOR

In advance to the meeting, members were provided with information relating to the Municipal and Village Code of Conduct Consultation Material. Members were reminded that the Consultation Session for the South Shore Region is to take place on February 15, 2023.

SALE OF SURPLUS VEHICLE – MODB2301

It was reported that tenders were called for the sale of the surplus 2012 Dodge Ram ¾ ton, 4X4, truck. Four tenders were received in total which are indicated below:

Chris Goodwin	\$1,200.00
CR Gillis Contracting	\$3,500.00
Patrick McKenna	\$3,800.00
Gerhardt Property Imp.	\$5,134.00

Resolution COW230201

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the tender received from Gerhardt Property Imp. in the amount of \$5,134.00 for the purchase of the surplus 2012 Dodge Ram ¾ ton, 4X4, truck, be accepted.

Motion carried unanimously.

DRAFT ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE POLICY

Members were provided with a draft Electronic Signature Policy for review and comment. This policy has been drafted pursuant to Section 48(3) of the Municipal Government Act. The purpose of the policy is to ensure consistent, authorized and lawful use of electronic signatures. The policy also outlines in what circumstances wet signatures would be required.

Notice was given that Council will consider the adoption of the draft Electronic Signature Policy on February 28, 2023.

C&D DEBRIS REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES RE: TREATED WOOD

Members discussed amendments to the Solid Waste Resource Management Regulations relating to treated wood. Starting July 5, 2023, chemically treated wood will no longer be accepted for disposal at C&D debris facilities. Instead, the province is requiring these materials to be reused, repurposed or disposed of in municipal solid waste landfills. It was suggested that if this material is no longer safe for disposal at C&D debris facilities then consideration should be given to banning its continued production.

Resolution COW230202

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the Minister of Environment opposing the implementation of the new regulations to ban chemically treated wood from C&D debris facilities and that the letter be copied to other municipal units affected by these amendments and our concerns be shared with NSF.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Councillor El-Jakl requested that "Policy 42 - Municipal Grants and Sponsorship / Advertising Policy" be added to the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary for the Meeting

**Wesley Heritage Community Seniors Association**  
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**Barrington, Nova Scotia B0W 1E0**

February 5, 2023

Municipality of Barrington  
2447 Highway 3  
Box 100, Barrington, N.S. B0W 1E0

Dear Members:

Thank you for inviting us to attend this meeting in support of our grant proposal.

Wesley United Church was built in 1866 by the dedicated, hard work of the people of Barrington Township. It was decommissioned as a church in 2010. Some of the residents of Barrington decided to take over the responsibility and use it as a Community Centre. The Wesley Heritage Community Seniors Association was registered with the Registry of Joint Stock Companies as a non-profit organization in 2012.

Both the former church and cemetery were registered as Municipal Heritage properties on August 27, 1986. Because of that designation, we as a committee are hoping the Municipality of Barrington will look favourably upon our request of a Municipal grant.

At present we need financial assistance to reshingle a portion of the small front roof. It has deteriorated immensely over the years since the building was purchased. It was not reshingled when the main roof was done. Shingles are coming off and landing on the ground during windstorms. Dry-weathered shingles are subjecting the roof to leak and causing interior damage. We have a quote for labour and materials in the amount of \$6,193.90. This project has to have staging put up which adds to the cost.

Also, during hurricane Dorian, some of the siding was blown off on the northwest side. We have a quote for repairing that project for \$4,486.87. The total cost of these two repairs is \$10,680.77.

From our fundraising efforts we are prepared to pay one third of the cost of the amount. We are asking the Municipality of Barrington for the remainder to make these repairs possible.

In the past, pre-Covid, the upstairs was always used on November 11<sup>th</sup> for Remembrance Day Services. It was always well attended and an important tradition in our community and others. It is our hope to continue this tradition in 2023. Forest Ridge Academy is within easy walking distance from the school if an emergency should occur that cuts off access to the school. We have been designated a "safe place" for the students and teachers.

As a Community Centre, we have been able to maintain the Centre along with the support of dedicated people in the community. Sadly, many non-profit organizations that had to maintain a building no longer exist mostly because of Covid as many activities and events were not able to continue. The WHCSA has provided a safe and friendly environment for our community, seniors, families and new-comers to the area.

During our weekly Tuesday morning "Toonie Tuesday", we have created a positive social atmosphere, teach crafts and other skills, education of health and wellness issues, informative session with guest speakers once a month. For example, Tuesday, February 21, from ten o'clock until noon Sergeant Payne from the RCMP will be talking about how to avoid scams on social media, phone and in the mail. Everyone is welcome to attend this event.

To date we have maintained the Centre from weekly and monthly events such as crafts on chat weekly, exercise classes, board games, a movie afternoon food and yard sales, take out chowder dinners and donations. The last Friday of each month a Pot Luck Supper and Kitchen Party is held.

Thank you for your consideration to our grant request.

Respectfully,



Patricia Hudson  
President

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