

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, NS., on Monday September 28, 2020. The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present:

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

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Electronic Voting
- In-Camera Session Re: Lease of Municipal Property. (MGA Section 22(2)(a))

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Although not reported at this time, Deputy Warden Crook declared Conflict of Interest when Council considered the request for funding received from the Riverdale Cemetery Association.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 24, 2020, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

VIDEO PRESENTATION RE: WESTERN REGION ENERGY INVESTMENT PLAN

Angelique LeBlanc, CEO and Evan Nemeth, EDO of the Western Regional Enterprise Network appeared before the Council by way of Video Conference. The purpose of their presentation was to present findings of the Western REN's recently completed Regional Energy Study and to provide information in advance on the upcoming Communications Strategy.

A written copy of their presentation is attached and forms part of the minutes.

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Ms. LeBlanc and Mr. Nemeth were both thanked for appearing before Council and making their presentation.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Visitor Information Centre

Council previously decided to cease operations of the VIC located at 2517, Highway 3, Barrington and at their meeting held August 24, 2020, passed a motion to sell the property by way of an RFP. Since that time members of the Oceanview Christian Academy have expressed an interest in acquiring the property through lease and/or purchase and the Committee of the Whole Council has considered their request. The recommendation of the Committee will be considered later in the meeting.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that the CAO is presently negotiating a lease with the Academy.

Resolution C200901

Being duly moved and seconded that Resolution C200810, as indicated below, be rescinded:

“...that Council sell the VIC building located at 2517, Highway 3, in Barrington, by way of an RFP.”

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

The Warden gave a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

The Deputy Warden and each Councillor gave a brief report on their activities since the last meeting of Council.

WCRLB Meeting

Councillor Hatfield reported on the June 18, 2020 meeting of the Western Counties Regional Library Board Meeting. Minutes of the meeting are attached to the agenda on the municipal website.

TIR Matters

Resolution C200902

Being duly moved and seconded that a letter be forwarded to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting the department to consider ditching along McGray Avenue, in North East Point.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C200903

Being duly moved and seconded that a letter be forwarded to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting that their department consider repaving Newellton Orion Wharf Road, in light of the excessive use of the road and its economic benefit.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

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

Parkdale Cemetery Association

Resolution C200904

Being duly moved and seconded that a grant in the amount of \$500.00 be provided to the Parkdale Cemetery Association.

Motion carried unanimously.

Atlantic Hall at The Hawk Society

Resolution C200905

Being duly moved and seconded that a grant in the amount of \$500.00 be provided to the Atlantic Hall at The Hawk Society.

Motion carried unanimously.

Riverdale Cemetery Association

Conflict of Interest

Deputy Warden Crook declared Conflict of Interest, vacated his seat and proceeded to the spectator area.

Deputy Warden Crook's spouse is the President of the Riverdale Cemetery Association.

Resolution C200906

Being duly moved and seconded that a grant in the amount of \$500.00 be provided to the Riverdale Cemetery Association.

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Warden Crook returned to the meeting

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Samuel Wood Historical Society

Resolution C200907

Being duly moved and seconded that a grant in the amount of \$500.00 be provided to the Samuel Wood Historical Society.

Motion carried unanimously.

Woods Harbour Ballfield Society

Resolution C200908

Being duly moved and seconded that a grant in the amount of \$500.00 be provided to the Woods Harbour Ballfield Society.

Motion carried unanimously.

Barrington and Area Chamber of Commerce

Resolution C200909

Being duly moved and seconded that a grant in the amount of \$500.00 be provided to the Barrington & Area Chamber of Commerce.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson

Jody Crook

George El-Jakl

Eddie Nickerson

NEGATIVE

Shaun Hatfield

TIR Matter

Resolution C200910

Being duly moved and seconded that the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal be requested to top up the shoulder of Highway 330 with gravel, in North East Point, near Civic No. 336.

Motion carried unanimously.

Oceanview Christian Academy Request

Resolution C200911

Being duly moved and seconded that the CAO be instructed to proceed with the sale of the VIC property to Oceanview Christian Academy, following the process prescribed in the Municipal Government Act.

Motion carried unanimously.

October Meetings

Resolution C200912

Being duly moved and seconded that due to the Municipal Election being held on October 17, 2020, all meetings be cancelled for the month of October and that the new Council be sworn into Office at the first Council Meeting after the Election held on Monday, November 2, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

Basil Blades Memorial Ball Park – Parking Lot Lights

Resolution C200913

Being duly moved and seconded that the Municipality assess the need for a minimum of two streetlights at the Basil Blades Memorial Ball Park and the cost of installation be provided in the 2021/22 Capital Budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

50/50 TIR Cost Shared Program - Roads

Resolution C200914

Being duly moved and seconded that the following roads, listed in order of priority, be submitted for consideration under the TIR 50/50 Cost Shared Program for paving:

1. Bateman Road
2. Petticoat Lane
3. Clam Point Road
4. Station Road - Shag Harbour
5. Butler's Road

Motion carried unanimously.

Application to Serve on the Accessibility Advisory Committee

Resolution C200915

Being duly moved and seconded that Boyd Hilton Scott be appointed to serve on the Accessibility Advisory Committee for a two year term.

Motion carried unanimously.

Letter of Support NSCC Battery Demand Reduction Study

Resolution C200916

Being duly moved and seconded that a letter of support be provided to NSCC, in support of their application for funding for a Study to be conducted on Reducing Peak Demand Charge in buildings.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Partnership Opportunity with NSP Vehicle to Grid Project

Resolution C200917

Being duly moved and seconded that the Municipality partner with NSP and provide a letter, in support of their application for Federal Low Carbon Funding to study battery to grid technology.

Motion carried unanimously.

Water Lending Program

Concern has been expressed regarding the requirement to have as good payment history with the Municipality in order to qualify for funding under the Water Lending Program. Members have been advised by the CAO that this is the only way the Municipality can assess the ability of the individual to pay. If the individual defaults on payment, the full amount becomes due immediately which could cause extreme hardship for some and may result in their property being sold at Tax Sale. In addition, lending to individuals with poor payment history is precarious and could put the Municipality at risk.

Resolution C200918

Being duly moved and seconded that the practice to require applicants of the Water Lending Program to have a “good payment history” with the Municipality be discontinued.

Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORT

The Chief Administrative Officer provided his report for the period August 24th to September 27, 2020 of which a copy is attached and forms part of the minutes.

Topics highlighted were as follows:

- New Recreation Centre
- Development of Asset Management Plan
- Improved Access to Internet
- Amenities at Beaches
- Drought & Water Shortage
- 2020 Municipal Elections
- Sandy Wickens Memorial Arena
- Recreation Programming
- Building Permits & By-law Enforcement
- Fire Services and Emergency Management
- Capital Project Update

NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

Consideration of Adoption of Draft “Complaint Handling Policy”

It is proposed that a “Complaints Handling Policy” be put in place to enable the Municipality to promptly and effectively address program and service delivery concerns raised by members of the public.

Notice of consideration was given by the Committee of the Whole Council at their meeting held September 14, 2020.

Resolution C200919

Being duly moved and seconded that the “Complaint Handling Policy” be adopted as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dangerous or Unsightly Premises Policy

It was reported that a new “Dangerous or Unsightly Premises Policy” has been drafted to replace existing Policy No. 10 “Investigation of Dangerous and Unsightly Premises”. The new policy clearly outlines the procedure to be followed when investigating a complaint.

It was noted that if the new policy is adopted then it will be necessary to repeal the existing Policy dealing with dangerous and unsightly premises.

Notice of consideration was given by the Committee of the Whole Council at their meeting held September 14, 2020.

Resolution C200920

Being duly moved and seconded that the new “Dangerous or Unsightly Premises Policy” be adopted as presented, to replace Policy No. 10 “Investigation of Dangerous and Unsightly Premises”.

Motion carried unanimously.

Repeal of Policy No. 10 – Investigation of Dangerous and Unsightly Premises

As a result of the adoption of the newly drafted policy concerning dangerous or unsightly premises, it is necessary to repeal existing Policy No. 10 “Investigation of Dangerous and Unsightly Premises”.

Notice of consideration was given by the Committee of the Whole Council at their meeting held September 14, 2020.

Resolution C200921

Being duly moved and seconded that Policy No. 10 “Investigation of Dangerous and Unsightly Premises be repealed and replaced with the new “Dangerous or Unsightly Premises Policy”.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Proposed Amendments – Policy 54 “Fire Response and Emergency Services”

It is proposed that Policy 54 “Fire Response and Emergency Services” be amended to remove reference to the “Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department” as it is no longer in existence, add new sections relating to roof requirements and drivers abstracts and address some housekeeping matters.

Notice of consideration was given by the Committee of the Whole Council at their meeting held September 14, 2020.

Resolution C200922

Being duly moved and seconded that amendments to Policy 54 “Fire Response and Emergency Services” be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report on.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

No items were brought forward.

ELECTRONIC VOTING

Concern was expressed that some residents are of the understanding that they can vote on-line in the upcoming Municipal Elections. Additional advertising was requested to make it clear to electors that they have to come out to the polls to vote.

The CAO informed members that we have a very active social media presence, a pamphlet will be mailed out next week to all household in the Municipality and radio advertising will take place in October.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

The Regular Council Meeting was adjourned at this time to go In-Camera to deal with a request to lease municipal property.

This session was held in accordance with Section 22 2(a) of the Municipal Government Act.

The Regular Council Meeting was called back to order.

REPORT ON IN-CAMERA SESSION

Resolution C200923

Being duly moved and seconded that direction be given to the CAO to proceed with negotiations for lease of municipal property for telecommunication purposes.

Motion carried unanimously.

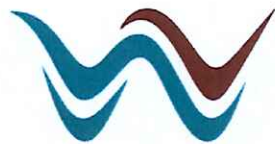
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Warden

Chief Administrative Officer

Secretary for the Meeting



Western Regional Enterprise Network

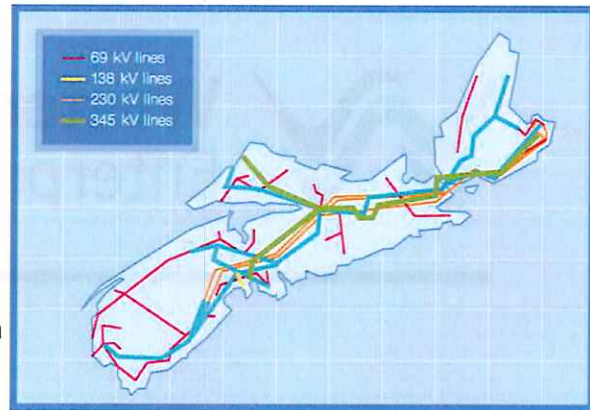
Western Region Energy Investment Plan
September, 2020



Hello councillors – I am Evan Nemeth, an Economic Development Officer for the Western Regional Enterprise Network. In this recorded presentation, I will introduce you to the Western Region Energy Investment Plan.

Energy Planning Rationale

- Regional Grid Capacity is limited
 - 69kV transmission lines
- Substantial Green Energy Opportunities
- Town of Bridgewater
 - 2016 cost of energy: \$89 million
 - Projected rise to \$206 million in 2050
 - Efficiency models could save \$2 billion over 32 years leading to 2050

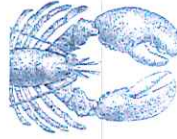


- The transmission lines that enter the Western Region through the Valley corridor are 69 kilovolt lines from the Tremont / Greenwood area and onwards. The 69 kilovolt lines are the red lines on the image on your screen, and they have the smallest capacity of the lines listed in the image. These lines, in addition to the blue 138 kilovolt lines along the south shore, are responsible for the delivery of power to the local power grid that powers the region's households, businesses and institutions. They also allow for the transmission of energy generated in the region to other areas that need it in the province and beyond.
- The 69 kilovolt lines running from Tremont to Yarmouth have limited capacity remaining on them for the transmission of energy. This limited capacity has the potential to limit the expansion of existing businesses within the region, and the attraction of new businesses to the region.
- In addition, this area has substantial green energy opportunities, with strong coastal winds, large powerful tides, and some of the highest photovoltaic potential in Canada. With limited space on the transmission lines for the export of energy, there is limited potential to take advantage of these opportunities.

- Aside from the status of the transmission system, a Community Energy Planning document from the Town of Bridgewater identified the cost of energy in their community as \$89 million in 2016 alone, with potential for energy efficiency models to save businesses and residents a combined \$2 billion by 2050.

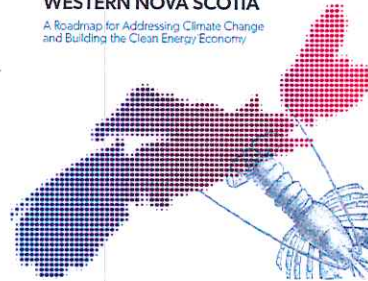
Western Region Energy Investment Plan

- Consultants: Sustainable Solutions Group (SSG)
 - Baseline Energy Consumption
 - Energy Efficiency
 - Green Energy Generation & Storage
 - District Energy & Heating



ENERGY INVESTMENT PLAN FOR WESTERN NOVA SCOTIA

A Roadmap for Addressing Climate Change and Building the Clean Energy Economy



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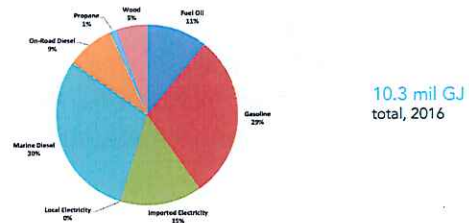


- In February 2019, the Western Regional Enterprise Network, with funding support from the Department of Energy and Mines Low Carbon Communities fund, contracted consultants at Sustainable Solutions Group, or SSG, to assist with the development of an Energy Investment Plan for the Western Region.
- Their objectives were to create a baseline of energy consumption to inform decision making, to identify opportunities for energy efficiency improvements for existing and future buildings, to identify opportunities for green energy generation and storage within the region, and identify opportunities for district energy and heating providing a market for waste wood from the forestry industry.

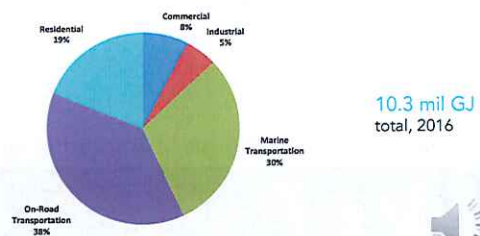
Western Region Energy Investment Plan

- 2016
 - Total cost of energy: \$327 million
 - Avg household cost of energy: \$5,800
 - Transportation: 68% of energy consumed
 - Electricity: 15% of the total consumed

Baseline energy (GJ), by fuel, 2016



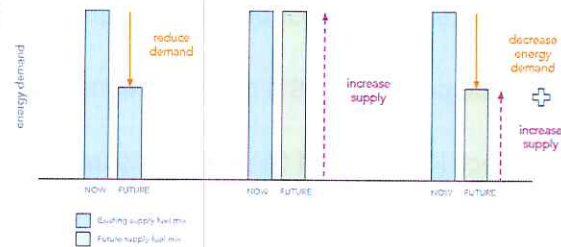
Baseline energy (GJ), by sector, 2016



- Using a variety of data sources including Property Valuation Services Corporation, Nova Scotia Power Inc., Fuel Sales data, Waste Check and our Municipal Partners, the consultants at SSG estimated that energy purchases in the Western Region in 2016 amounted to \$327 million, with the average household spending \$5,800 on energy in its various forms such as gas, diesel, firewood, furnace oil, and electricity. If opportunities can be found to reduce expenditures on energy generated outside of our region, this can help to keep funds in the local economy, and the pockets of residents and businesses.
- The highest energy demand in the region was attributed to both land and marine transportation, representing a combined 68%. As such, gasoline and diesel represented the highest sources of energy.
- Electricity amounted to just 15% of energy demand in the region for 2016, though that percentage is expected to climb drastically over time with greater adoption of heat pump technologies, and electric vehicles.

Creating Space on The Transmission Lines

- Reduce Demand
 - Energy efficiency
 - Businesses, Institutions, Municipal Buildings, Households, etc.
 - Savings
- Increase Supply
 - Local generation
 - Local storage
 - Revenue
- Reduced reliance on imported energy



- Acknowledging that the region’s electricity demands will only grow over time, there are two means to create space on the transmission lines.
- The first is to reduce demand by increasing energy efficiency, and energy conservation at businesses, institutions, municipal buildings, and households. This can be done by improving insulation, installing more energy efficient appliances, adopting more energy efficient heat generators such as Heat Pumps, and using smart technology to optimize the times of day that the energy is used. While there are expenditures required to create these efficiencies, they will directly translate to cost savings over time.
- The second is to increase the supply of energy by creating more green energy generation sites within the Western Region, such as solar, tidal, wind, biogas or district energy. This too will require expenditures, but they will translate to revenue over time.
- The additional benefits to these actions are that they would reduce the reliance on imported energy, thereby reducing the likelihood and duration of outages.

Energy Efficiency Opportunities

- Building Retrofits
 - Energy Efficiency Upgrades
- Cellulose Insulation
 - Waste Wood & Newspaper
- Electric Vehicles
- Power to Hydrogen

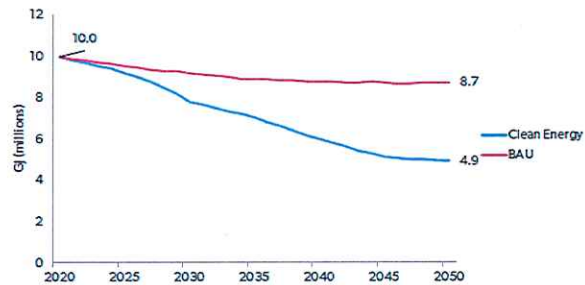


Figure 10. Total energy consumption, 2020-2050, for the BAU and Clean Energy scenarios



- A list of 26 energy opportunities were identified by SSG that could improve energy efficiency and increase energy generation, all while lowering greenhouse gas emissions. They have been consolidated into categories, which I will quickly touch on.
- Building Retrofits and Energy Efficiency Upgrades such as insulation improvements, water efficiency improvements, and heat pumps would lower the total energy required to heat buildings.
- Cellulose Insulation made from waste wood or recycled newspaper has similar thermal performance to fibreglass, and can be blown into the wall cavities, or installed as batts. Waste wood typically has a value of \$110 per tonne as fuel, while cellulose insulation is worth ten times that amount. This creates a new market for waste wood.
- Electric vehicles will increase the reliance on electricity as a fuel source, but the efficiencies gained from the above two opportunities will more than compensate for them. Further, they are typically charged overnight, reducing the demand on peak hours.
- Hydrogen is useful fuel that has future potential for the high energy demands of the marine transportation sector. Power to hydrogen uses periods of excess generation

from renewable energy to generate hydrogen using electrolysis.

- The Figure on the screen displays that the total energy consumed if these energy efficiency actions are implemented will roughly halve the total amount of energy consumed.

Energy Generation Opportunities

- Wind
- Tidal
- Solar
- Energy Storage
- Biogas

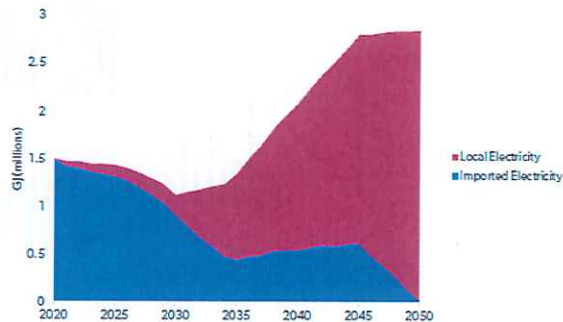


Figure 7. Local vs imported (grid) electricity in the Western Region, 2020-2050.



- The Clean Energy scenario envisions the installation of 221 MW of combined wind and tidal energy and 161 MW of solar PV primarily for local consumption.
- Each installation would be accompanied by energy storage such as batteries to balance the inconsistent generation characteristics of the renewable technologies – the winds don't always blow, the sun doesn't always shine, and the tides slow four times a day. A share of the solar PV capacity will be installed on homes and businesses through a program such as net metered.
- Organic waste from the agriculture, fisheries and forestry sectors has the potential to be used in an anaerobic digester, similar to the facility that had been running in Weymouth. It is estimated that the equivalent to approximately 300,000 litres of diesel could be generated per year from a site similar in scale to that in Weymouth.
- The Figure on the screen displays that the total energy generated within the region will dramatically increase as the need for electricity increases over time. By 2050 it projects a scenario in which all of the energy that region needs is generated within the region itself.

Green Energy Employment

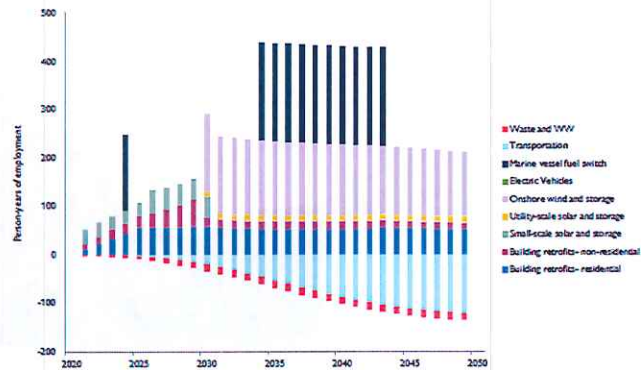


Figure 44. Impacts of investments in the Clean Energy scenario on employment by sector, 2020-2050



- Each of the opportunities in the Western Region Energy Investment Plan projects the net change in person-years of employment, or job opportunities associated with them. In total, it is estimated that there is the potential to generate almost 4,800 person years of employment by 2050, or an average of 160 per year. While you'll notice that the transportation section implies that there would be a rather steep decline in employment, though this primarily reflects the manufacturing of road based vehicles due to automation, which are jobs that would be lost elsewhere in the world.
- These jobs would often be the sort that would require post secondary education, which would provide an opportunity for the region's Nova Scotia Community College Burrige Campus, and Universite Sainte-Anne to develop and train the workforce.

Global Appetite for Green Energy

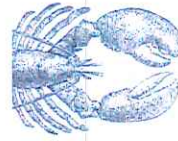
- Funding available
 - Federal Investing in Canada Plan
 - \$828 million for Nova Scotia
 - Invest Nova Scotia
 - Projects \$500,000 - \$3,000,000
 - Federal Build Canada Small Communities Fund
 - \$42.6 million for Nova Scotia



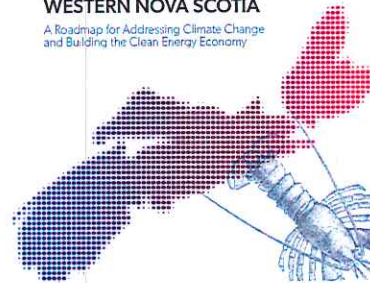
- There is a combined total of 140 MW of energy generation facilities and sites within the Western Region, assuming all sites are at peak generation. Any power needs in excess of this amount are imported through the grid.
- For wind, there are 13 wind energy locations with a total of 51 turbines, which can generate up to a combined 74 MW of energy
- There are 3 hydroelectric generating stations within the region, Tusket, Sissiboo and Bear River, providing up to a combined 40 MW of energy
- There are 11 building scale solar photovoltaic locations, generating a combined 0.7 MW of energy.
- In addition, to date there have been 1.95 MW authorized to tidal energy opportunities in Petite and Grande Passage on Digby Neck and Islands. Worth noting as well is the 20 MW Annapolis Tidal plant, though technically outside the region.
- Finally there is the Tusket Combustion Turbine site that burns fuel oil to generate up to 24 MW of energy.

Next Step: Implementation

- Numerous Benefits
- Second RFP: Western Region Energy Investment Plan Implementation Services
 - Awarded to: MCC Energy Strategies Inc.
 - Identify top 2-4 opportunities
 - Engage with relevant stakeholders
 - Identify funding opportunities
 - Submit applications



**ENERGY INVESTMENT PLAN FOR
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In closing, the opportunities within the plan, if implemented, have the potential to lower energy expenditures through increased efficiencies, increase energy revenues through the green generation and storage of energy, support our forestry and fisheries industries by offering markets for their waste streams, improve the region's energy security by utilizing locally generated energy, and create space on the transmission lines for the export of energy to other regions.

The Western Regional Enterprise Network released a second request for proposals in August 2020 for Implementation Services to enact the Western Region Energy Investment Plan. The work was awarded to MCC Energy Strategies Inc. – their role will be to identify the top two to four opportunities located within the Energy Investment Plan, engage with relevant stakeholders such as private sector, industry organizations, Nova Scotia Power, etc., identify relevant funding opportunities or financial instruments, and submit application to those funds.

This work is now underway, and will continue into this winter.



Western Regional Enterprise Network

Thank you - Merci



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I would like to thank you all for your time.

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KEY STRATEGIC AREAS

1. Infrastructure Renewal

a. New Recreation Centre

The architects have finalized two design options and both Council and Staff are reviewing the options. Following the election, these design options will be brought to Council for their approval to move ahead with public meetings.

b. Development of Asset Management Plan

We continue to await a response from FCM regarding our funding application to the Municipal Asset Management Program. We should hear back shortly as other applications that were in our batch have begun to receive responses.

c. Renewal or Expansion of Sewer System

Nothing new to report at this time.

2. Economic Growth

a. Development of Additional Business/Commercial Property

Nothing new to report at this time.

b. Reduction of Commercial Taxation

Nothing new to report at this time.

c. Improved Access to Internet

On September 1, we were excited to share another major announcement relating to the improvement of internet in our Municipality. The Province of Nova Scotia and Develop Nova Scotia announced the second round of Internet for Nova Scotia Initiatives, including a project to connect approximately 850 more homes and businesses in the eastern part of the Municipality (communities of Clyde River, Port Clyde and Goose Lake, along with several communities in the Port La Tour area including Baccaro, Blanche and Thomasville) to Bell Canada's all-fibre network. This project was made possible through an investment of \$243,925 by the Municipality and will provide residents with download speeds of up to 1.5 Gigabits per second (Gbps).



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After the completion of this project, more than 90% of the Municipality will have access to high-speed Internet. Having a strong Internet network will help our Municipality be a place where businesses and residents can prosper. We will continue working with our partners to actively pursue further funding opportunities so even more residents can have access to this important service.

This project is in addition to the first round of Internet for Nova Scotia Initiative projects, where the Municipality invested \$200,000 to see approximately 950 homes and businesses between Charlesville through to Doctor's Cove get access to Bell's all-fibre network by early next year.

Finally, Develop Nova Scotia will be hosting a webinar tomorrow, September 29th at 2:30 pm, to share details about the Internet for Nova Scotia Initiative, with information on the recently announced details for the initiative's projects here in our Municipality. They will be providing a presentation with staff available for a question and answer period following the presentation and this is open to the public to register and attend for free!

The link to register for the webinar is:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yizGyjSgRvOxxG50TrSLWg?fbclid=IwAR1xpCJiE5ZZSRryWi-pXuEe23rkcSU944oVik1nDHW47fhLVVfz9eA1CTs

3. Promotion and Support of the Tourism Industry

a. Amenities at Beaches

Phase 2 of the Stoney Island Beach Parking Area, which has seen the installation of wooden guardrails to resemble the parking area at Sandhills, is nearing completion as the guardrails will be installed later this week.

We have also begun to install our beach signage throughout the Municipality and are awaiting the 3D visualizations as well as provide landscape and engineering reviews from WSP.

Finally, we received the beach assessment report from the Nova Scotia Lifeguard Services which provided data and recommendations for North East Point and Stoney Island Beaches. Stoney Island was far and away the preferred location based on use and environment. A full report will be made available to Council in the coming weeks.

b. Work to Attract Accommodations

Nothing new to report at this time.



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4. Provision or Support of Services for Residents of the Municipality

a. Continued Work Towards Additional Medical Services (Medical Clinic, Dialysis)

Nothing new to report at this time.

b. Develop Water Access Plan (docks, wharves and marinas)

Nothing new to report at this time.

c. Improve Active Transportation (sidewalks, trails, boardwalks)

Nothing new to report at this time.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FROM AUGUST 24TH TO SEPTEMBER 27TH

TOPICS

Drought & Water Shortage

Over the past month, we have continued to experience dry conditions which has worsened the drought situation and increased water shortage challenges. Since our last report, we've continued under phases 2-4 which includes the provision of drinking water, water fill up stations, shower facilities, washing machines and water delivery.

Water Fill Up Stations

Water hoses continue to be available for filling containers at the following locations:

- Barrington/Port La Tour Fire Hall
- RV Dumping Station on Sherose Island
- Island & Barrington Passage Fire Hall
- Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Fire Hall. For Woods Harbour, residents need to contact a member of the WSHS fire department to access their hose.

It is important to note this water is non-potable and people using the hoses are responsible for cleaning and sanitizing before and after use.

Water Delivery & Drinking Water

Fire departments began delivering water on August 12 and continue to do so on a once-a-week basis. As of September 21, they have delivered water to 105 households, some places multiple times.

To request a delivery, residents must call the following numbers and leave a message anytime prior to Wednesday, **every week they want water**. They are asked to provide their name, civic number and phone number in the message.

Barrington/Port La Tour Fire Department Area: 902-635-4019

Island & Barrington Passage Fire Department Area: 902-637-7381 or 902-745-0228

Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Fire Department Area: 902-723-2455



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It is important to note that the fire departments will not put water in wells and, once again, this water is non-potable. Residents will be required to sign a waiver at the time the fire department fills their container.

Drinking water continues to be available at the Barrington Ground Search and Rescue building (3329 Highway 3, Barrington Passage) Tuesdays and Fridays from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. 1 case of 4 x 4 litre bottles per household per week is available.

Residents have to provide their name and address when they pick up the water so we can track that information for the Province. Since starting, Ground Search and Rescue have handed out 5.5 pallets of drinking water.

Showers and Washing Machines

On September 2, the showers at the Arena were made available for use under the following conditions:

- Residents have to call 902-637-2015 Ext. 227 and schedule an appointment. They will need to provide their name, civic number and phone number.
- There are 1/2 hour time slots for showers.
- Residents have to check in 5-10 minutes prior to their appointment.
- COVID-19 protocols such as wearing masks, physical distancing, not entering if you are not feeling well or if you have recently travelled outside the Atlantic bubble are followed to try and ensure everyone's safety.
- Residents need to bring everything needed for a shower with them and remove everything when done.
- After the appointment, a staff member cleans, disinfects, and sanitizes the showers using a bleach spray.

The showers are available during the following hours:

- Monday to Friday, 9 am to 4 pm
- Monday and Wednesday, 6 to 8 pm
- Saturday, 1 to 4 pm

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On September 21, both of our washing machines were made available for use at the Arena during the same hours as the showers.

Residents have to call 902-637-2015 Ext. 227 and book a time to use the washers the same as the showers. We ask that they call during regular business hours (Monday to Friday, 9 am to 4 pm).

As with the showers, residents will have to check in when they arrive for their appointed time, bring everything they need to do laundry and remove everything when they are done. Also, all necessary COVID-19 protocols such as wearing masks, physical distancing, not entering if they are not feeling well or if they have recently travelled outside the Atlantic bubble continue to be followed to try and ensure everyone's safety.

Since opening the showers and washing machines, we have had 10 shower appointments and 3 washer appointments.

Water Supply Upgrade Lending Program

A reminder that we have a Water Supply Upgrade Lending Program which provides financing for water supply upgrades to qualifying property owners. We've received multiple inquiries about this program recently and more information on the program can be found on our municipal website or by contacting the office directly at 902-637-2015.

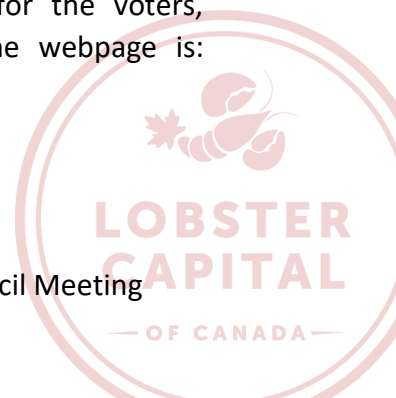
Monitoring & Advisories

We currently have 95 people on our contact list and continue to monitor the situation daily. If you are aware of or approached by residents that are facing challenges due to the water shortage, please have them contact Dwayne directly or the municipal office.

Official updates are posted on the EMO Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Barrington-and-Town-of-Clarks-Harbour-Emergency-Management-Organization-1464486240453177/>)

2020 Municipal Elections

The next municipal election will be held October 17, 2020. We have created a webpage on our municipal website dedicated to the election which includes information for the voters, candidates and will be where the results will be posted. The link to the webpage is: <https://barringtonmunicipality.com/Council/2020-municipal-elections>.



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Voting is going to look different during the municipal election this Fall. We will still be administering a paper ballot election but safety precautions at in-person polling stations will be in place.

Protecting voters and election workers from spreading and being exposed to COVID-19 is very important to us and we believe that we can safely conduct an election while adhering to public health orders with the appropriate staff, venue and equipment.

The province has worked with representatives from the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and Elections Nova Scotia to develop the Covid-19 Guidelines for Municipalities to Administer an In-Person Election. We will be using these guidelines as a supporting document when considering the administration of our election and will provide updates in the coming weeks with specifics.

Advance Polls

Any elector who expects that they cannot vote on ordinary polling day may vote at any of the 3 advance polling stations on Saturday, October 10 or the 1 polling station on Tuesday, October 13.

Saturday, October 10, 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm:

- Shag Harbour Community Center, Shag Harbour
- Island and Barrington Fire Hall, Centreville
- Municipal Administrative Centre, Barrington

Tuesday, October 13, 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm:

- Municipal Administrative Centre, Barrington

Polling Stations

Electors may vote between 8:00 am and 7:00 pm on October 17 at the following polling stations:

District 1

- 1A Woods Harbour Community Hall
- 1B Shag Harbour Community Hall

District 2

- 2A Barrington Ground Search and Rescue



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- 2B Municipal Administrative Centre
- 2C Bayside Home (Mobile Polling Station for Residents Only)

District 3

- 3A Island and Barrington Fire Dept.
- 3B Newellton Community Hall

District 4

- 4A Stoney Island Community Hall
- 4B Evergreen Cemetery Club Hall

District 5

- 5A Municipal Building
- 5B Port La Tour Baptist Church
- 5C Port Clyde Community Hall

CSAP

- In the elector's respective polling district.

To determine which polling station electors, go to vote, they can visit the municipal election webpage.

Sandy Wickens Memorial Arena

The Arena opens on October 1. Since mid-August, we have been preparing to open the arena under the new COVID-19 Provincial public health regulations. A *Return to Ice Plan* was developed to outline all of the arena's protocols and can be found on the municipal website at: <https://barringtonmunicipality.com/Municipal-Services/arena>.

Recreation Programming

The Department is currently working on a couple proposals to develop an extensive **equipment loan program** as well as **new recreation signage** for outdoor spaces. With continued restrictions on gathering numbers and activity, more people are looking for activities to keep them active while their favorite organized sport or activity is on hiatus. Having suitable equipment as well as signage with ideas for play and safe activity will assist residents during this time.



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As noted above, we received the beach assessment report from the Nova Scotia Lifeguard Services which provided data and recommendations for North East Point and Stoney Island Beaches. Stoney Island was far and away the preferred location based on use and environment. A full report will be made available to Council in the coming weeks.

The Recreation Advisory Committee (RAC) met last month for the first time to begin the planning process for a comprehensive **recreation strategy** that would encompass everything under the department scope including physical activity, active transportation, facility/ outdoor spaces development, etc. We aim to have a report from community engagement available in December and a draft strategy to present in February.

The **Recreation Centre** is starting to get busy and we have a number of recreational activities started that appeal to different ages. We are also busy booking birthday parties and other private rentals since space for such activities is limited due to COVID.

The Department has released a schedule of **Fall events** which include family fun hikes and youth and teen activities. They have reached out to school administration and SchoolsPlus staff to talk about how to support youth activity in the after-school time period. We have some funding to provide After the Bell programming to junior high age girls and aim to begin that mid-October. Due to COVID-19, there is a massive facility gap left due to the lack of access to school gyms. We have talked to regular user groups to see what effect this has had on them, see if there are other appropriate facilities and see what ways we can campaign to get them back to play by hopefully piloting a reopening plan for community use of schools.

Joel offered two **kayaking clinics** on the Barrington River at the Axe throwing location. The first session was at 9:30am and it was for youth 10-18 years old. Joel had three participants for that session. Then he had an adult session at 10:45 am, which had 5 participants attend. All participants learned new strokes and became more comfortable in a kayak.

Finally, community members have been requesting that the municipality do a **punch card challenge** for this fall because the Municipality of Shelburne offered one and it had great success. Therefore, Joel has been working on a punch card challenge. The challenge will begin in October. The goal of this challenge is to promote the green spaces in the community that some people may be unaware of. Joel has chosen 15 locations along the Municipality, ranging from Charlesville, The Hawk, and Baccaro Point.

Building Permits & By-Law Enforcement



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From August 17th to September 20th, 2020, 25 permits were issued with a total dollar value of \$2,064,400. 76 building inspections were carried out along with 27 fire inspections. We did not receive any new subdivisions during this period but 1 was sent to be registered. Presently we have 2 open subdivisions we are continuing to work on.

We received 1 new by-law complaint regarding garbage blowing around. This was investigated and problem solved with a new garbage box. Three by-law complaints were closed and presently only 1 is open.

During this period, we received no new dangerous and unsightly complaints and resolved the 1 open file.

Dave continues to work on civic numbering. During this period, 86 homes were visited regarding civic numbering with approx. 74 of those being in the Sebim Beach area. Waste separation information was also delivered to the households in the Sebim Beach area.

Fire Services & Emergency Management

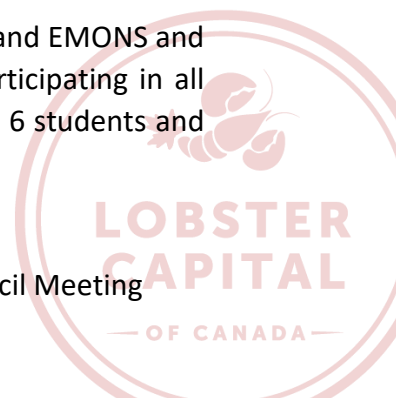
There continues to be no COVID-19 related staffing issues for the fire departments, and they continue to monitor the status of their membership and communicate that information to the Fire Services Coordinator. Their functions are beginning to normalize but their facilities remain closed to the public.

The departments are now in the process of being registered for WCB coverage which starts next month.

The shipping container we retrofitted for live fire training is practically complete. We did some practice burns to prepare for its use and the Island and Barrington Passage Department is adding a deck off the top of the container to enable other training to take place at the site.

A virtual final inspection of the Quint truck took place September 24. After the inspection we will have a better idea on the delivery date. COVID-19 has made it challenging to get the truck here from the US and to arrange for the factory training due to the Out-of-Province trainer.

Otherwise, Dwayne continues to monitor COVID-19 updates from the province and EMONS and communicates regularly with EMONS regarding the Provincial response by participating in all conference calls. He is also began the Firefighter 1 course on September 2 with 6 students and has performed monthly inspections of municipal properties.



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This August, the Fire Departments responded to 23 calls and they responded to 29 in August 2019. Here is the data for the month of August:

BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE							
EMERGENCY CALLS August 2020							
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire	Mut	Auto	MFR	MVC	Other	TOTAL
		Aid	Aid				
Barrington/Port La Tour FD	4	1	1		1	1	8
Island Barrington Passage FD	4	2	1		1	2	10
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD			2		1	2	5
TOTALS	8	3	4		3	5	23
B/PLT - 2 brush/woods fires, 1 camp, 1 house full of smoke burnt food							
IBP - 3 brush/woods, 1 camper fire							
WH/SH -							

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CAPITAL PROJECT UPATE

Here is an update on our 2020-2021 Capital Projects:

Rank	Project	Status
7	Manhole Cover Repairs	Not Started
10	Fall's Point Road Lift Station Retrofit	Not Started
13	Municipal Administrative Centre Renovations	Not Started
14	Former Knowles Property Sewer Lateral	Not Started
1	Recreation Centre	In Progress
2	Beach Facilities	In Progress
3	Library Roof Replacement	In Progress
6	Brass Hill Treatment Plant Roof Replacement	In Progress
15	Internet Improvement Project	In Progress
4	Barrington Ballfield Fencing Replacement	Completed
5	Cargo Trailer Replacement	Completed
8	Woods Harbour Treatment Plan Fence Replacement	Completed
9	Zero Turn Lawnmower	Completed
11	Treatment Plant Flow Meters	Completed
12	Portable Toilets	Completed