

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Barrington Municipal Council held at the Barrington Lions Hall, located at 2904 Highway 3, Barrington, N.S., on Monday September 27, 2021. 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 George El-Jakl
 - Councillor Andrea Mood-Nickerson
 - Councillor Shaun Hatfield – Absent due to work commitments.
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- Chris Frotten, CAO
 - Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

There were approximately 85 members of the public in attendance.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was agreed that the following item be added to the agenda:

- Proof of Vaccination Policy

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Deputy Warden Crook informed members that he would be declaring Conflict of Interest when Council deals with the grant request from Riverdale Cemetery.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held August 23rd and Special Council Meeting held August 30, 2021 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

PROOF OF VACCINATION POLICY

Due to public interest in this topic, the Warden requested permission to deal with the matter now, rather than later in the meeting. No objection was received from members.

The Provincial Proof of Full Vaccination Policy was discussed. It was the general feeling of those present that the province is putting systems in place forcing people to be vaccinated and downloading the responsibility to property owners and groups to ensure their renters, visitors and participants are fully vaccinated. Whether or not to be vaccinated should be a personal choice.

The following individuals were given an opportunity to address Council:

- David Krafve, President, Minor Hockey Association.
- Cavell Stoddard
- Jess Swaine
- Stephen Goreham
- Paige Newell
- Terry Hallet

Written presentation from Cavell Stoddard is attached and forms part of the minutes.

Other comments were also received by individual councillors, prior to the meeting.

Possible future course of action was discussed which included the following:

- Make the decision not to check vaccination passports.
- Close the Arena.
- Close the Arena to spectators only, eliminating the need to check vaccine passports.
- Follow mandate of the Province.

It was agreed that information received tonight be forwarded to the Premier, Dr. Strang and our MLA and request answers to questions raised and a Special Council Meeting be held on either September 29th or 30th to discuss their response.

Questions that will be forwarded to the Province are as follows:

1. Why can an unvaccinated child attend school with classmates but cannot attend an extra curricular activity with the same classmates?
2. Why are employees of a facility/establishment not required to be vaccinated but those visiting do?
3. What is the policy as it relates to consent of those 12-18 years old?
4. How long will this policy be in effect?

The Warden thanked everyone for coming out to express their concerns.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

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 Councillors gave brief reports on their activities since the last meeting of Council.

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REGION 6

Councillor Mood-Nickerson briefly reported on the September 10, 2021, meeting of the Solid Waste Management Committee, of which a copy of the minutes were attached to the Agenda as well as a copy of the Boardroom Brief.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

Councillor El-Jakl reported on recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Council.

Grant Requests

Resolution C210901

Being duly moved and seconded that the Seaside Cemetery Club, Parkdale Cemetery Club and the Goodwill Club all be provided with a grant in the amount of \$500.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Riverdale Cemetery

Conflict of Interest

Deputy Warden Crook declared Conflict of Interest, vacated his seat and left the meeting area.

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

Deputy Warden Crook returned to the meeting.

Resolution C210902

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Report on Meeting with Deputy Minister, Department of Transportation

Resolution C210903

Being duly moved and seconded that a letter be written to the Deputy Minister of Public Works to address the flooding at the Sherose Island Causeway.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tender Evaluation Report MODB2102 Accessible Upgrades – Admin. Centre.

Resolution C210904

Being duly moved and seconded that Council accept the tender from MBA Group Inc. in the amount of \$83,500.00 plus HST for accessibility upgrades to the entrances and ramps for the Administrative Centre.

Motion carried unanimously.

Letter from the Town of Shelburne Re: Formation of Housing Sub-Group

Correspondence has been received from the Town of Shelburne advising that a Housing Sub-group is being formed to focus on housing initiatives in Shelburne County and asked that a municipal representative be appointed to serve on the committee.

Resolution C210905

Being duly moved and seconded that the Town of Shelburne be advised that we are part of the Shelburne County Housing Coalition and ask what their objective or purpose is for the sub-group.

Motion carried unanimously.

Floating Dock Monitoring Contract

Resolution C210906

Being duly moved and seconded that the Floating Dock Monitoring Contract with Carl Stewart be renewed for a 2 year term to expire on September 30, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously.

Transportation Planning Project – Request for Letter of Support

Sou'West Nova Transit is looking for a letter of support to apply for funding to study the gaps in transportation coverage that they do not have the resources to address or that don't fit into their current service model.

The funding program "Rural Transit Solutions Fund" can only be accessed by non-profits who are partnered with municipal governments.

Resolution C210907

Being duly moved and seconded that a letter be provided to Sou'West Nova Transit in support of their application for funding to study the gaps in transportation coverage in their service area.

Motion carried unanimously.

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STAFF REPORT

The Chief Administrative Officer provided his report for the period ending September 27, 2021 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
- Nova Scotia COVID-19 Proof of Vaccination
- Sandy Wickens Memorial Arena
- Lobster Pot Christmas Tree
- Recreation Programming
- Fall Hike Series
- Lobster Crawl
- Building Permits & By-law Enforcement
- Fire Services & Emergency Management
- Capital Project Update

NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

There was no new or other business to be dealt with.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to be dealt with.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

No items were brought forward.

At 9:46 p.m., the regular meeting was adjourned to go In-Camera.

IN-CAMERA SESSION RE: DOCTOR RECRUITMENT OPPORTUNITY

An In-Camera Session was held in accordance with Section 22(2)(e) of the Municipal Government Act regarding contract negotiations.

The regular meeting was called back to order.

REPORT ON IN-CAMERA SESSION

It was reported that the CAO would bring forward additional information regarding contract negotiations at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Warden

Secretary for the Meeting

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Good evening,

As a concerned parent I am deeply troubled by the conditions our government is mandating on October 4th regarding the Covid 19 vaccine. I would like to express my opposition to this vaccine certificate for a number of reasons and I urge you to consider supporting all of the concerned parents here tonight.

Vaccine certificates are discriminatory in nature and violate the fundamental Charter-guaranteed individual rights and freedoms.

The introduction of vaccine certificates seem hasty considering the vaccine is still very young and in the experimental stages with no sufficient studies on its long-term effects on health nor evidence of protection.

It has been acknowledged that the vaccine does not prevent infection and transmission, which is consistent with observational studies in various countries around the world.

What is also very alarming is the high rate of serious side effects of the vaccine and what's even more alarming is that these serious side effects are going almost entirely unreported and sometimes labelled as "coincidences"

Minors are at nearly zero risk of contracting or transmitting this respiratory illness. The overall survival rate of minors is 99.997%. According to Health Canada's Summary Basis of Decision, the trials have not proven the COVID 19 treatments prevent infection or transmission. Schools are also reportedly at very low risk for transmission of this virus

We as parents feel that this is not a balanced, well-considered, just and science-based decision. We find ourselves filled with hopelessness and despair. We cried alone and we have cried with each other.

We are being divided against each other. Those who challenge this are called "anti-vaxxers" even though they may have taken the Covid 19 inoculation and have been fully vaccinated. Public health directives continue to change. We have been ordered to follow the science. Kids have been safely playing sports for over a year now when not a soul was vaccinated. Can someone please explain to me the science behind the decision to allow our children to socialize at school and after school but not play sports together? Anyone? According to the NS Government my place of employment does not require employees to be vaccinated. We can serve one hundred patrons daily who are required to show proof of vaccination before entry. Is this scientifically sound?

This doesn't end at sports for our children We do not want any further divisions in our community. We do not want to forgo public events and celebrations with loved ones. We do not want to lose access to emergency health care and other services because of a choice we may not be free to make for many reasons .

Who we be responsible for enforcing these rules?

The strain Covid 19 has put on Nova Scotians physical, mental and emotional health, our families, children and economy to achieve our shared goal is unprecedented. It is more important than ever, that we come together as people, whatever our perspectives, whatever our disagreements, we need to come together and we need to heal and we need to move forward, and I believe the vaccine mandate, and some of the other announcements that public health officials have been making, set us back.

I can fully accept the work that our public health officials are trying to do to prevent a hospital crisis. I can fully accept the need for latitude for leaders to be able to make decisions and sometimes get it wrong, but I think the vaccine mandate, and also indications from public health that we may be moving to a regional approach, are very concerning.

It's clear more than ever that we need to come together as people and understand one another.

Our children are desperate to achieve some normalcy back in their lives. So much that they have resorted to extreme peer pressure and bullying to convince their peers to comply with this injection. At this point it is not about health. It is coercion, bribery and blackmail. Children have already been exposed to unprecedented amounts of fear, instability, shaming, psychological trauma and segregation through the COVID 19 measures and therefore even more susceptible to being influenced by those in authority. Just today Public Health offered a clinic at BMHS. Did this clinic include full disclosure of the growing risks of this experimental treatment and the emerging science that the shot does not provide protection, as claimed? Informed consent with full disclosure is mandatory but yet due to lack of research data full disclosure cannot be provided. The duty of disclosure for informed consent is rooted in an individual's right to bodily integrity and respect for patient autonomy.

The citizens of Canada are protected under the medical and legal ethics of express informed consent and are entitled to full protections guaranteed under

Canadian Charter of Rights & Freedoms, Section 2a, 2b, 7, 8, 9, 15
Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights
Nuremberg Code
Helsinki Declaration Article 25,26

In closing, I urge everyone to remain vigilant but to also exercise common sense and navigate the way forward in a way that respects the rights and freedoms of all members of our community.

Thank you

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KEY STRATEGIC AREAS

1. Infrastructure Renewal

a. New Recreation Centre

We continue to await replies from the programs in which we have submitted funding applications and assess any other programs or steps we should take.

b. Development of Asset Management Plan

Our work continues with Infrastructure Solutions on collecting data and assessing the condition of our facilities, developing an asset management plan, implementing an asset management software, creating policy and procedure framework and training on asset management.

This work will be ongoing in the next few months with the collection of data and assessment of the condition of our facilities being the first step.

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

Over the past month we have been fielding inquiries relating to the Barrington East and Port La Tour internet projects as their anticipation completion dates were the end of August. Our contact with Bell has been providing us with updates as we've been touching base with them regularly.

We've been advised that there are a number of delays on approvals for water crossings and pole installations that are affecting the progress of the projects. Bell is hoping that they will be in position to complete the bulk of the projects by October, but other unforeseen disruptions could delay it further.

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On another note, we are expecting another announcement this week regarding the construction of more FiberOP infrastructure in our Municipality. We are excited to hear of additional investment in this vital service to residents and necessary in some cases for conducting business or attaining employment and will share this announcement once it is made public.

3. Promotion and Support of the Tourism Industry

a. Amenities at Beaches

We continue to meet regularly with the Beach Resource Team. At our last meeting, which was held on Sept. 21, we received a presentation from Birds Canada relating to the report card

We installed three “clean beach bins” at three of our beaches – Stoney Island, North East Point and Daniel’s Head. These bins hold grocery type baskets and trash pickers and signage. The project encourages people to grab a basket and a picker when they walk our beaches to clean up any garbage they see along their stroll. Special thanks to Island Traps in Clark’s Harbour who constructed the bins and donated all three of them for the project. A Lost and Found Bin was also installed at Stoney Island Beach.

b. Work to Attract Accommodations

Nothing new to report at this time.

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 23RD TO SEPTEMBER 26TH

TOPICS

Nova Scotia COVID-19 Proof of Vaccination

In light of the Province's *Proof of Full Vaccination Policy* starting October 4 and the announcement that the owner of facilities will be responsible for checking for proof of vaccination, Staff has been working on a plan that ensures we are well prepared and able to communicate our intentions to the public in advance of its implementation.

At this time, we know that the policy has not yet been finalized. Information may change and more details will be available before the policy is in effect. Therefore, our plan may change if the policy changes.

The general statement of the policy is that it will require individuals 12 and over to provide proof of full vaccination to participate in most events and activities that bring groups of people together (like restaurants, gyms, movies and performances). Proof of vaccination will not be required for children 11 and younger (they can attend events and activities with a fully vaccinated adult). The proof of vaccination policy will not apply to employees of the businesses or organizations, and no one will be required to show proof of vaccination if their job requires them to access a business or organization that is subject to the proof of vaccination policy (such as a liquor inspector, delivery person, public health inspector, contractor).

Based on where proof of vaccination will be required, the following municipal facilities will be required to check proof of vaccination:

- Sandy Wickens Memorial Arena
- Recreation Centre
- Curling Club
- Administrative Centre
- Library

Since the Province's announcement, we been consulting with our respective associations, provincial departments, and neighbours on getting clarity on what our role and responsibilities are. In the coming days, we will update the public on our social media channels, our website and our user groups to communicate how we will be addressing this policy.



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Sandy Wickens Memorial Arena

The Arena opened on September 17, welcoming the newest team of the Nova Scotia Regional Junior Hockey League, the South West Storm, to the arena for the first Jr. C game in Barrington since 2015. We are excited that the team will call the Sandy Wickens Memorial Arena its home for the season and look forward supporting them throughout.

Lobster Pot Christmas Tree

A campaign for donations of Lobster Traps for our Lobster Pot Christmas Tree is now in full swing. We are hopeful that we will have 300 lobster traps donated in time to build our tree this year. We are also looking for people to sit on a working group to help design and build this year's tree. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this, please let them know to contact me.

Recreation Programming

We are continuing to work on an evaluation of the **Sherose Island Nature Trail** to inform future development. We are applying to the Active Communities Fund to cover the costs of Dalhousie researchers to evaluate the trail and provide suggestions and recommendations.

We have joined with others in the Tri-Counties to work towards a consistent **Community Use of Schools** process and agreements across all schools in the TCRCE. Our hope in Barrington is to increase access for community groups to school recreation facilities.

We are assisting the **Shelburne County Fish & Game Association** with their project proposal and funding applications for a fishpond, to be developed in partnership with the Barrington Exhibition.

A **Fall Hike Series** has been planned with a variety of walks/hikes for all ages and abilities. More information on the fall hike and other programs and events taking place this Fall, residents can visit <https://www.barringtonmunicipality.com/Recreation/programs-and-events>.

Our after-school programming starts in early October with **After the Bell** for girls in grades 6-8 and also specially themed events for all ages 7-12.

We are partnering with others on the South Shore to pilot a **Make Your Move Campaign**. This will include messaging, signage and media and we will incorporate what works well in our community: i.e exploration challenges, scavenger hunts, etc.



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Finally, we were successful in our application to the **Active Communities Fund** for a trail tracker on Sherose Island Nature Trail. This funding will also cover a loose part shed at Woods Harbour Playground. The cost of this project is \$3,571.99 and we are asking ACF to cover 75%.

Lobster Crawl

A Lobster Crawl Brainstorming session was held in Barrington last week. We are planning for the 2022 Lobster Crawl with a bigger presence of events happening here in the Lobster Capital of Canada. If anyone is aware of any groups, organizations or businesses that would be interested in hosting an event/experience, they can get in touch with Suzy.

Building Permits & By-Law Enforcement

From August 16 to September 19, 33 permits were issued with a total dollar value of \$1,379,500. This is a \$684,800 increase compared to the same period last year. 119 building inspections were carried out along with 6 fire inspections for Barrington.

During this period, 2 new civic numbers were issued, and 20 households were visited.

We received 3 new subdivision and 4 were sent for registration which now leaves us with 1 open subdivision files that we continue to work on.

During this period, we received 2 new by-law complaints which were both resolved along with the two outstanding complaints from previous months.

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.

Dwayne began Level 1 training with a class of 14 students, set up a local assistant to the fire marshal course for local fire departments.

Otherwise, Dwayne attended several training courses, attended virtual sessions relating to emergency management planning, continues to monitor Covid-19 updates from the province and EMONS and performed monthly fire and life safety inspections.



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This August, the fire departments responded to 6 calls, and they responded to 23 in August 2020. Here is the data for the month of August:

BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE							
EMERGENCY CALLS August 2021							
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire	Mut	Auto	MFR	MVC	Other	TOTAL
		Aid	Aid				
Barrington/Port La Tour FD					1		1
Island Barrington Passage FD						2	2
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD				1		2	3
TOTALS				1	1	4	6
B/PLT -							
IBP -							
WH/SH-							



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CAPITAL PROJECT UPATE

Here is an update on our 2021-2022 Capital Projects:

Rank	Project	Status
5	Beach Facilities	Not Started
9	Arena Refrigeration Control System	Not Started
10	Bulk Water Source	Not Started
1	Landfill Truck Scale	In Progress
2	Recreation Centre	In Progress
3	Brass Hill Clarifier & Screens	In Progress
4	Property Services Building	In Progress
7	Municipal Admin Office Renovations	In Progress
8	Municipal Admin Building Accessibility	In Progress
12	Lobster Pot Christmas Tree	In Progress
6	Internet Project	Completed
11	Basil Blades Memorial Ballfield Lights	Completed
13	Library Heat Pump	Completed

