

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington N.S., on Monday December 13, 2021. The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:25 p.m., with the following members present:

- Warden Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
 - Deputy Warden Jody Crook
 - Councillor Shaun Hatfield
 - Councillor Andrea Mood-Nickerson
 - Councillor George El-Jakl – left at 7:43 p.m.
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- Chris Frotten, CAO
 - Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was agreed that the following items be added to the agenda

- Community Name Changes
- Crosswalk and Street Lights – Barrington Passage

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of Conflict of Interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held November 22, 2021 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

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 each councillor gave a brief report on their activities since the last meeting of Council.

Councillor El-Jakl left the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Deputy Warden Crook reported on the Planning Advisory Committee meeting held December 2, 2021. Matters currently being discussed by the committee include agricultural uses, personal recreational vehicle use and semi-detached dwellings.

REPORT ON WCRL BOARD MEETING

Minutes of the Western Counties Regional Library Board Meeting held September 23, 2021, are attached to the agenda on the municipal website for information of councillors and the public.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

Councillor Hatfield reported on recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Council.

Request from Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation

Resolution C211201

Being duly moved and seconded that the request from the Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation for a financial contribution towards their short term locum housing initiative be denied, as budgeted funds have already been committed to the digital x-ray machine and the Student Sponsorship Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tax Sale By Tender

Resolution C211202

Being duly moved and seconded that the 2022 Tax Sale be held by public tender.

Motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Advisory Committee Application

Resolution C211203

Being duly moved and seconded that Steve Kelly of Port LaTour, District 5, be appointed to serve on the Recreation Advisory Committee, for a term ending October 31, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously.

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STAFF REPORT

The Chief Administrative Officer provided his report for the period ending December 13, 2021 of which a copy is attached and forms part of the minutes.

Topics highlighted were as follows:

- Sherose Island Trail
- Christmas at the Causeway – Virtual Edition
- Recreation Programming
- Strategic Planning
- 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

Municipal and Village Code of Conduct Regulations

Correspondence has been received from the Minister of Municipal Affairs advising that work is commencing on Municipal and Village Code of Conduct Regulations. In order to develop the regulations related to municipal codes of conduct, they have chosen to establish a Code of Conduct Working Group. This group has a mandate of developing recommendations on the content to be included in the regulations. Once the group has developed their recommendations, DMAH will consult with all municipalities and villages on the proposal.

Renegotiation of Memorandum of Understanding with Municipalities

Correspondence has been received from the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities in response to our letter of November 29, 2021, regarding the renegotiation of the Memorandum of Understanding with Municipalities. The letter advised that the Board of Directors will be striking a subcommittee to map out this process. The letter further advised that they will keep us informed of process advances.

CROSSWALK AND STREET LIGHT

Reference was made to a recent accident in Barrington Passage. Residents have requested that the previous request for a crosswalk in that area be reconsidered. It was agreed that information be pulled on this matter and it be placed on the January 10th Committee of the Whole Council Meeting agenda for discussion.

It was noted that it is extremely dark in that area and it has been suggested that additional street lights be installed to light the roadway. This matter has been discussed with the CAO and the request is currently being explored.

COMMUNITY NAME CHANGES

It was reported that Service Nova Scotia and Internal Services has sent surveys to residents of Shelburne County, requesting selections for replacement names for Negro Harbour, Cape Negro (community), Cape Negro Island and Cape Negro (point on the island). The survey is dated November 26, 2021 and as of today's date many residents have not yet received it. The deadline to respond is December 31, 2021.

Resolution C211204

Being duly moved and seconded that a letter be sent to Service Nova Scotia and Internal Services, requesting the survey deadline be extended to February 28, 2022, giving residents additional time to respond to the survey to select new names, as many residents have not yet received the survey.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

No items were brought forward.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Warden

Chief Administrative Officer

Secretary for the Meeting

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KEY STRATEGIC AREAS

1. Infrastructure Renewal

a. New Recreation Centre

Nothing new to report at this time.

b. Development of Asset Management Plan

Nothing new to report at this time.

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

Nothing new to report at this time.

3. Promotion and Support of the Tourism Industry

a. Amenities at Beaches

Nothing new to report at this time.

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)

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Nothing new to report at this time.

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

The **Sherose Island Trail** Evaluation Team from Dalhousie was on-site November 24-25th. We hosted a group of 45 students, teachers and parents during trail activities, After the Bell with junior high-aged girls and also a drop-in activity for approximately 20 youth. The researchers observed types of play and exploration the children engaged in, as well as did some focused questions with them. It is expected that this research will be featured at both regional and international conferences and research forums on outdoor education and play.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FROM NOVEMBER 22ND TO DECEMBER 12TH

TOPICS

Christmas at the Causeway – Virtual Edition



The virtual tree lighting ceremony took place on Friday, November 26. We once again had local musicians to entertain us and Santa to read local letters. Despite having to have a virtual event again this year, the overall event was successful. Special thanks to everyone who helped make this year's unique lighting of the Lobster Trap Christmas tree a success.

Recreation Programming

The Dept. attended a session by Engage NS and Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage who had previously presented the data associated with the 2019 **Quality of Life** Survey. This session was to look at the local data for Yarmouth & Shelburne Counties as it pertains to access to recreation being a major factor in positive assessment of wellbeing in Nova Scotia. The session was held on December 6th in Barrington and engaged those primarily working in recreation in Yarmouth and Shelburne but also at a provincial level through the regional office of CCTH, Sport NS and Recreation Nova Scotia.

The Dept. continues to fine-tune their use of the **facility booking and registration software**. There was a major upgrade recently and it will be of incredible value to how we use it, especially come summer.

A **Reindeer Dash**, held virtually, will take place at some point this month and will ask people to share their 2k and 5k routes on the Dept.'s Facebook event page. Each participant will be given a medal for participating. Joel will also share some running routes around the community so runners can try different routes.

The **Fall Punch Card Challenge** continues. It started on November 4th and will end on December 20th. There are 8 punch cards scattered along the Municipality. This activity promotes people to visit different "hidden gems" in the community.

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Strategic Planning

As Council is aware, for the past 3 months we have been working on our new strategic plan. We've held three sessions so far, which have included looking at our strengths and weaknesses, reviewing our current mission and vision and developing a list of goals and objectives for the next few years. This is important work and the final document, which will hopefully be approved in February, will serve as a guide over the next few years.

Anyone interested in learning more about our process or providing feedback on projects or initiatives we should consider, they can contact the municipal office at 902-637-2015 or send an email to info@barringtonmunicipality.com.

Building Permits & By-Law Enforcement

From November 15 to December 5, 9 permits were issued with a total dollar value of \$195,000. This is a \$284,200 decrease compared to the same period last year. 57 building inspections were carried out along with 4 fire inspections and 6 re-inspections.

During this period, 2 new civic numbers were issued, and 22 households and businesses were visited.

We received 4 new subdivision applications and completed 1 preliminary subdivision. This leaves us with 5 preliminary open subdivision files that we continue to work on.

During this period, we receive 1 new complaint, but it was quickly resolved as it turned out to be a Nova Scotia Department of Public Works issue. We have no outstanding complaints.

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.

The Level 1 training course has wrapped up other than for the fire suppression course which will take place in the Spring.

On the equipment front, IBPFD has sold tanker 34 to the Harbour Fire Department and are currently in the planning stages for a new rescue truck. In addition, WHSH has received their new extrication combi tool which was funded by Farm Credit Canada's AgriSpirit Fund.

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

This November, the fire departments responded to 11 calls, and they responded to 7 in November 2020. Here is the data for the month of November:

BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE							
EMERGENCY CALLS November 2021							
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire	Mut	Auto	MFR	MVC	Other	TOTAL
		Aid	Aid				
Barrington/Port La Tour FD							
Island Barrington Passage FD	1				2		3
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD	1			2		5	8
TOTALS	2			2	1	5	11
B/PLT -							
IBP - Chimney Fire							
WH/SH- Car Fire							



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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
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
6	Internet Project	Completed
9	Arena Refrigeration Control System	Completed
11	Basil Blades Memorial Ballfield Lights	Completed
12	Lobster Pot Christmas Tree	Completed
13	Library Heat Pump	Completed