

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Tuesday, December 13, 2022. The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:01 p.m., with the following members present:

- Warden Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
  - Deputy Warden Jody Crook
  - Councillor George El-Jakl
  - Councillor Shaun Hatfield
  - Councillor Andrea Mood-Nickerson
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- Chris Frotten, CAO
  - Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

#### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

#### DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Hatfield informed members that he would be declaring conflict of interest when Council deals with appointments to the Board of Directors of Bay Side Home and the grant request from the Centreville Baptist Church Food Bank.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held November 22, 2022, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There were no matters arising from previous meetings.

#### REPORT OF WARDEN

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

During his report he mentioned that the Orion Wharf Road, in Newellton, has been paved with the exception of a small area near the end. Due to its condition, this section of road has been temporarily patched and will receive additional work in the Spring.

#### REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

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

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REPORT FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

Councillor Andrea Mood-Nickerson reported on recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Council.

BGSAR Grant Request

The Barrington Ground Search and Rescue Association is requesting funding to assist with the purchase of a new vehicle. They have contacted all five municipal units in the county for funding and will be contributing 50% of the cost themselves.

Resolution C221201

Being duly moved and seconded that Council include \$14,400.00 in the 2023/2024 grants to organizations budget, to provide to the Barrington Ground Search and Rescue Association to purchase a new vehicle.

Motion carried unanimously.

Centreville Baptist Church Food Bank Grant Request

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Shaun Hatfield declared conflict of interest, vacated his seat and left the meeting room.

Councillor Hatfield is a Pastor at the Centreville Baptist Church.

The Centreville Baptist Church Food Bank is requesting a grant to assist with the cost of their operations.

Resolution C221202

Being duly moved and seconded that Council provide a grant in the amount of \$2,500.00 to the Centreville Baptist Church Food Bank, to be used specifically to purchase food.

Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment to Bay Side Home Board of Directors

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Shaun Hatfield declared conflict of interest, vacated his seat and left the meeting room.

Councillor Hatfield's sister-in-law is the Administrator of Bay Side Home.

It was noted that appointments were necessary to fill vacancies on the Board created by resignations of Carrie-Dawn Weeks and Bradley Pass.



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Resolution C221203

Being duly moved and seconded that Council appoint Jamie Symonds and Tyson Ross as members of Bay Side Home Board of Directors.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chapel Hill Museum Grant Request

A grant application has been received from the Chapel Hill Museum for a grant to assist with the cost of their operations.

Resolution C221204

Being duly moved and seconded that Council provide a \$500.00 grant to the Chapel Hill Museum.

Motion carried unanimously.

2022-2025 Strategic Plan – Final Draft

A final draft of the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan was provided to members prior to the meeting.

Resolution C221205

Being duly moved and seconded that Council move forward with the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan with the word “Expand” changed to “Improve” in the title of goal 3.3 on page 9.

Motion carried unanimously.

Island View Park – Parking Lot

Resolution C221206

Being duly moved and seconded that Council request drainage improvements from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to the area of the Island View Park parking lot.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook

George El-Jakl

Shaun Hatfield

Andrea Mood-Nickerson

NEGATIVE

Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson

Motion carried.

Community Health Centre Conceptual Design

In advance of the meeting, members were provided with a conceptual design for a new Community Health Centre.

Resolution C221207

Being duly moved and seconded that Council proceed with the development of the detailed design of a new Community Health Centre, based on the conceptual design presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Town of Clarks Harbour Canada Day Funding Request

Resolution C221208

Being duly moved and seconded that Council provide the Town of Clark's Harbour with a grant towards their Canada Day festivities in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the special events budget.

Motion carried unanimously

STAFF REPORT

The Chief Administrative Officer provided his report to members in advance to the meeting for the period ending December 13, 2022 of which a copy is attached and forms part of the minutes.

Topics highlighted were as follows:

- Renewal or Expansion of Sewer System
- Continued Work Towards Additional Medical Services (Medical Clinic, Dialysis)
- Improve Active Transportation (sidewalks, trails, boardwalks)
- Christmas at the Causeway
- Recreation Programming
- 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 brought forward.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter Re: WREN Quorum Requirements for L&O Committee

It was reported that a letter has been received from the Western Regional Enterprise Network regarding quorum requirements of the Liaison and Oversight Committee. The Intermunicipal Agreement currently states "All meetings of the Liaison and Oversight Committee require a quorum consisting of three-quarters (75%) of its total membership. If a quorum is not present,

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no business may be transacted at a meeting of the Liaison and Oversight Committee.” During the Covid-19 Pandemic and recovery, the LOC has struggled to achieve a quorum consistently.

The Committee is recommending that the Intermunicipal Agreement be amended updating the quorum requirement to 50%+1

Resolution C221209

Being duly moved and seconded that Council approve the recommendation to amend the Intermunicipal Agreement updating the quorum requirement to 50%+1.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

No items were brought forward.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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Warden

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Chief Administrative Officer

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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*

The renovation work at our Brass Hill Treatment Plant continues. The new fine screen is now online and staff training is underway.

### 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.

### Promotion and Support of the Tourism Industry

#### *d. Amenities at Beaches*

Nothing new to report at this time.

#### *e. Work to Attract Accommodations*

Nothing new to report at this time.

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**3. Provision or Support of Services for Residents of the Municipality**

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

A second draft of the conceptual design which incorporates feedback from some of our local healthcare stakeholders was shared with Council at their Committee of the Whole meeting on December 6.

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

Nothing new to report at this time.

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

In the month of November, we had 778 people on the trail. The highest single use day was 174 on November 3, and second highest was on November 6 with 89.





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## **SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FROM NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> TO DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2022**

### **TOPICS**

#### **Christmas at the Causeway**

We had a great crowd join in the celebration of the lighting of our Lobster Trap Christmas Tree on November 24. We'd like to thank Sobey's for providing free hot chocolate and cookies, Carl Dixon for joining us as Santa and the Island & Barrington Passage and Barrington/Port La Tour Fire Departments for overseeing the wonderful display of fireworks. The trees at Island View Park are all lit up as well. We'd like to thank the following businesses/organizations for decorating a tree: BMHS, Reynolds Trucking, Our House Youth Wellness Centre, Sobey's, Home Away from Home Child Care, Wilson's Home Hardware, Tim Horton's, Barrington & Area Chamber of Commerce and The Bait Man.

#### **Recreation Programming**

We have a set of holiday events planned for the coming weeks. The Reindeer Dash, a 2 & 5 km fun run for all ages will be held December 17 at the Sherose Island Recreation Centre. A Story Trail for the holidays will be available for all to walk and read along the Sherose Island Rocks Trail from December 17 to January 4. On the 17, we will have a guided walk of the story along with activities along the trail. Finally, a Grinch themed Capture the Flag event will be held for school age youth on December 21 at 1:00 p.m. at Sherose Island. All program and event information is available on our website.

We are currently doing some social media engagement through an activity advent calendar. It is building up and we are receiving lots of photos and videos. We created a Pinterest Page to be able to share activity ideas so we won't clutter up our other online resources.

We are planning a full Hike Series which will take us through all the Barrington Hike Challenge hikes. Hike NS is promoting all of these guided hikes provincially so we may see both locals and visitors engaged in this challenge. All dates will be promoted on our website.

We started a regional discussion around adaptive equipment and parasport access. Easter Seals has begun delivering some programming in Yarmouth so there is opportunity to see how much need exists in the area and also try out some of the equipment and program options, such as wheelchair basketball.



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Our Physical Activity Coordinator has been working with FRA Health Promoting Schools on training noontime staff on outdoor play. He will present to them in the new year and is also looking at supporting other schools in the Municipality who are looking at increasing outdoor play during recess time. We have been in contact with ERMES and they are also looking at training in the near future.

Finally, our Physical Activity Coordinator is looking into purchasing new equipment as part of our extensive equipment loan program through a new provincial funding program dedicated to equipment loan programs.

#### **Building Permits & By-Law Enforcement**

From November 14 to December 10, 2022, 15 permits were issued for a total value of \$191,000. This is a decrease of \$4,000 compared to the same period last year. 66 building inspections along with two fire re-inspections were carried out during this period.

One new civic number was issued, and one was deleted this period. Seven homes were visited to discuss civic numbering.

We received no new subdivision application but still have two outstanding.

No new by-law complaints were received. We currently have 2 open complaints that we continue to work on.

Finally, we continue to develop our new e-permitting software. We are currently tweaking the system and getting trained on it. We hope to have it implemented at some point in the new year.

#### **Fire Services & Emergency Management**

Our Fire Services Coordinator assisted with ladder testing and certification of the quint.

The schedule for the level 2 training program has been finalized and registration is now open.

Otherwise, our Fire Services/EMO Coordinator 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 17 calls, compared to 11 in November 2021. Here is the data for this past month:





*An ocean of opportunity*

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<b>BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE</b>							
<b>EMERGENCY CALLS November 2022</b>							
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>Fire</b>	<b>Mut</b>	<b>Auto</b>	<b>MFR</b>	<b>MVC</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
		<b>Aid</b>	<b>Aid</b>				<b>1</b>
Barrington/Port La Tour FD			1		2		<b>3</b>
Island Barrington Passage FD	2					4	<b>6</b>
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD			1	5	1	1	<b>8</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>
B/PLT -							
IBP - 1 Chimney fire, 1 Structure fire							
WH/SH-							



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**CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE**

Here is an update on our 2022-2023 Capital Projects:

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Status</b>
2	Arena Rubber Flooring Dressing Rooms	In Progress
7	Admin Office Parking Lot Resurface & Curbs	In Progress
8	Council AV System	In Progress
9	Healthcare Centre	In Progress
10	Recreation Centre (21/22)	In Progress
11	Brass Hill Clarifier & Screens (21/22)	In Progress
13	Municipal Admin Building Accessibility (21/22)	In Progress
14	Property Services Building (21/22)	In Progress
1	Barrington Ballfield Aluminum Seating	Completed
3	Stoney Island Accessible Mats & Wheelchairs	Completed
4	Property Services 3/4 Ton Truck	Completed
5	Property Services Equipment	Completed
6	Solar Speed Sign	Completed
12	Landfill Truck Scale (21/22)	Completed

