

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, March 28, 2023. The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:05 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 members deal with the appointment to Bay Side Home Board of Directors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held February 28, 2023, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

SECOND READING – RE: BY-LAW NO. 42 “ALTERNATIVE VOTING BY-LAW”

At 7:05 p.m., Council considered the adoption of a new By-law dealing with alternative voting.

It was reported that Notice of Second Reading of the proposed “By-law No. 42 – Alternative Voting By-law” was advertised in the Vanguard Newspaper on March 8, 2023 and posted on social media. This by-law makes provision for alternative voting on advance polling days and on the ordinary polling day where Council has passed a resolution permitting one or more forms of alternative voting for an election.

No members of the public were present for the Second Reading and no verbal or written presentations were received.

Resolution C230301

Being duly moved and seconded that By-law No. 42 – Alternative Voting By-law be approved in Second and final reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Draft Amendments – Agricultural Uses

As a result of comments made during the Public Hearing held on May 24, 2022, proposed amendments to the Land Use By-law relating to agricultural uses was deferred to the Planning Advisory Committee for further consideration.

Proposed amendments have now been considered by the Committee and it is recommended that changes be made relating to the minimum lot area and definitions as noted in the attached Planner's Report.

Members were advised that the Municipal Solicitor is suggesting that the amendment process be restarted as proposed changes, from the original proposal, are significant.

Resolution C230302

Being duly moved and seconded that Council continue with the process to approve the amendments to the Land Use By-law relating to Agricultural Uses as outlined in the Planner's Report dated January 23, 2023 and proposed amendments be approved in First Reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

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

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

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

Guarantee Resolution Re: WSHVFD – Fire Hall Renovations

The Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department is requesting a loan guarantee from the Municipality in the amount of \$216,000.00 for the purpose of carrying out renovations to their fire hall.

Resolution C230303

Being duly moved and seconded that:

WHEREAS the Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department is a registered fire department with the Municipality of the District of Barrington;

WHEREAS the Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department is incorporated by the Societies Act;

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WHEREAS the Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department has determined to borrow the aggregate principal amount of Two Hundred Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$216,000.00) for the purpose of Fire Hall Renovations by special resolution on the 12th day of December, 2022, as per Section 10 (d) of the Societies Act;

WHEREAS the Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department has requested the Municipality of the District of Barrington to guarantee the said borrowing;

WHEREAS Section 294(6) of the Municipal Government Act provides that a municipality may grant or lend money to, or guarantee a loan for, a registered fire department for operating or capital purposes; and

WHEREAS Section 88(3) of the Municipal Government Act provides that no guarantee of a borrowing by a municipality shall have effect unless the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing has approved of the proposed borrowing or debenture and of the proposed guarantee;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT the Municipality of the District of Barrington does hereby approve the borrowing by the Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department of Two Hundred Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$216,000.00) for the purpose set out above;

THAT subject to the approval of the Minister of the Municipal Affairs and Housing of the guarantee, the Municipality unconditionally guarantee repayment of the principal and interest of the borrowing so made;

THAT upon the issue of the debentures, the Warden and Clerk of the Municipality do sign the guarantee attached to each of the debentures and affix thereto the corporate seal of the Municipality.

Motion carried unanimously.

Regional Emergency Management Organization Intermunicipal Agreement

Resolution C230304

Being duly moved and seconded that the Municipality approve the formation of a Regional Emergency Management Organization and enter into the Intermunicipal Agreement, as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

RFP – Curbside Collection and Transportation of Waste – MODB2303

An RFP was issued to invite proposals for the service of collection of source-separated solid waste.

Resolution C230305

Being duly moved and seconded that the RFP received from Ridge Road Waste Management for curbside collection and transportation of source separated solid waste, in the amount of a monthly average of \$67,083.33, for weekly collection, for the period May 1, 2023 to March 31, 2028, be accepted as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Resolution C230306

Being duly moved and seconded that both spring and fall clean-ups be held during the 2023/24 fiscal year and then move to a single clean-up in 2024/25 and beyond.

Motion carried unanimously.

Support Letter Re: Crosswalk Near Bay Vista Apartments

Resolution C230307

Being duly moved and seconded that a letter be sent to MLA Nolan Young supporting the request of citizens to have a crosswalk installed in the vicinity of Bay Vista Apartments located in Barrington Passage and the MLA be provided with past correspondence relating to this matter.

Motion carried unanimously.

Report on In-Camera Session – HR Recommendations

Resolution C230308

Being duly moved and seconded that HR recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 be approved as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORT

The Chief Administrative Officer provided his report to members in advance to the meeting for the period ending March 28, 2023 of which a copy is attached and forms part of the minutes.

NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

Bay Side Home Board Appointment

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Councillor 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.

Correspondence has been received from the Administrator of Bay Side Home advising that Wendy Carmichael has resigned from her position on the Board of Directors and they are recommending Trudy Peterson be appointed to fill the vacancy.

Resolution C230309

Being duly moved and seconded that Trudy Peterson be appointed to serve on the Board of Directors of Bay Side Home.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Hatfield returned to the meeting.

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CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was brought forward.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

No items with brought forward.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Warden

Chief Administrative Officer

Secretary for the Meeting



**Planning
Development
Project Management**

To: Chris Frotten
From: Chris Millier
Date: January 23, 2023
**Re: Revised Draft Amendments to the Land Use By-law relating to
Agricultural Uses**

Chris,

Here are the revised draft amendment to the Barrington Land Use By-law relating to agricultural uses which address direction provide by Council following the May 24, 2002 Public Hearing.

The revisions have been prepared utilizing Track Changes so that you and your staff can see what I've changed. I believe I've captured everything but please let me know if I've missed something.

1. Part 5.1 Residential General (RG) Zone, Permitted Developments
 - a) Amend permitted use "Agricultural uses except fox, mink farms and piggery operations" to read "Domestic agricultural uses except fur farms and piggery operations".
 - b) Include "Kennel" as a permitted use.

2. Part 9.1 Mixed Use (MU) Zone, Permitted Developments
 - a) Amend permitted use "Agricultural uses except fur farming operations" to read "Domestic and Intensive agricultural uses except fur farms and piggery operations"
 - b) Include "Kennel" as a permitted use.

3. Part 11.1 Rural Development (RD) Zone, Permitted Developments

a) Amend the preamble text to read:

“No development permit shall be issued for any use in the Rural Development (RD) Zone except for one or more of the following uses:”

b) Amend permitted uses “All agricultural uses except fur farms” to read “Domestic and Intensive Agricultural uses except Fur Farms and Piggery Operation”.

c) Amend to include “Kennel” as a permitted use.

4. Part 11.3 Developments Permitted Subject To Development Agreements:

Amend to include the following use:

➤ “Piggery Operation”

5. Part 18 Zone Standards

a) Amend to include the following new Part 18.7 and Part 18.8

18.7 Domestic Agriculture uses in the RG, MU and RD Zones

a) Minimum lot area shall be 15,000 sq. ft., notwithstanding that where any Domestic Agriculture use includes the keeping of horse(s) or cow(s) the minimum lot area shall be 29,000 sq. ft.

b) Domestic Agricultural use must be contained within the limits of the property by means of fencing, enclosures, or buildings.

c) No building or structure in association with the Domestic Agricultural uses, except fencing, shall be located within:

i. 30 ft. of the property line or road right-of-way;

ii. 50 ft. of any well.

d) No manure storage shall be located within:

i. 30 ft. of the property line or road right-of-way;

ii. 50 ft. of a watercourse or wetland;

iii. 100 ft. of any well.

18.8 Intensive Agriculture uses in the MU and RD Zone

- a) Minimum lot area shall be 43,563 sq. ft. (140 acres) notwithstanding that where any Intensive Agriculture use includes the keeping of Livestock the minimum lot area shall be 87,126 sq. ft. (2 acres).-
 - b) Intensive Agricultural use must be contained within the limits of the property by means of fencing, enclosures, or buildings.
 - c) No building or structure in association with the Intensive Agricultural uses, except fencing, shall be located within:
 - i. 50 ft. of the property or road right-of-way;
 - ii. 100 ft. of any well.
 - d) No manure storage shall be located within:
 - i. 100 ft. of an adjacent property or road;
 - ii. 100 ft. of a watercourse or wetland;
 - iii. 100 ft. of any well.
- b) Renumber existing Parts 18.7 through 18.11 to Parts 18.9 through 18.13 respectively

6. Part 19 Definitions

- a) Insert the following new definitions:

Agriculture:

Domestic Agriculture, also commonly referred to as “Hobby Farm”, means means the use of land and buildings which is accessory to the main residential use on a lot for farming, dairying, the keeping of livestock, fowl, pasturage, floriculture, apiculture and horticulture and the necessary accessory activities of feeding, breeding or holding for personal use and enjoyment including the sale of produce, but does not include Fur Farm or Piggery Operation, ~~which is accessory to the main residential use on a lot.~~

Intensive Agriculture means the use of land and buildings for farming, dairying, the keeping of livestock, fowl, pasturage, floriculture and, apiculture ~~and horticulture~~ and the necessary accessory activities for feeding, breeding or holding for purposes of processing, and the packing, storing, or treating the produce for sale and does not include Fur Farm or Piggery Operation.

Fur Farm means fox or mink farm

Intensive Livestock means a livestock or fowl operation in which animals are confined to a barn, feedlot or other facility for feeding, breeding, milking, egg laying, processing or eventual sale.

Kennel means a premise used for the keeping of more than two dogs for the purposes of commercial breeding or sale, overnight boarding of dogs, excluding veterinary clinic, commercial training or the shelter of stray or abandoned animals.

b) Amend “**Fox or Mink Ranch**” to read “**Fox or Mink Farm**”

c) Amend “**Hog Operation**” to read “**Piggery Operation**” and amend the definition to read:

Piggery Operation means the use of a property exclusively for the breeding, raising and processing of pigs for a commercial purpose.

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KEY STRATEGIC AREAS

1. Growing our Economy

3.1 Attract Accommodations

We continue to facilitate discussions between a hotel management and development company and a local developer in the hopes of increasing the number of accommodations in the Municipality.

3.2 Invest in our Beaches and Parks

In the past month, we have reviewed our Beaches Strategy and its outstanding objectives. Based on this review, staff has developed a plan for the next 12 months which includes restarting regular meetings with our Beach Resource Team, continuing our stewardship work through a partnership with Birds Canada on the Beach Ambassador program and continuing our efforts on making Stoney Island an accessible beach.

In addition to this work, the draft budget currently includes wells for Stoney Island and North East Point beaches and power at Stoney Island Beach.

3.3 Improved Cell Service

Nothing new to report at this time.

3.4 Municipal Property Development

Nothing new to report at this time.

3.5 Renewable Energy

Nothing new to report at this time.

2. Investing in our People

2.1 Community Health Centre

The RFP for architect services to undertake the next phase of work for a Community Health Centre was published on Thursday, March 16. The link to the RFP is the following:
<https://procurement-portal.novascotia.ca/tenders/MODB2305>.

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2.2 Doctor Recruitment & Retention

On Sunday, March 26, we participated in a Family Medicine Interest Group weekend activity. The Group spent some time touring Yarmouth and the Regional Hospital and we were able to chat with the students on Sunday morning over coffee and treats that we supplied from Salty Shores Café. Other recruitment activities are being planned for the summer.

2.3 Public Transit

Nothing new to report at this time.

3. Strengthening our Communities

3.1 Infrastructure Renewal

On March 17, we shared in the incredible news that the Government of Nova Scotia is investing \$6 million investment in our Recreation Centre project.

Our architects are working on drafting the contract documents, which they hope will be done by the end of May, so that we can tender for construction in June.

During the build phase, we will be engaging with both current and potential users of the facility on what programming and uses of the space they envision. While existing users are easy to target and get feedback from, we need to explore ways to hear from those potential users. We plan to use the existing facility to create drop-in programming for seniors and preschool aged youth (2 underserved populations) in the next year to improve services now and with the new recreation spaces.

With this funding comes some expectation from the Province that the Municipality will further enhance recreation spaces and facilities to better serve its residents. We are looking to make accessibility and safety improvements to the arena and utilize the facility much more in the off season. We also need to move forward with recommendations to improve the Sherose Island Trail, especially a boardwalk section to make the trail accessible and safe.

3.2 Housing

A Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking development proposals from qualified firms or individuals for the opportunity to purchase and develop a portion of municipally owned properties along Highway 3 in Barrington Passage (PID# 80051063 and 82569138) was issued for a second time in

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January. The deadline to submit proposals was March 2 and we unfortunately did not receive any proposals.

We will now be soliciting interested developers to see if we can garner any interest in developing housing on that property.

3.3 Improved Wastewater Services

Nothing new to report at this time.

3.4 Accessibility

Nothing new to report at this time.

3.5 Diversity and Inclusion

Nothing new to report at this time.

4. Operating Efficiently

4.1 Develop an Employee Retention Program

Nothing new to report at this time.

4.2 Create an Economic Development Office

Nothing new to report at this time.

4.3 Consider the Expansion of the C&D Site

Nothing new to report at this time.

4.4 Transparency

Nothing new to report at this time.

5. Keeping Barrington Moving

5.1 Enhance Recreation Programs

Nothing new to report at this time.

5.2 Sherose Island Recreation Complex Strategy

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Nothing new to report at this time.

5.3 Increase the Number of Outdoor Spaces Strategy

Nothing new to report at this time.

5.4 Trail Expansion

The Sherose Island Nature Trail saw 523 people in the month of February. The highest single day was 76 on February 19, which was on a Sunday and the day before the Heritage Day holiday. We had a story trail set up to celebrate. We have now had the trail tracker for one year. In February 2022, we had 525 people on the trail.

5.5 Sidewalk Expansion

Nothing new to report at this time.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FROM FEBRUARY 28TH TO MARCH 27TH, 2023

TOPICS

Budget

The budget has been one of the main priorities in the last three months. Council has completed its review of the first draft of the operating and capital budgets and will be discussing the second draft next month. A final draft of the budgets will include the feedback received during these meetings and we are hopeful it will be approved at the end of April.

Complaint Handling System

It has been a year since we've launched our complaints handling system. Our "Helpdesk" has helped us streamline the complaint process through a cloud-based app which allows the public to submit complaints online. A public page that includes a form is available for residents to report problems 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from any device and location. Internally, Staff and Council will have access to an internal application (authorized access only) to manage the complaints/inquiries.

To provide an overview of the data associated with our first year of usage, we've prepared a "2022-2023 Complaints Report", which can be viewed here: <https://barringtonmunicipality-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/p/cfrotten/EZQKCQIZn2BlmT4WVaGzOKcBRdbDYr4bg9oas7FXhS-tCw?e=TcazTz>.

A reminder that residents can report problems by visiting our website and clicking on "Report a Problem" on our homepage or by visiting <https://helpdesk.barringtonmunicipality.com/report>.

Recreation Programming

Nomination forms have gone out to community groups for volunteer week recognition (April 16-22). We will be hosting a volunteer recognition celebration in partnership with the Town of Clark's Harbour.

March Break activities were well attended, and feedback indicates we need an adult version of some youth activities. Watch for a mystery Tea Party again soon!

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We are starting to work on our summer program plans including recreation activities and aquatics scheduling. There is some work being done regionally to “reimagine” day camp and you will not see us use this term for any programming this summer. On the aquatics side, we will begin developing a swimming team. We really need community volunteers to make this sustainable year after year but it is of great value internally because it keeps kids in the water longer and more likely to train as aquatic staff.

We received \$1,876.63 from Recreation Nova Scotia to purchase recreational skates to be loaned out of the arena. These skates will be available to be borrowed for all municipal residents. These skates will benefit international students, and low-income families who do not have skates.

The 8-hole disc golf course is set up around Sherose Island. We set up the course during the March break and the Department will plan a disc golf workshop in the near future.

Building Permits & By-Law Enforcement

From February 12 to March 18, 15 permits were issued for a total value of \$2,745,000. This is an increase of \$370,795 compared to the same period last year. 55 building inspections along with two fire inspections and three fire re-inspections were carried out during this period.

Six new civic number was issued and two civic numbers were deleted as the structures were demolished. Eight homes or businesses were visited to discuss civic numbering.

We received three new subdivision application and sent one for registration. We presently have four outstanding subdivisions that we continue to work on.

Four new by-law complaints were received and four were resolved. This leaves us with three 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 we hope to have it implemented at some point this year.

Fire Services & Emergency Management

WHSH’s hall renovations are progressing.

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Our Coordinator completed a level 2 course with 5 students, taught a 1 Officer course but had to reschedule another due to poor weather and has scheduled various courses for the coming year; including an instructor course for the summer which currently has 10 students registered. This course will give us more resources to draw from when doing training.

On the EMO front, our Coordinator is working to get folks registered for various EMO training courses scheduled for April, held an EMO Planning Committee Meeting and attended a regional exercise planning meeting. The regional exercise is being facilitated by the EMONS and will be in the Counties of Queens and Shelburne.

Otherwise, our Coordinator continues to help fire departments develop their budgets, to monitor COVID-19 updates from the province and EMONS and performed monthly fire and life safety inspections.

This past February, the Fire Departments responded to 20 calls, compared to 23 in February 2022. Here is the data for this past month:

| BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE | | | | | | | |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| EMERGENCY CALLS February 2023 | | | | | | | |
| FIRE DEPARTMENT | Fire | Mut | Auto | MFR | MVC | Other | TOTAL |
| | | Aid | Aid | | | | |
| Barrington/Port La Tour FD | 2 | | 1 | | | 1 | 4 |
| Island Barrington Passage FD | 2 | | | | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD | | 1 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 11 |
| TOTALS | 4 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 20 |
| B/PLT - 2 chimney fire | | | | | | | |
| IBP - microwave fire, 1 Structure fire | | | | | | | |
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CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

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

| Rank | Project | Status |
|-------------|--|---------------|
| 2 | Arena Rubber Flooring Dressing Rooms | In Progress |
| 7 | Admin Office Parking Lot Resurface & Curbs | In Progress |
| 9 | Healthcare Centre | In Progress |
| 10 | Recreation Centre (21/22) | In Progress |
| 13 | Municipal Admin Building Accessibility (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 |
| 8 | Council AV System | Completed |
| 11 | Brass Hill Clarifier & Screens (21/22) | Completed |
| 12 | Landfill Truck Scale (21/22) | Completed |
| 14 | Property Services Building (21/22) | Completed |

