

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, August 22, 2023. The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present:

- Warden Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Councillor Shaun Hatfield
- Councillor Andrea Mood-Nickerson
  
- Deputy Warden Jody Crook – Absent due to vacation.
  
- 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

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held July 25, 2023, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

##### Tabled Motion Re: First Reading – By-law No. 9 “Noise By-law”

It was reported that at the last meeting of Council held on July 25, 2023, a motion to approve the New Noise By-law in First Reading was tabled and the by-law was referred back to the Committee of the Whole Council for further discussion.

The matter was considered by the committee on August 8, 2023, and has been referred back to Council, without change.

The tabled motion was then brought forward for consideration of Council.

##### Resolution C230801

“Being duly moved and seconded that the adoption of the new “Noise By-law” 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.

During his report thanks was extended to all emergency responders and others who assisted in the Barrington Lake Wildfire.

Congratulations were extended to Jessica MacKinnon for making Canada's National Under 18 Hockey Team and to Cohen Stoddard for being drafted to the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Councillors provided a brief report on their activities since the last meeting of Council.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

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

RFP MODB2305 – Architect Services for Community Health Centre

Resolution C230802

Being duly moved and seconded that the proposal received from Jost + Architects Ltd in the amount of \$699,434.00, for architect services for the Community Health Centre project, be accepted, as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

AMANS Sponsorship Request

Resolution C230803

Being duly moved and seconded that the Municipality sponsor the 2023 AMANS Fall Convention in the amount of \$1,295.55, as requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

Hotel Study

Resolution C230804

Being duly moved and seconded that steps be taken to update the data in the 2018 hotel study and the cost to do so, be taken from other professional fees, G/L #21215-002, in the 2023/24 Municipal Budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

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DPW Cost Shared Paving Program

Correspondence has been received from the Department of Public Works, requesting road submissions for the 50/50 cost shared program for the 2024-25 construction year.

Resolution C230805

Being duly moved and seconded that Symonds Road, Butler's Road, Atwoods Road, New Road and Shag Harbour Station Road be submitted, in that order of priority, to the Province for paving under the cost shared program.

Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence Re: Provincial New Housing Development Projects

Resolution C230806

Being duly moved and seconded that the following list of properties be submitted to the Province for inclusion in their property inventory for new provincial housing developments:

PID 80050487 – Sherose Island  
PID 80158553 – Brass Hill  
PID 80051063 – Barrington Passage (Not entire property)  
PID 82550179 – Oak Park  
PID 82552563 – Oak Park  
PID 82552571 – Oak Park  
PID 80067358 – Clyde River

Motion carried unanimously.

Camping Facilities at Sand Hills Beach Provincial Park

Numerous requests have been received regarding the possibility of introducing camping facilities at Sand Hills Beach Provincial Park, in Villagedale.

Resolution C230807

Being duly moved and seconded that a letter be forwarded to the Minister of Natural Resources and Renewables requesting that consideration be given to investigating the feasibility of introducing camping facilities at Sand Hills Beach Provincial Park and the letter be copied to MLA Nolan Young.

AFFIRMATIVE

George El-Jakl  
Shaun Hatfield  
Andrea Mood-Nickerson

NEGATIVE

Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson

Motion carried.

STAFF REPORT

The Chief Administrative Officer provided his report to members in advance to the meeting for the period ending August 22, 2023 of which a copy is attached and forms part of the minutes.

Updates were also provided to members regarding the new Recreation Centre, crosswalk requests near Salty Shores and Pizza Delight, in Barrington Passage and cell phone coverage.

NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

Consideration of Amendments to Policy 59 "Committees of Council"

It is proposed that Policy 59 "Committees of Council" be amended to provide for a student to serve on the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

The student would represent an organization that represents people with disabilities or have a disability themselves, consistent with the Act.

Proposed amendments will also put in place Terms of Reference for a Joint Police Advisory Board with the Municipality of Barrington and the Town of Clarks Harbour.

The policy will also be amended to include a new definition "Chief Officer" which is mentioned in the terms of reference for the Joint Police Advisory Board.

It was noted that notice of consideration was given at the Committee of the Whole Council Meeting held on August 8, 2023.

Resolution C230808

Being duly moved and seconded that amendments be made to Policy 59 "Committees of Council", as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Amendments to Personnel Policy No. 15 "Sick Leave"

Effective July 1, 2023, Nova Scotia employers can no longer request a sick note unless an employee is absent for more than five working days or has already had two absences of five or fewer working days in the previous 12 month period. This action was taken by the Provincial Government to allow doctors more time to take care of their patients.

It is proposed that amendments be made to our Sick Leave Policy to make it consistent with provincial regulations.

It was noted that notice of consideration was given at the Committee of the Whole Council Meeting held on August 8, 2023.

Resolution C230809

Being duly moved and seconded that amendments be made to Personnel Policy No. 15 "Sick Leave", as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to be dealt with.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

There were no items brought forward.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 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. 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.

A recommendation from Committee of the Whole is also on the agenda to update the data in the 2018 hotel study.

#### *3.2 Invest in our Beaches and Parks*

Work on getting power and lighting at Stoney Island Beach continues and a Request for Proposals/Quotes will soon be issued to solicit proposals for water at both Stoney Island and North East Point beaches.

#### *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*

A recommendation from Committee of the Whole to award architect services for the Centre to Jost + Architects Ltd is on the agenda. This step will initiate the process of completing the design development phase of the project and will also see through the construction documents, tender, and construction phases.

#### *2.2 Doctor Recruitment & Retention*

Nothing new to report at this time.

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### *2.3 Public Transit*

Sou'West Nova Transit has engaged Left Turn Right Turn Ltd. to complete a Collaborative Transportation Solutions Implementation Plan and we are collaborating on this initiative as a member of the Steering Committee. They are working on a kick-off of the project and will be seeking guidance to help increase their understanding of transportation in the region. The first consultation that will inform this project is municipal discovery sessions. These discovery sessions will allow them to build a foundation of knowledge to rely on moving forward. They cover everything from transportation priorities, to challenges, opportunities, perceptions, and more. They will be holding discovery sessions with each partner municipality. Our session is scheduled for Wednesday, August 23.

## **3. Strengthening our Communities**

### *3.1 Infrastructure Renewal*

Nothing new to report at this time.

### *3.2 Housing*

Nothing new to report at this time.

### *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*

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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*

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*

In the month of July, 513 people visited the Sherose Island Nature Trail. There was 764 in the previous year during July.

*5.5 Sidewalk Expansion*

Nothing new to report at this time.



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## **SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FROM JULY 25<sup>TH</sup> TO AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2023**

### **TOPICS**

#### **Recreation Programming**

In partnership with our tourism ambassadors and Our House, we have planned **beach day events**, now rescheduled to August 25<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 3pm, as well as the Grand Opening of our accessible beach at Stoney Island at 1pm. We will be on hand with several activities for all ages.

We will conduct an evaluation through a survey with parents of our summer recreation programs. The new structure seemed to have worked well, and we will be looking ways to build on this positive momentum. A full report including registration and user date will be compiled once programming is complete.

The pool will close on August 24<sup>th</sup> with all staff returning to school/ pre-term activities.

We recently acquired all the assets of the Queen of Hearts Dory Club, including 4 dories, paddles, and equipment along with a shed at North East Point. Our goal will be to support volunteers in offering an on-water experience to locals and visitors as drop in fun nights. The shed may also be used to house some of our kayaks, so people have an alternate location to borrow from.

We have received \$11,934.89 to enhance senior activities through garden kits, improve the loose parts play at the recreation centre, enhance trails in our community with another trail tracker and improve accessibility for paddling opportunities with a shed that will be built at the Sherose Island Boat Launch. The Department has been working on moving forward on all of these projects this past month.

We are also working on putting together a promotional video on the equipment loan program to showcase the different kind of equipment people can borrow. These videos will be shared on Facebook, Youtube, and our Municipal page.

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

From July 16 to August 19, 44 permits were issued for a total value of \$2,011,500. This is a decrease of \$882,500 compared to the same period last year. 114 building inspections along with

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8 fire inspections and 3 fire re-inspections were carried out during this period. One inspection was also carried out to issue a liquor license for the Barrington Exhibition.

We issued 3 new civic numbers, and 9 places were visited to discuss proper civic numbering.

We received two new subdivision applications, and one was sent for registration. We presently have three outstanding subdivisions that we continue to work on.

Two new by-law complaints were received. This leaves us with 10 open complaints that we continue to work on. We also resolved two streetlight complaints this period.

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

Our Coordinator began an instructor 1 course with 8 students and a Firefighter 2 course with 7 students. He is also preparing for a Firefighter 1 course in the Fall which has 20 students enrolled thus far.

Work on an After-Action Review (AAR) continues. A survey was sent out to external partners in the County in conjunction with Shelburne County East Emergency Management. The AAR will be centered on evaluating what was expected to happen, what actually occurred, what went well and why and what can be improved and how. A number of community and government partners and agencies have been asked to participate by providing their perspectives and experiences. A report summarizing the findings of the AAR will be published. It will help apply the lessons learned to future emergency events by providing a clear summary of concrete and actionable recommendations and identifying tasks and topics requiring leadership attention.

Since the wildfires, all 3 fire departments have seen an increase in new membership. In total approximately 20 new members have signed up with 8 of those having prior training.

IBPFD's new rescue vehicle has arrived and is in service. The old rescue truck was sold to the Weymouth Fire Department and the funds from this sale went toward the cost of the new one. The old hydraulic extrication tools were sold to the North Queens Fire Department and the funds also went towards the cost of the new rescue.

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Otherwise, our Fire Services/EMO Coordinator is monitoring for tropical cyclone development as hurricane season is upon us and has performed monthly fire and life safety inspections.

This past July, the Fire Departments responded to 31 calls, compared to 21 in July of 2022. Here is the data for this past month months:

<b>BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE</b>							
<b>EMERGENCY CALLS July 2023</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>				
Barrington/Port La Tour FD	3		1		1	2	<b>7</b>
Island Barrington Passage FD	1		3		1	7	<b>12</b>
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD	1		2	5		4	<b>12</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>31</b>
B/PLT -							
IBP -							
WH/SH-							



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**CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE**

Here is an update on our 2023-2024 Capital Projects:

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Status</b>
4	Beach Facilities Water Drilling	Not Started
6	Arena Shower/Flooring	Not Started
10	Lobster Sculptures	Not Started
1	Recreation Centre	In Progress
2	Community Healthcare Centre	In Progress
3	Pool Liner/Pool Lift	In Progress
5	Lighting/Power Stoney Island Beach	In Progress
7	Property Services Building Heat Pump	Completed
8	Goose Lake Road Improvements	In Progress
9	Brass Hill Clarifier	Completed

