

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, February 27, 2024. The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:07 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.
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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

There were no declarations of Conflict of Interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held January 23rd and Special Council Meeting held February 6, 2024 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 provided a brief report on his activities since the last meeting of Council.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

Each Councillor 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.

Commercial Development District

The establishment of a Commercial Development District (CDD) has been proposed to attract new businesses to the Municipality. Legislation allows municipal units to phase in commercial assessment increases over a period not to exceed 10 years in an area designated a CDD by way of by-law. The adoption of such a by-law would also work towards achieving Strategic Objective 4.2.3 to promote the Municipality as being open for business.

Resolution C240201

Being duly moved and seconded that Council direct the CAO to draft a by-law to establish a Commercial Development District in the Commercial General (CG) Zone.

Motion carried unanimously.

Barrington Lake Wildfire Tax Reductions

As a result of property losses due to the Barrington Lake Wildfire, Property Valuation Services Corporation has reassessed two additional properties that were brought forward after the first initial round of revised values.

Resolution C240202

Being duly moved and seconded that the 2023/2024 property taxes on the following properties: PID 80043748 and PID 80043789, be reduced based on the revised 2023 assessment value.

Motion carried unanimously.

Provincial Treated Wood Disposal BanResolution C240203

Being duly moved and seconded that Council establish a dedicated disposal area at our C. & D. Debris Disposal Site specifically for pressure treated wood.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C240204

Being duly moved and seconded that anyone outside of the Municipality of Barrington and the Town of Clarks Harbour disposing of pressure treated wood at the C. & D. Debris Disposal Site will be required to pay current tipping fees. Wharf projects and government agencies will be charged a tipping fee for the disposal of pressure treated wood, even though originating from within the municipality and town.

Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORT

The Chief Administrative Officer prepared a report for the period ending February 27, 2024 of which a copy is attached and forms part of the minutes. A copy of the report will be attached to the agenda on the Municipal Website for public viewing.

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NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

Ratify decision to sell surplus Municipal Property

Resolution C240205

Being duly moved and seconded that the decision to accept the offer received from Marshall Day Sutherland in the amount of \$18,000.00 plus HST for the purchase of municipal property located at Port Clyde, identified as PID 82552944, be ratified.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to be reported on.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Warden

Chief Administrative Officer

Secretary for the Meeting

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OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

We kicked off Nova Scotia Lobster Crawl this month. Lucy made headlines in the USA on both CNN and Fox News. She was also featured on Your Morning on CTV National News in Toronto. Our Director of Marketing and Tourism Development did a radio interview with an Edmonton radio station as well to talk about Lucy and her prediction. Songs of the Sea was a full house in its new location of the Lions Hall, and we hosted travel media through Tourism Nova Scotia for a couple of days as well.

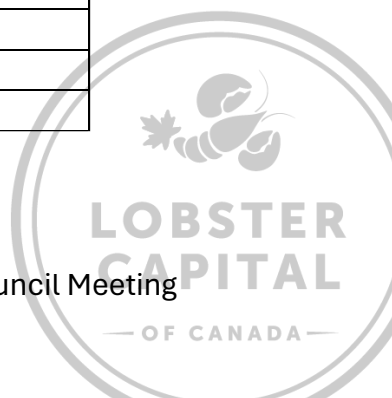
Work is underway on updating our beach strategy for 2024. We hope to have a draft to present to Council in March.

From January 15 to February 18, 24 permits were issued for a total construction value of \$1,664,400. This represents a \$941,900 increase from the same period last year. 74 building inspections, 8 fire inspections and 5 fire re-inspections were conducted over this period. 5 locations were visited to discuss civic numbering with 14 new civic numbers issued. 1 subdivision application was completed, and we currently have 2 open subdivision files. No new by-law complaints were received, and we have 5 outstanding.

The province has recently announced a partnership with the Nova Scotia Building Officials Association which includes an investment of \$400,000 to increase access to the specialized training and certification needed to be a qualified building official in Nova Scotia.

Fire departments responded to 13 calls this January compared to 21 in January 2023.

BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE							
EMERGENCY CALLS		January			2024		
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire	Mut	Auto	MFR	MVC	Other	TOTAL
		Aid	Aid				
Barrington/Port La Tour FD					1	1	2
Island Barrington Passage FD	1				1		2
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD	2			6	1		9
TOTALS	3			6	3	1	13
B/PLT -							
IBP - 1 Brush fire							
WH/SH- 1 Brush fire, 1 Vehicle fire							



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Our Fire Service/EMO Coordinator conducted an assessment of the Municipality of Shelburne's fire service.

The Island & Barrington Passage Fire Department has purchased a 3/4-ton truck with funds raised from the 50/50 lottery. No load will be required to purchase the truck and it will be outfitted as a utility truck and used to tow their rope rescue trailer.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES

We are working on the Shelburne County Burger BUNanza which will take place in March. This initiative started in Shelburne last year and was a great success and we are collaborating with the Municipality of Shelburne to bring it countywide. We have 14 restaurants in total registered. Passports are being created and content for our social channels.

Planning continues for the 2024 tourism season, including the Lobster Festival, recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Cape Sable Island Causeway and preparing the Visitor Information Centre for this season.

The Firefighter Level II training course is ongoing with Officers and Pump Operators courses scheduled for later March/April.



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CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

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

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



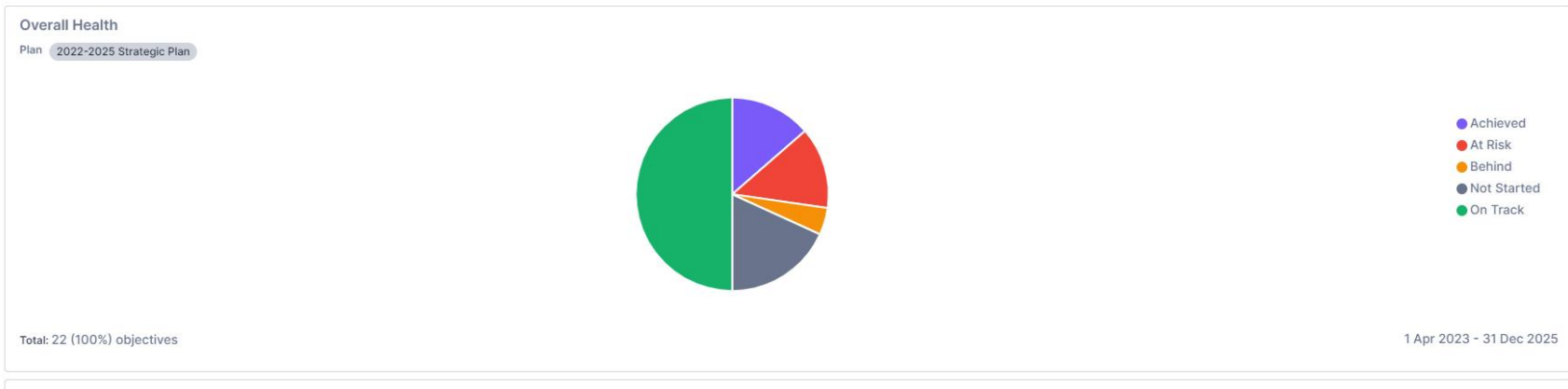
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2022-2025 Strategic Plan Update

Here is a brief update on our strategic plan's progress. This update outlines our achievements, key performance indicators, and the impact of initiatives.



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FOCUS AREA: STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITIES				
PLAN: 2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN				
	Objective	Health	Progress Change (MoM)	Time Frame
	Housing	On Track	↑ 59% (0% - 59%)	Jan 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2024
	Diversity and Inclusion	On Track	↑ 38% (0% - 38%)	Jan 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2024
	Improve Wastewater Services	Not Started	0% (0% - 0%)	Apr 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025
	Accessibility	On Track	↑ 92% (0% - 92%)	Apr 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
	Infrastructure Renewal	Achieved	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2023
FOCUS AREA: OPERATE EFFICIENTLY				
PLAN: 2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN				
	Objective	Health	Progress Change (MoM)	Time Frame
	Consider the Expansion of the C&D Site	Not Started	0% (0% - 0%)	Apr 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025
	Develop an Employee Retention Program	Achieved	↑ 8% (92% - 100%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2023
	Create an Economic Development Office	At Risk	↑ 31% (0% - 31%)	Jan 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2024
	Transparency	On Track	↑ 79% (0% - 79%)	Apr 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024



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FOCUS AREA: GROW OUR ECONOMY				
PLAN: 2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN				
+	Objective	Health	Progress Change (MoM)	Time Frame
🎯	Invest in our Beaches and Parks	● On Track	↑ 71% (0% - 71%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Attract Accommodations	● On Track	↑ 95% (0% - 95%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Municipal Property Development	● At Risk	↑ 32% (0% - 32%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Improved Cell Service	● On Track	↑ 83% (0% - 83%)	Apr 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025
🎯	Renewable Energy	● At Risk	↑ 40% (40% - 80%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2023
FOCUS AREA: KEEP BARRINGTON MOVING				
PLAN: 2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN				
+	Objective	Health	Progress Change (MoM)	Time Frame
🎯	Sherose Island Recreation Complex Strategy	● Not Started	0% (0% - 0%)	Apr 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025
🎯	Increase the Number of Outdoor Spaces Strategy	● On Track	↑ 62% (0% - 62%)	Apr 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Enhance Recreation Programs	● On Track	↑ 58% (0% - 58%)	Apr 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Trail Expansion	● On Track	↑ 56% (0% - 56%)	Jan 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Sidewalk Expansion	● Not Started	0% (0% - 0%)	Apr 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025



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FOCUS AREA: INVEST IN OUR PEOPLE				
PLAN: 2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN				
+	Objective ↕	Health ↕	Progress Change (MoM)	Time Frame ↕
🎯	Public Transit	● Achieved	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2023
🎯	Community Health Centre	● Behind	↑ 63% (0% - 63%)	Mar 01, 2023 Sep 01, 2025
🎯	Doctor Recruitment & Retention	● On Track	↑ 45% (0% - 45%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024

