

## **Staff Report** **May 28, 2024**

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### **OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**

As we mark the one-year anniversary of the largest wildfire in our province's history, it is important to reflect on both the challenges we faced and the remarkable resilience demonstrated by our community. The wildfire tested our emergency response systems, strained resources, and displaced thousands of residents, including those who tragically lost their homes. Despite these hardships, the coordinated efforts of firefighters, emergency personnel, and volunteers were nothing short of heroic, saving lives and properties. Our community's spirit of solidarity and mutual aid was evident as neighbors supported each other through evacuations and the rebuilding process. Over the past year, significant progress has been made in recovery and rebuilding efforts, although much work remains. This anniversary serves as a poignant reminder of the need for continued vigilance, improved emergency preparedness, and sustained support for those affected, ensuring that our municipality emerges stronger and more resilient in the face of future challenges.

We conducted several information sessions for camp programming with parents. These sessions were to address participation and safety concerns in person for all who wish to register for our recreation camp offering this summer. The calendars are available on our website: <https://barringtonmunicipality.com/Recreation/summer-programs>.

The pool opened on June 10 to the public. We are hosting a number of class trips and after school and evening/weekend swims and rentals until July 2 when we begin regular summer scheduling. The pool schedule is available on our website and we have expanded swimming lesson offerings to Saturdays. We have also partnered with autism NS to offer adaptive swimming lessons which filled very fast and so we are adding more time slots.

Our field maintenance crew has made some real difference to playing conditions for players, coaches and community sport organizers. They are providing mowing, lining, grading on a regular basis as well as specialty service like building up pitching mounds, putting in batters boxes and base pegs. Field users are very appreciative and we are building better relationships and communication as a result of their work. Soccer Field users have noted a huge improvement to parking and traffic flow with the expansion of the lot at Richard Swaine Field.

We offered an intensive aquatic training to our pool team. We have several new staff so conducted a Swim for Life Instructor Course along with additional in-service training for all staff, recerts for existing staff, and supervisory and pool management training for Logan, our Summer Aquatic Manager. This will ensure we have safety plans and processes in place to address risk factors associated with running an aquatic facility.

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Professional Development: Joel was trained on developing a theory of change to enhance movement at the Municipality of Barrington. The project idea was to look into ways to enhance walking in the Barrington Passage-Causeway beach area. MPAL will look at improving the Causeway Beach by adding kayaks at the newly acquired shed, and working on other initiatives to enhance movement.

In the month of May, there was 620 people on the Sherose Island Nature Trail. The highest single day usage was May 31 with 249. We removed a significant number of deadfalls and dead trees from close to the trail and created sections to develop into play pockets. Some logs, stumps and wooden discs were left as nature play elements.

From May 13 to June 16, 36 permits were issued for a total construction value of \$658,000. This represents a \$585,000 decrease from the same period last year. 99 building inspections, 7 fire inspections and 1 re-inspection were conducted over this period. 11 locations were visited to discuss civic numbering with 7 new numbers being issued and 3 numbers being deleted as the buildings were moved or demolished new civic numbers were issued. 6 subdivision applications were received and 4 were sent for registration. We currently have 8 open subdivision files. 3 by-law complaints were resolved with 5 remaining outstanding.

Fire departments responded to 20 calls this May compared to 47 in May 2023.

<b>BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE</b>							
<b>EMERGENCY CALLS May 2024</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	5					3	<b>8</b>
Island Barrington Passage FD						3	<b>3</b>
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD				9			<b>9</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5</b>			<b>9</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>20</b>
B/PLT - 1 controlled burn, 1 woods fire, 1 Brush fire							
IBP -							
WH/SH-							



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This past month, our Fire Services and EMO Coordinator completed monthly fire & life safety inspections on municipal properties, attended fire department information conference in Wolfville, attended Shelburne County Firefighters Association meeting, attended evacuation and re-entry training session with NSEMO and received renewal notification for the high school personal development credit.



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### **UPCOMING INITIATIVES**

The Girls on Board Program will happen once again in the month of July. We will have two sessions – one for girls 10-13 years old, and one for girls 14-16 years old. Girls on board focuses on female empowerment and paddling.

We are overhauling our youth leadership programming and moving from "camps" to leadership experiences. These programs will meet specific interests and provide intensive instruction, practice and leadership opportunities in 1–3-day programs for teens aged 12–15-years-old.

Our MPAL applied funding from the Active Communities Fund for three initiatives. 1) placing kayaks at the shed in Causeway Beach to enhance movement at the beach 2) purchasing garden kits to loan to community members and 3) improving Sherose Island Nature Trail by installing play pockets on the trail to enhance play opportunities.

We are partnering with the Barrington Curling Club to offer try-it sessions in pickleball to encourage play among specific age groups like seniors and youth.



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**CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE**

Here is an update on our 2024-2025 Capital Projects:

<b>ID #</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Status</b>
8	Administration Office Roof Replacement	Not Started
10	Kiack Brook Parking Lot Resurfacing	Not Started
12	Goose Lake Road Improvements	Not Started
1	Pool Lift	In Progress
4	Barrington Ballfield Lights	In Progress
3	Arena Board Replacement	In Progress
5	Portable Restrooms (Stoney Island)	In Progress
6	Portable Restrooms (Barrington Ballfield)	In Progress
7	Sidewalk Crossing Improvements	In Progress
9	Property Services Vehicle	In Progress
11	Digital Road Sign	In Progress
13	Community Health Centre	In Progress
14	Recreation Centre	In Progress
15	Sidewalk Extension – Barrington Passage	In Progress
2	Curling Club Heat Pumps	Completed



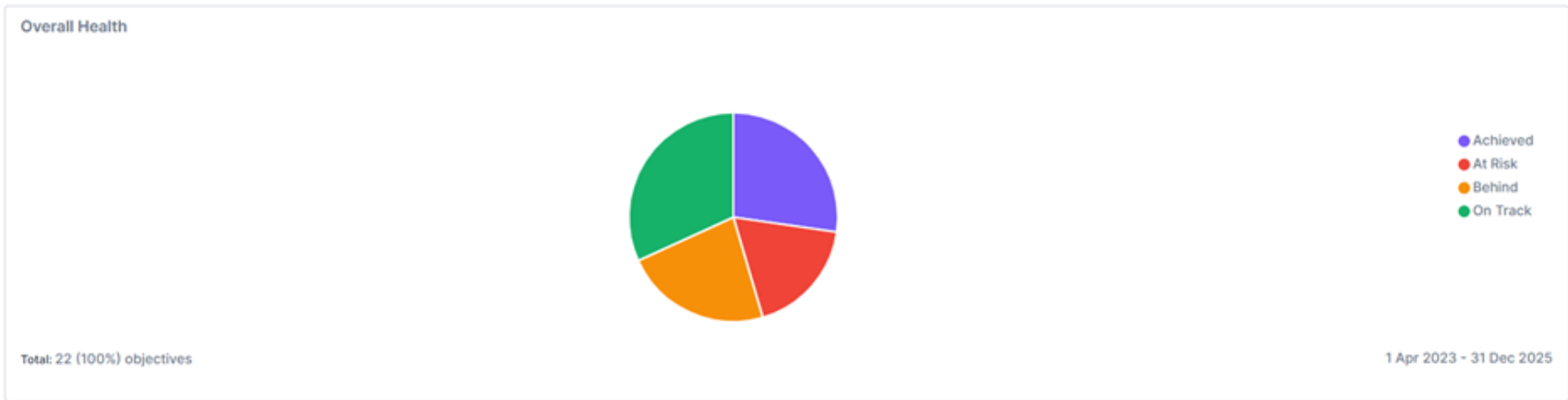
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### 2022-2025 Strategic Plan Update

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	● Behind	↑ 38% (0% - 38%)	Jan 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025
🎯	Improve Wastewater Services	● At Risk	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	● On Track	↑ 43% (0% - 43%)	Apr 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025
🎯	Develop an Employee Retention Program	● Achieved	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2023
🎯	Create an Economic Development Office	● At Risk	↑ 31% (0% - 31%)	Jan 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Transparency	● Achieved	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	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	● Behind	↑ 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	● Achieved	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	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	● On Track	↑ 20% (0% - 20%)	Apr 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025
⊖	Increase the Number of Outdoor Spaces Strategy	● Behind	↑ 68% (0% - 68%)	Apr 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
⊖	Enhance Recreation Programs	● Achieved	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	Apr 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
⊖	Trail Expansion	● On Track	↑ 62% (0% - 62%)	Jan 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2024
⊖	Sidewalk Expansion	● Behind	↑ 17% (0% - 17%)	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	<span style="color: blue;">●</span> <b>Achieved</b>	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2023
	Community Health Centre	<span style="color: red;">●</span> <b>At Risk</b>	↑ 76% (0% - 76%)	Mar 01, 2023 Sep 01, 2025
	Doctor Recruitment & Retention	<span style="color: orange;">●</span> <b>Behind</b>	↑ 57% (0% - 57%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024

