

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Barrington Municipal Council held in the Council Chambers, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington N.S., on Monday October 25, 2021. The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:12 p.m., with the following members present:

- Warden Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
  - Deputy Warden Jody Crook
  - Councillor George El-Jakl
  - Councillor Andrea Mood-Nickerson – By video conference – joined at 7:18 p.m.
  - Councillor Shaun Hatfield – Absent due to vacation
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- Chris Frotten, CAO
  - Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

#### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

No items were added to the agenda.

#### 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 September 27<sup>th</sup> and Special Council Meeting held September 30, 2021, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

#### REPORT OF WARDEN

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

Councillor Mood-Nickerson joined the meeting during the Warden's report.

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

The Deputy Warden and each councillor present gave 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.

Grant Request – Woods Harbour Ballfield Society

Resolution C211001

Being duly moved and seconded that the Woods Harbour Ballfield Society be provided with a grant in the amount of \$500.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Advisory Committee Appointments

Current appointments to the Recreation Advisory Committee expire the end of October, 2021.

Resolution C211002

Being duly moved and seconded that Nicole Nickerson – District 2, Charla Strang - District 3 and Jonathan Langille – District 4 be appointed to serve on the Recreation Advisory Committee for another two year term commencing November 1, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

Three vacancies still exist on the committee for districts 1 and 5 and for the Town of Clarks Harbour.

Medical Clinic

Resolution C211003

Being duly moved and seconded that the construction of a Medical Clinic be identified as a priority of the Municipality and budgeting for such a facility commence in 2022 and it be included in our Strategic Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

Set Meeting Dates for December, 2021

Due to the Christmas season it is recommended that the regular dates of Council and Committee meetings be changed for the month of December, 2021.

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Resolution C211004

Being duly moved and seconded that a Committee of the Whole Council meeting be held on December 6th and a Council meeting be held on December 13th.

Motion carried unanimously.

Student Sponsorship

Resolution C211005

Being duly moved and seconded that the Municipality participate in the Shelburne County Student Sponsorship Program by contributing \$1,500.00 per year for the next 5 years commencing in January, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Auditors

Resolution C211006

Being duly moved and seconded that Grant Thornton be appointed to serve as Municipal Auditors for the Municipality of Barrington for 2021/22.

Motion carried unanimously.

Committee and Board Appointments

Resolution C211007

Being duly moved and seconded that appointments to the various committees and boards remain unchanged for 2021/2022.

Motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the list of committee and board appointments is attached and forms part of the minutes.

St. Matthew's United Church, Clyde River

Resolution C211008

Being duly moved and seconded that a letter be provided to the Clyde River Society and Cemetery in support of their proposal to the United Church of Canada and acknowledging the importance of their efforts to restore the Church which will become a non-denominational Church that can be used by the community, as well as a location to offer various other services.

Motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Deputy Warden Crook reported on the Planning Advisory Committee Meeting held September 29, 2021.

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#### Public Interest in Serving on PAC

Two members of the public, Jessica Swaine and Katherine Adams have expressed interest in serving on the Planning Advisory Committee.

#### Resolution C211009

Being duly moved and seconded that Jessica Swaine and Katherine Adams be members of the Planning Advisory Committee for the remainder of the current term expiring on March 31, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### NSFM SERVICE AWARDS

The CAO presented Service Awards received from the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities to the following:

- Warden Nickerson for 20 years of service
- Councillor El-Jakl for 15 years of service

#### STAFF REPORT

The Chief Administrative Officer provided his report for the period ending October 25, 2021 of which a copy is attached and forms part of the minutes.

Topics highlighted were as follows:

- New Recreation Centre
- Improved Access to Internet
- Improve Active Transportation (sidewalks, trails, boardwalks)
- Administrative Centre Renovations
- Recreation Programming
- Christmas at the Causeway
- Travel Media Association of Canada
- Lobster Crawl
- Building Permits & By-law Enforcement
- Fire Services & Emergency Management
- Capital Project Update

#### NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

There was no new or other business to report on.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

##### EMO Zone Coverage Change

Correspondence has been received from the NS Emergency Management Office

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advising that they will be realigning their zone coverage in order to facilitate increased emergency management training and exercising opportunities and as a result Andrew Mitton will be assuming the role of Emergency Management Preparedness Officer assigned to our Municipality. Andrew Mitton will be replacing Rhonda Matthews effective November 1, 2021.

Proposed Coastal Protection Act Regulations

Correspondence has been received from the Department of Environment and Climate Change acknowledging our letter of September 27<sup>th</sup> regarding the proposed Coastal Protection Act Regulations. The letter further advised that they will consider our concerns and questions carefully as they continue work on this initiative.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

No items were brought forward.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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Warden

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Secretary for the Meeting

**LIST OF COMMITTEES 2020/2021**

COMMITTEE	CHAIRMAN	OUTSIDE APPOINTMENTS	MEMBERSHIP
<b>Committees of Council</b>			
Committee of the Whole Council	Warden		ALL
Planning Advisory Committee (3)	Jody Chair Cecil Vice (4 year term appts)	Cecil Swimm (Expires Mar. 31/22) Amanda Nippard (Expires Mar. 31/22)	Eddie Nickerson Jody Crook George El-Jakl
Audit Committee (3) (2) minimum citizen appointments		Donna LeBlanc-Messenger Amanda Lloyd (2 years - expires Apr. 1/23)	Eddie Nickerson Jody Crook Andrea Mood-Nickerson
Joint EMO Executive Committee (2)		Town of Clark's Harbour Reps	Eddie Nickerson George El-Jakl
Joint Police Advisory Board (2)		Penny Duggan Cindy Nickerson	Eddie Nickerson Jody Crook
NS Marathon Committee (Ad hoc committee created Sept 12/18) (2)		Shaun Hatfield – Citizen Rep Amanda Nippard, Sasha Crowell Crystal Stoddart, Colin Wickens, Jennifer Shand, Gerilyn Crowell, Talent Wilson, Brandi Nickerson, Andrea Mood-Nickerson, Jennifer Larkin, Melanie d'Entremont, Scott Symonds	Jody Crook Eddie Nickerson
Recreation Advisory Committee (2)		District#1 Vacancy District#2 Nicole Nickerson District#3 Charla Strang District#4 Jonathan Langille District#5 Doug Brannen Town of CH Laura Ross (2 years - expires Oct. 28, 2021)	Jody Crook Andrea Mood-Nickerson Alternate George El-Jakl
Accessibility Advisory Committee (3)	George Chair Denise - Vice	Loretta Nickerson – SASI Boyd Hilton Scott Denise Nickerson – Southwest Employment Services <i>Term expires 2 years from first meeting -March 31/23</i>	Eddie Nickerson Shaun Hatfield George El-Jakl
<b>Committees where Council has Financial Interest</b>			
Region 6 Waste (1)			Andrea Mood-Nickerson Alternate – Jody Crook
Western REN Liaison and Oversight Committee			Eddie Nickerson Alternate Shaun Hatfield
Western Counties Reg. Library (1)			Shaun Hatfield
<b>Outside Committees to which Council appoints a Councillor</b>			
Roseway Hospital Charitable Foundation (1)			Eddie Nickerson
Yarmouth Hospital Charitable Foundation (1)			Shaun Hatfield
Barrington Municipal/Clark's Harbour Town Satellite Dialysis Clinic Committee	<b>Clark's Harbour:</b> (2) Town of Clark's Harbour Representatives <b>Public Members:</b> Lee Goreham-Smith Courtney Rennehan Eunice Rennehan	Brenda Cleaver David Cleaver Timm Smith	Jody Crook Shaun Hatfield
Shelburne County Housing Coalition			Shaun Hatfield
Barrington Municipal Exhibition Committee			Andrea Mood-Nickerson
<b>Outside Committees to which Council Appoints Citizen Representation</b>			
Bay Side Home Board of Directors	Town of Clark's Hbr Rep Brenda Maxwell Sandra Jelenich Carrie-Dawn Weeks	Bradley Pass Andrea Mood-Nickerson Ester Atkinson Lynn Ensor	
Western Regional Housing Authority		Cecil Swimm Exp. Sept 25/23	----

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## KEY STRATEGIC AREAS

### 1. Infrastructure Renewal

#### *a. New Recreation Centre*

Last week, the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Team with Infrastructure Canada reached out to us to share information and guidance regarding the next step in the application assessment process. They requested details and answers relating to an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Indigenous Consultation (IC) in addition to a file showing the location and components of the project in order to confirm any EA or IC requirements for the project.

The requested information and answers are being prepared by our consultants and will be submitted before the requested deadline of October 28.

#### *b. Development of Asset Management Plan*

Nothing new to report at this time.

#### *c. Renewal or Expansion of Sewer System*

Nothing new to report at this time.

### 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*

We have unfortunately not received any new no updates relating to the ongoing work to complete the Barrington East and Port La Tour internet projects. We continue to hope that they will be in position to complete the bulk of the projects by the end of the month but there are no guarantees at this time that that will be the case.

On a more positive note, and as noted in our previous Staff Report, Bell announced on September 28 that it will be expanding fibre Internet service to homes and businesses in the communities of

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Barrington Passage and Brass Hill. This part of Bell's accelerated capital investment in national next-generation network infrastructure and the expansion program will bring all-fibre broadband access to approximately 900 locations in the Municipality of Barrington by the end of 2021.

This project is fully funded by Bell and is in addition to the two other projects that received a municipal investment of \$444,000, servicing the areas of Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour and Eastern Barrington (Villagedale, Baccaro, Port La Tour and more).

We are extremely pleased that Bell is once again investing in building a strong broadband network in our Municipality that will provide essential services to businesses and residents, now and into the future.

### **3. Promotion and Support of the Tourism Industry**

#### *a. Amenities at Beaches*

Nothing new to report at this time.

#### *b. Work to Attract Accommodations*

Nothing new to report at this time.

### **4. Provision or Support of Services for Residents of the Municipality**

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

Nothing new to report at this time.

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

Nothing new to report at this time.

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

Over the past few months, we've included any work or updates on active transportation in the summary of activities below. As this is a key strategic area, we will now be including this information here.

This month, we were successful in our funding application for the research evaluation of the Sherose Island Nature Trail. We received \$13,479 to assist with associated costs of having researchers on site, hosting focus groups and activities and all of the reporting and recommendations for our future planning of outdoor recreation spaces.



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## SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FROM SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> TO OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>

### TOPICS

#### **Administrative Centre Renovations**

The renovations of the old Community Services section of the Administrative Centre started at the beginning of this month. The demolition has been completed and work will begin on framing and mechanical and electrical rough-ins. The project is anticipated to be complete by the beginning of February.

#### **Recreation Programming**

We are moving ahead on the **Community Use of Schools** initiative to create equal access to all tri-county schools with a consistent agreement with each. We have the support of the Director of Operations with TCRCE and are continuing meetings with them and all municipal recreation departments using these facilities.

We continue to work closely with community groups using the **Sherose Island Recreation Centre** to maintain access to the space for community led recreation. This has been challenging with the provincial proof of vaccination requirements, but we are successfully maintaining relationships with our existing user groups.

We continue to plan several family fun hikes, adult walks/ hikes and after school or in-service day drop-in activities. We are also supporting the Sherose Island Rocks Committee to put on a **Haunted Trail and Spooky Treat Trail** leading up to Halloween. The events are open to everyone because they can be accessed at different times and access points in their own small groups rather than a larger gathering that would require proof of full vaccination.

Our **Fall Hike Series** is ongoing with a variety of walks/hikes for all ages and abilities. More information on the fall hike and other programs and events taking place this Fall, residents can visit <https://www.barringtonmunicipality.com/Recreation/programs-and-events>.

Our MPAL is working on a **Fall Punch Card Challenge** to increase physical activity levels during the fall. The challenge will begin late October.

Our MPAL is looking into development on the **Wireless Station Road** to assess its potential use as a multi-use trail loop. This is just the preliminary stage. The vision is for the Wireless Station

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Road to be accessible by foot, bicycle, and ATVs with signage, and education on proper trail usage.

Finally, a new \$1 million **Rink Revitalization Fund** was announced in September and the intake of applications is now open for this fiscal year. We will be applying to help cover 1/3 of the costs of the replacement of the arena's old refrigeration control system and Misty, Cam and Cora have met to discuss future applications based on our asset management plan.

### **Christmas at the Causeway**

Planning is underway for our Lobster Trap Christmas Tree and Christmas at the Causeway celebration. We have a campaign currently underway for donations of lobster traps for the construction of the tree. We are asking for 15x9 American style traps of any colour with "brickless" bottoms. We will tag each trap with the donor's name and/or in memory of a loved one. We are also seeking members of the public to sit on our Working Group to help design and build our tree. If anyone is willing to sit on this team, they can be referred to Suzy.

### **Travel Media Association of Canada (TMAC)**

The TMAC (Travel Media Association of Canada) Conference, which we have supported with a \$5,000 sponsorship, will be taking place in June of 2022. It is being hosted by the Yarmouth and Acadian Shores Tourism Association, but we will be taking part in the planning of pre and post experiences/tours within the Municipality and surrounding areas. The conference is aiming to have 200 attendees take part, which will be a great opportunity to showcase our area to the world.

### **Lobster Crawl**

Planning continues for the 2022 Lobster Crawl, which will take place the entire month of February. The festival highlights the importance of the lobster industry to our region and helps to attract visitors to the South Shore in the winter season to indulge in all things lobster.

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

From September 20 to October 17, 22 permits were issued with a total dollar value of \$526,000. This is a \$208,000 increase compared to the same period last year. 51 building inspections were carried out along with 25 fire inspections for Barrington and 1 for Argyle.

During this period, 3 new civic numbers were issued, and 14 households were visited.

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We received 2 new subdivision applications and one preliminary plan. 1 was sent for registration which now leaves us with 3 open subdivision files that we continue to work on.

During this period, we receive no new by-law complaints, and we have no outstanding complaints.

**Fire Services & Emergency Management**

There continues to be no COVID-19 related staffing issues for the fire departments, and they continue to monitor the status of their membership and communicate that information to the Fire Services Coordinator.

Dwayne continues with Level 1 training with a class of 12 students and he provided an extinguisher course for a local composites company.

Fire Departments have began having joint practices once a month. This was an initiative that the Chiefs brought forward. The first one went well and training together is good for departmental relations.

There have been two meetings regarding members of the three Departments forming an honor guard group and it seems to be progressing well.

On the equipment front, the truck from BPLT that was on loan to Eel Brook is now back and will likely be sold to another department and IBP has put tanker 34 up for sale.

Otherwise, Dwayne attended several training courses, attended virtual sessions relating to emergency management planning, continues to monitor Covid-19 updates from the province and EMONS and performed monthly fire and life safety inspections.

This September, the fire departments responded to 12 calls, and they responded to 14 in September 2020. Here is the data for the month of September:

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<b>BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE</b>							
<b>EMERGENCY CALLS    September    2021</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			1		4		<b>5</b>
Island Barrington Passage FD	2				1		<b>3</b>
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD			1	2		1	<b>4</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>
B/PLT -							
IBP - Barn fire, debris pile fire							
WH/SH-							



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**CAPITAL PROJECT UPATE**

Here is an update on our 2021-2022 Capital Projects:

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Status</b>
5	Beach Facilities	Not Started
10	Bulk Water Source	Not Started
1	Landfill Truck Scale	In Progress
2	Recreation Centre	In Progress
3	Brass Hill Clarifier & Screens	In Progress
4	Property Services Building	In Progress
7	Municipal Admin Office Renovations	In Progress
8	Municipal Admin Building Accessibility	In Progress
9	Arena Refrigeration Control System	In Progress
12	Lobster Pot Christmas Tree	In Progress
6	Internet Project	Completed
11	Basil Blades Memorial Ballfield Lights	Completed
13	Library Heat Pump	Completed

