

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, July 26, 2022. The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:18 p.m., with the following members present:

- Warden Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- Deputy Warden Jody Crook
- Councillor George El-Jakl

- Councillor Shaun Hatfield – Absent
- Councillor Andrea Mood-Nickerson – Absent due to family illness

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was agreed that the following item be added to the agenda:

- Signage in District 5.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Being duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as amended.

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 June 28, 2022, be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from previous minutes.

REPORT OF WARDEN

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

REPORT OF COUNCILLORS

The Deputy Warden and Councillor El-Jakl provided a brief report on their activities since the last meeting of Council.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

Deputy Warden Crook reported on recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Council.

Grant Requests

Resolution C220701

Being duly moved and seconded that a grant in the amount of \$500.00 be provided to the Evergreen Cemetery, Archelaus Smith Museum and Woods Harbour Ballfield Society.

Motion carried unanimously.

Illegal Dumping

Being duly moved and seconded that the Municipality forward a formal request to the Department of Public Works expressing interest in acquiring ownership of Kenny Road, on Cape Sable Island.

There being no seconder, the motion was declared lost.

STAFF REPORT

The Chief Administrative Officer provided his report to members in advance to the meeting for the period ending July 25, 2022 of which a copy is attached and forms part of the minutes.

Topics highlighted were as follows:

- Development of Asset Management Plan
- Improve Active Transportation (sidewalks, trails, boardwalks)
- Nova Scotia Marathon
- Summer Newsletter
- Recreation Programming
- Building Permits & By-law Enforcement
- Fire Services & Emergency Management
- Capital Project Update

NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

First Reading – Solid Waste Resource Collection and Disposal By-law

Council is considering the adoption of a new By-law No. 8 – Solid Waste Resource Collection and Disposal By-law which will replace all former by-laws relating to collection, storage and disposal of waste.

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Resolution C220702

Being duly moved and seconded that new By-law No. 8 – Solid Waste Resource Collection and Disposal By-law be approved in First Reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Provincial Non-Residential Deed Transfer Tax

In advance to the meeting, members were provided with a copy of a letter addressed to The Premier from West Hants Regional Municipality expressing their opposition to the Provincial Non-Residential Deed Transfer Tax.

The letter was presented for information purposes only.

SIGNAGE IN DISTRICT 5

Concern was expressed regarding signage in District 5. Both Cape Negro signs are now missing and the Reynoldscroft sign has been placed near Swaine’s Road, in Cape Negro.

The CAO informed members that he received a complaint regarding the Smithville sign which he has been pursuing with the Department of Public Works. It was agreed that he also discuss the above noted signage concerns with the department.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

No items were brought forward.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Warden

Chief Administrative Officer

Secretary for the Meeting

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KEY STRATEGIC AREAS

1. Infrastructure Renewal

a. New Recreation Centre

Nothing new to report at this time.

b. Development of Asset Management Plan

Our draft asset management plan, policy and procedure framework has been finalized and will be presented to Council this month but has been moved to August.

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

Nothing new to report at this time.

Promotion and Support of the Tourism Industry

d. Amenities at Beaches

Nothing new to report at this time.

e. Work to Attract Accommodations

Nothing new to report at this time.

3. Provision or Support of Services for Residents of the Municipality

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

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the Community Health Centre project continues to be a priority. Staff is working on the direction provided by Council which includes bringing forward design options to Council and researching potential locations.

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

Nothing new to report at this time.

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

In the month of June there was 1,034 people who went on the trail. The most popular day was on June 6, with 198 people.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FROM JUNE 28TH TO JULY 25TH, 2022

TOPICS

Nova Scotia Marathon

The 51st edition of the Nova Scotia Marathon took place this past Sunday. Overall, the event went very well - the weather cooperated, and the volunteers and the runners enjoyed themselves. We had a total of 536 participants within the following categories:

Registration	Number
Full Marathon	91
Half Marathon	146
10 km	112
6 km	87
Virtual – All Distances	100
Total	536

We'd like to thank our sponsors, partner organizations - Atlantic Chip and Run Nova Scotia, all of the volunteers and the members of our organizing committee who worked all year to ensure our marathon was successful and continues to grow. Their knowledge and experience on the organization and coordination of marathons was very helpful again this year and we can't wait to host the 52nd edition next year.

Summer Newsletter

Our summer newsletter was mailed out last week to all residents of the Municipality. If you need a few copies to have on hand, please let us know as we always have extra copies.

Recreation Programming

The swimming pool is operating very well. We recently had several staffed trained in swim instruction because our schedule is based on staff being able to provide all services. Swim lessons are going very well, and we have availability to meet any requests. Bubble rentals continue to be popular and 70% of open spots are booked.



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We recently made some organizational changes to our day camps to ensure they are even better organized to meet kids needs. We spend a week delivering the program in Clark's Harbour from the school. This community use of the school is a first and we are very grateful for the TCRCE for making this available at no charge. This week's camps are full and we have wait lists for the younger age group.

Our Physical Activity Coordinator assisted in the Tri-County Regional Center for Education in training their summer staff in outdoor play for their literacy camp.

We've been awarded \$10,000 through the Active Communities Fund to implement 5 initiatives that will increase physical activity in the Municipality. These initiatives are 1) promoting loose parts play 2) Hike Nova Scotia Badge challenge 3) incorporating a workplace wellness room for municipal staff 4) increasing equipment loan equipment 5) supporting cycling in our municipality through training community members to become bicycle safety instructors and purchasing bicycles as part of equipment loan.

Building Permits & By-Law Enforcement

From June 20 to July 17, 2022, 34 permits were issued with a total dollar value of \$1,110,900. This is a \$78,000 increase compared to the same period last year. 94 building inspections along with 2 fire re-inspection were carried out during this period.

2 new civic numbers were issued this period and 10 households and businesses were visited to discuss civic numbering and the proper way of posting them.

We received 1 new subdivision application, have one outstanding and sent 2 others for registration. We now have 5 open subdivision files that we continue to work on.

We received 3 new by-law complaints but closed a number of others. We currently have 5 open complaints that range from fowl running at large to illegal dumping and burning garbage. As mentioned, the last couple of months, with the increased workload in the development office, by-law enforcement is a taking a little longer than normal but we are still working through the complaints within the timeframes described in our complaints handling policy.

Fire Services & Emergency Management

Our Fire Services/EMO Coordinator has been working with the Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour Fire Department to revise their long-term capital plan. This will be presented to you next month.

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We received correspondence from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development advising us that our Firefighter 1 program has been renewed for the personal development credit for 2 more years.

Our Fire Services/EMO Coordinator is also monitoring rainfall amounts and correspondence from EMONS for possible drought issues. As of right now we seem to be in a good position with above average rainfall forecasted for 45 days from the end of June.

Otherwise, our Fire Services/EMO Coordinator continues to monitor COVID-19 updates from the province and EMONS and performed monthly fire and life safety inspections.

This June, the Fire Departments responded to 11 calls, and they responded to 12 in June 2021. Here is the data for this past month:

BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE							
EMERGENCY CALLS June 2022							
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire	Mut Aid	Auto Aid	MFR	MVC	Other	TOTAL
Barrington/Port La Tour FD	2		1			1	4
Island Barrington Passage FD	1				1	1	3
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD	1		1	1	1		4
TOTALS	4		2	1	2	2	11
B/PLT - 1 vehicle fire, 1 atv fire							
IBP - 1 Structure							
WH/SH- 1 Dryer 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
8	Council AV System	In Progress
9	Healthcare Centre	In Progress
10	Recreation Centre (21/22)	In Progress
11	Brass Hill Clarifier & Screens (21/22)	In Progress
13	Municipal Admin Building Accessibility (21/22)	In Progress
14	Property Services Building (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
12	Landfill Truck Scale (21/22)	Completed

