

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 30, 2022. The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:05 p.m., with the following members present:

- Warden Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- Deputy Warden Jody Crook
- Councillor Shaun Hatfield
- Councillor Andrea Mood-Nickerson

- Councillor George El-Jakl – Absent due to work commitments

- Chris Frotten, CAO

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

- Orion Wharf Road
- Bear Point Corner
- Highway 3/Oak Park Road Intersection

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Notice was given by Councillor Hatfield that he would be declaring Conflict of Interest when Council deals with the appointment to the Bay Side Home Board of Directors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held July 26, 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 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.

Review of SERMGAR Survey Answers

Resolution C220801

Being duly moved and seconded that the Service Exchange Renegotiation and MGA Review Survey be forwarded to the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities, as completed.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Cape Light – Ghost Gear Retrieval

Resolution C220802

Being duly moved and seconded that the Municipality sponsor the “Clean-up” on The Cape and provide funding to Scotian Shores in the amount of \$500.00 and these funds be taken from the community litter clean-up fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tax Reduction Request – Doris Ashby

A Tax Reduction Application has been received from Doris Ashby for her property located at 4026 Highway 3, Doctors Cove, AAN 00128724, as her home was destroyed by fire on May 28, 2022.

Resolution C220803

Being duly moved and seconded that the 2022/23 taxes on the tax account in the name of Doris Ashby, AAN 00128724, be reduced by \$840.04, based on the revised 2022 assessment value.

Motion carried unanimously.

Grant Requests

Resolution C220804

Being duly moved and seconded that a grant in the amount of \$500.00 be provided to the Old Farm Cemetery Society.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Resolution C220805

Being duly moved and seconded that a grant in the amount of \$500.00 be provided to the Good Will Club.

Motion carried unanimously.

Being duly moved and seconded that the Barrington and Area Chamber of Commerce be provided with a grant in the amount of \$500.00 towards the purchase of two large signs.

Being duly moved and seconded that the above motion be amended by removing "\$500.00 towards the purchase of two large signs" and replacing it with "\$1,667.00, as requested".

AFFIRMATIVE

Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson

Shaun Hatfield

Andrea Mood Nickerson

NEGATIVE

Jody Crook

Motion carried.

The amended motion reads as follows:

Resolution C220806

Being duly moved and seconded that the Barrington and Area Chamber of Commerce be provided with a grant in the amount of \$1,667.00, as requested.

AFFIRMATIVE

Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson

Shaun Hatfield

Andrea Mood Nickerson

NEGATIVE

Jody Crook

Motion carried.

WHSHVFD Replacement Plan Change Request

The Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department has provided a revised replacement plan for their department which provides for paying off Rescue Truck #14, replacement of the passenger van and renovations to their hall to provide for a training room. All changes will be kept within the original financial framework and there will be no impact on the current rate.

Resolution C220807

Being duly moved and seconded that the Municipality endorse the revised replacement plan provided by the Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department, as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Staff Report Re: New Recreation Centre

A Staff Report dated August 4, 2022, regarding a new recreation centre was previously provided to members which outlined 4 options for consideration of members.

The CAO provided an update to Council relating to the Municipality's debt affordability. After some discussion relating to the cost of the project and its impact on other capital project, it was agreed that this matter be referred to a committee meeting for further discussion.

Letter From Town of Clarks Harbour Re: Wastewater Treatment Facility

Correspondence has been received from the Town of Clarks Harbour advising that they will be pursuing a new Wastewater Treatment Facility and is asking if the Municipality would be interested in utilizing this facility.

Resolution C220808

Being duly moved and seconded that the CAO and Warden meet with the Mayor and Clerk of the Town of Clark's Harbour to explore any options that may be of benefit to the Municipality utilizing the Town of Clark's Harbour sewer.

Motion carried unanimously.

Kenny Road

It is felt that if the Municipality owned Kenny Road then we would be in a better position to restrict access and therefore be able to cut down on the amount of illegal dumping taking place in that area.

Resolution C220809

Being duly moved and seconded that the CAO assess the impact on the Municipality if it were to own the road.

Motion carried unanimously.

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Shaun Hatfield declared conflict of interest, vacated his seat and left the meeting room.

Councillor Hatfield's sister-in-law is the Administrator of Bay Side Home.

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Appointment to Bay Side Home Board of Directors

Resolution C220810

Being duly moved and seconded that Council appoint Renata Monteiro to the Board of Directors of Bay Side Home.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Hatfield returned to the meeting.

Draft Asset Management Plan, Policy and Procedure Framework

Resolution C220811

Being duly moved and seconded that Council include the presented communications plan in the draft asset management plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C220812

Being duly moved and seconded that Council include the climate change mitigation strategies in our draft asset management plan.

AFFIRMATIVE

Jody Crook

Shaun Hatfield

Andrea Mood Nickerson

NEGATIVE

Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson

Motion carried.

50/50 Provincial Cost Shared Paving Program

Correspondence has been received from the Department of Public Works requesting road submissions for the 2023-24 construction season.

Resolution C220813

Being duly moved and seconded that Symonds Road be submitted to the list for paving under the cost shared program since it's been on the list for decades.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C220814

Being duly moved and seconded that Butler's Road be submitted to the list for paving under the cost shared program.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C220815

Being duly moved and seconded that Station Road in Shag Harbour be submitted to the list for paving under the cost shared program.

Motion carried unanimously.

Staff Report Re: Tax Sale

Resolution C220816

Being duly moved and seconded that the 2023 Tax Sale be held by public tender but increase the non-refundable deposit from \$200 to \$500.

Motion carried unanimously.

Grant Request - Bonny Castle Cemetery

Resolution C220817

Being duly moved and seconded that a grant in the amount of \$500.00 be provided to the Bonny Castle Cemetery.

Motion carried unanimously.

TIR Matters

Resolution C220818

Being duly moved and seconded that Council write to the NS Department of Public Works to assess non-local transport truck traffic between Exits 29 and 30.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C220819

Being duly moved and seconded that Council write to the NS Department of Public Works to request that a "no left turn" sign be installed around the yield sign, near the Irving gas station and No Frills in Barrington Passage to prohibit motorists from turning left from within the yield area.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C220820

Being duly moved and seconded that Council write to the NS Department of Public Works to request that the left turning lane next to Barrington Passage be evaluated due to its proximity to the traffic lights and the confusion it causes to motorists.

Motion carried unanimously.

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STAFF REPORT

The Chief Administrative Officer provided his report to members in advance to the meeting for the period ending August 23, 2022 of which a copy is attached and forms part of the minutes.

Topics highlighted were as follows:

- Renewal or Expansion of Sewer System.
- Continued Work Towards Additional Medical Services (Medical Clinic, Dialysis)
- Recreation Programming
- Building Permits & By-law Enforcement
- Fire Services & Emergency Management
- Capital Project Update

NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

Consideration of Amendments

It is proposed that the following Personnel Policies be amended as presented to address hours of work due to the recent adoption of the Expanded Service Hours and Compressed Work Week Policy and a few housekeeping matters:

- Personnel Policy No. 4 – Family Care and Bereavement
- Personnel Policy No. 6 – Holidays
- Personnel Policy No. 9 – Overtime
- Personnel Policy No. 14 – Service Awards
- Personnel Policy No. 15 – Sick Leave
- Personnel Policy No. 17 – Vacations

Notice of consideration of the above noted amendments was given at the August 9, 2022, Committee of the Whole Council Meeting.

Resolution C220821

Being duly moved and seconded that the personnel policies listed above be amended as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEWELLTON ORION WHARF ROAD

Resolution C220822

Being duly moved and seconded that Council send a letter to the NS Department of Public Works asking for their immediate attention to the Newellton Orion Wharf Road.

Motion carried unanimously.

BEAR POINT CORNER AND HIGHWAY 3/OAK PARK ROAD INTERSECTION

Resolution C220823

Being duly moved and seconded that Council send a letter to the NS Department of Public Works asking them to address the poor condition of the Bear Point corner and the poor road markings and condition of the intersection between Highway 3 and Oak Park Road.

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to be dealt with.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

No items were brought forward.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 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

Nothing new to report at this time.

c. Renewal or Expansion of Sewer System

The renovation work at our Brass Hill Treatment Plant continues.

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)

Work continues on the Community Health Centre project. Staff should be in a position to provide Council with a conceptual plan and preliminary budget next month.

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

Nothing new to report at this time.

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

Nothing new to report at this time.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FROM JULY 26TH TO AUGUST 22ND, 2022

TOPICS

Recreation Programming

The evaluation, along with recommendations, of the 2022 Nova Scotia Marathon will be available after the September Marathon Committee meeting. We had another very successful event and wish to continue building the event.

Pickleball has proved to be extremely popular this summer so we will be looking for a winter home for the activity. Summer is normally difficult to have people participate in evening activities but drop-in activity at the Curling Club often saw 20+ people come out. We are hoping to work out new community use of school agreements as the school year begins.

The Sherose Island Nature Trail will be rebranded to what people now know it as – Sherose Island Rocks Trail. New signage is being created with updated maps that reflect the wonder and fun of the trail.

The swimming pool season ended on August 26 as staffing was unavailable to maintain any hours in September. We have plans to continue to train staff with Ella Swim during the year and current staff may have access to courses when away at school. We are looking to start a competitive swim program next summer and have a couple staff members interested in delivering it. Bubble rentals stayed popular all season with August seeing 85% of available spots booked and that rising to 100% in the last 2 weeks.

Our day camp programming met some challenges with child participation and behavior, but staff were communicative, and the team created solutions that worked. I am very happy with the staff and how they developed during the season. We also identified some very good changes to implement next summer. The younger camp for ages 5-8 had almost full registration all summer as did the Youth leadership program. We have some future summer leader staff up and coming through this program.

Building Permits & By-Law Enforcement

From July 18 to August 20, 2022, 37 permits were issued with a total dollar value of \$2,894,900. This is a \$939,500 increase compared to the same period last year. 129 building inspections along with 7 fire inspections and 4 fire re-inspection were carried out during this period.

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5 new civic numbers were issued this period and 2 were deleted as buildings were demolished.

We received 1 new subdivision application, have one outstanding and sent 4 others for registration. We now have 2 open subdivision files that we continue to work on.

We received 3 new by-law complaints and closed 4 that were outstanding. We currently have 4 open complaints. As mentioned the last couple of months, with the increased workload in the development office, by-law enforcement is 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 is also monitoring rainfall amounts and correspondence from EMONS for possible drought issues.

Our Coordinator is preparing for ongoing and upcoming training programs. The firefighter 1 course in Eastern Shelburne is completed with the fire suppression course practical being done at our facility. The Strategy and Tactics course is booked for August 27, 28 with 11 students registered, the Firefighter 1 course for the Municipality is scheduled to start September 1 and the Safety Officer course scheduled for September 17 and 18.

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 July, the Fire Departments responded to 21 calls, and they responded to 26 in July 2021. Here is the data for this past month:





An ocean of opportunity

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BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE							
EMERGENCY CALLS July 2022							
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire	Mut	Auto	MFR	MVC	Other	TOTAL
		Aid	Aid				
Barrington/Port La Tour FD	2						2
Island Barrington Passage FD	2				1	3	6
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD	1			8	1	3	13
TOTALS	5			8	2	6	21
B/PLT - 1 assist DNRR brush fire, 1 forest fire							
IBP - 1 Boat fire, 1 Brush fire							
WH/SH- 1 Trash 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