

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Barrington Municipal Council held at the Barrington Lions Hall, located at 2904 Highway 3, in Barrington, N.S., on Thursday September 30, 2021. The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 7:15 p.m., with the following members present:

- Warden Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- Deputy Warden Jody Crook
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Councillor Shaun Hatfield
- Councillor Andrea Mood-Nickerson
  
- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

There were approximately 141 members of the public in attendance.

The Warden welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that the Special Meeting being held this evening was as a result of the September 27, 2021, Council Meeting at which time the provincial Proof of Full Vaccination Policy was discussed.

He explained that 4 questions were forwarded to the Province for comments which were as follows:

1. Why can an unvaccinated child attend school with classmates but cannot attend an extra curricular activity with the same classmates?
2. Why are employees of a facility/establishment not required to be vaccinated but those visiting do?
3. What is the policy as it relates to consent of those 12-18 years old?
4. How long will this policy be in effect?

With no objection from Council, he opened the floor to individuals making presentations on behalf of groups. Presentations were made by the following:

- Dwayne Nickerson, Junior C Team
- Katie Goodwin, Shelburne County Minor Hockey Association
- Jenny Huskilson, Shelburne Arena
- Jasmin Ancona, Represents an Organization Supporting Small Businesses
- Andre Atkinson, Novice Timbits, Shelburne County Minor Hockey Assoc.
- Leah Jones, Director of a local community choir

The Warden informed the meeting that comments have been received from both sides. Some support efforts of the Province to try to stop the spread of the virus and others are in opposition of the Proof of Full Vaccination Policy.

Options put forth at the last Council Meeting were reviewed. Clarification was provided that violating the Provincial Policy could result in forcible action being taken by the Chief Medical Officer. Staff and councillors could be held responsible for decisions made in violation of the policy and could be faced with large fines.

Resolution C210908

Being duly moved and seconded that the Municipality comply with the Provincial Proof of Full Vaccination Policy and check for proof of vaccination in our municipal facilities, when required.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Warden

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Chief Administrative Officer

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Secretary for the Meeting