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KEY STRATEGIC AREAS

1. Infrastructure Renewal

a. New Recreation Centre

Council and the Recreation Department Staff will have a working session on November 27th, 2019 to continue reviewing the two design options. This working session will focus on the design elements of the new building such as the multipurpose space, walking track, washrooms, meetings rooms, offices, program rooms, storage, etc. It is our intention to bring these designs to Council with hopes of going out to the public shortly thereafter.

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 are still awaiting an announcement on the first round of approved projects. Once they are made, more information will be made available to update the public further on this initiative.

3. Promotion and Support of the Tourism Industry

a. Amenities at Beaches

A first draft of the Beach Strategy is complete and will be shared with Council at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting. We are still awaiting on R&T Excavating Ltd. to clear and level a 165' x 165' parking area at the Stoney Island Beach.

b. Work to Attract Accommodations



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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)

Nothing new to report at this time.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES OCTOBER 29TH to NOVEMBER 24TH

TOPICS

Christmas at the Causeway

Christmas at the Causeway got underway last Thursday with the 10th anniversary of the lighting of the lobster trap Christmas tree and fireworks. Our unique tree has nearly 200 recycled traps/pots and is illuminated with more than 100 buoys placed by family and friends of Lobster Fishermen & women in memory of those lost at sea, those who have since passed on, as well as those who were, and still today are fishing the waters along our rugged coastline of Nova Scotia. Special thanks to our Property Services crew who construct the tree each year, to Robbie Kenney, Paul Thomas, William Kenney, & Ronnie Crowell for overseeing the fireworks, and to the Recreation Department for organizing a wonderful night.



Many more events such as the Parade of Lights, Shop Local Promotions, Lighting of the Lens (Seal Island Light Museum), Old Fashioned Christmas Carol Concert Christmas House Tours, Lobster Dip, Christmas Craft Markets and Santa's Visit will take place in the next three weeks. For more information on the events, visit our municipal website or Facebook page.

Municipal Awareness Week

Municipal Awareness Week 2019 was Nov. 17th-23rd. The week promotes the importance of municipal government in people's daily lives, and encourages participation in council meetings, public hearings and committees. It also celebrates the dedicated mayors, wardens, councillors and staff who are essential to the effective governance of municipalities.

To participate in celebrating the week, we held a **Website Scavenger Hunt** where we encouraged residents to visit our website to try and find answers to questions, we had a **Social Media Campaign** which published "Did You Know" posts regarding our municipal civic numbering program as well as the new online arena calendar and we launched two contests: a **Photo Contest** in which residents (professional photographer or not) are encouraged to submit photos

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within different categories an a **Council for a Day Contest** open to all Grade 5 students attending a school in the Municipality of Barrington where five winners will be chosen based on their ideas for making the Municipality an even better place to live and will be named Warden and Councillors of the Municipality for the day.

More information on these contests can be found on our municipal website and Facebook page.

Septic System Financing

On October 16, 2019, the Province announced amendments to the MGA that will allow municipalities to offer loans to homeowners who need to install or replace their septic systems which could be repaid through their property taxes. This would be similar to our PACE and well loan programs that we have currently but would require another by-law to regulate it.

This is positive but does come with some risks that need to be addressed. As per Council's request, we are currently drafting a by-law which would outline clear guidelines and limits and mitigate any risk to the Municipality.

Trash Talk

Our public engagement program entitled "Trash Talk" is wrapping up this week. We've published a number of social media posts and print ads, have included a section dedicated to garbage in our most recent municipal newsletter and our separation guides have been updated. Finally, from October 7th-9th, we held three public engagement meetings in Barrington, Centreville and Woods Harbour, three school presentations and a special session with a senior's group in Woods Harbour.

A report summarizing the feedback, questions and concerns received at our public sessions will be presented to Council in December.

Building Permits & By-Law Enforcement

From October 21st, 2019 to November 17th, 2019, 14 permits were issued with a total dollar value of \$212,500. We received 2 new subdivisions this past reporting period and have 4 open subdivision files we are presently working on. We received one new by-law complaint that we investigated and closed as there was no justified complaint. One new dangerous and unsightly complaint was received for illegal dumping which leaves us with two open dangerous and unsightly files that we are presently working on.



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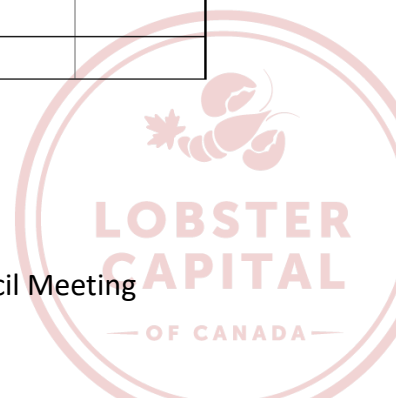
Fire Services

Since the recent announcement by the Province that all volunteer firefighters will have to be covered under the Worker’s Compensation, no new developments have been announced. We’ve learned that these changes come into effect on October 20, 2020, therefore we do have some time to prepare. That being said, there are still many unknowns on how it will affect the Municipality and its Fire Departments, but we will consult our departments and provide updates when possible.

One interesting project that Dwayne is working on is a partnership with BMHS to offer a personal development credit for students that join a fire department and go through the required training. Dwayne recently spoke with BMHS principal Cathy Breen regarding the possibility and she has the guidance counsellor gathering information on the protocols to set up this partnership.

Otherwise, Dwayne continues to attend conferences and meetings, host training sessions, organize practices with the help of the training committee and perform monthly inspections of municipal properties. One piece of information that we should be proud of is that following recent training sessions, the Municipality will have close to 90% of firefighters trained to NFPA 1001 standards which is up from 47% in 2012. Here is the data for the month of October:

BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE							
EMERGENCY CALLS October 2019							
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire	Mut	Auto	MFR	MVC	Other	TOTAL
		Aid	Aid				
Barrington/Port La Tour FD	2			2	1	1	6
Island Barrington Passage FD			2				2
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD	1		2	11			14
TOTALS	3		4	13	1	1	22
B/PLT - structure fire with est. loss \$10,000							
IBP -							
WH/SH -							



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CAPITAL PROJECT UPATE

Here is an update on our 2019-2020 Capital Projects:

Rank	Project	Status
2	Doctor Recruitment – Lease Imp.	Complete
3	North East Point Boardwalk	Complete
4	Barrington Ball Field Fencing	Complete
5	Ice Resurfacers	Complete
8	Arena Roof Repairs	Complete
9	Building Inspection Vehicle	Complete
10	Sewer Pumps	Complete
13	Replace Front Entrance at Arena	Complete
14	Replace Interior Entrance at Arena	Complete
15	Replace Arena Flooring	Complete
16	Manhole Cover Repairs	Complete
17	Batting Cages	Complete
1	Recreation Centre Design Fees	In Progress
6	Beach Strategy	In Progress
7	Brass Hill Sewer Study	In Progress
11	Lift Station Cabinet Retrofits	In Progress
12	Paving – Red Schoolhouse Lane	Not Started
18	Sewer Lateral – Former Knowles Property	Not Started