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KEY STRATEGIC AREAS

1. Infrastructure Renewal

a. New Recreation Centre

The architects have drafted 3 design options with varying amenities and features based on the input received from the public engagement session, Council and Staff. These design options have been circulated to both Council and Senior Management for their input and they will be presented to the public in the next phase of public engagement which will include a survey and another public meeting. The goal for the second phase of public engagement would be to determine a final design in which we would move forward with.

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

At the last Regular Council Meeting, Council approved a financial contribution towards a project which has been submitted under the short-term project phase of Develop NS' RFP process. The financial contribution and internet service provider must remain confidential at this time as the RFP is a competitive process, but we are hopeful the submission will have a positive outcome and we will be able to announce specifics at that time.

3. Promotion and Support of the Tourism Industry

a. Amenities at Beaches

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Progress has been made on this initiative in the past month. Suzy has completed a draft beach strategy in which we have reviewed together and will be making minor adjustments and additions in an effort to present to Council in August or September. This strategy will help the Municipality be strategic in the way it improves the usage and amenities of our six local beaches (the Hawk, Daniel's Head, Stoney Island, North East Point, Sand Hills and Crow Neck). On another front, the Municipality has purchased a property at Stoney Island beach which will allow it more authority and flexibility when improving and adding amenities. The progress of this strategic objective is possible due to the Municipality's capital investment of \$50,000 per year for 5 years.

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)

We are excited to announce that Dr. Robyn Pierce has returned home to establish her family medicine practice in Barrington. She will be accepting new patients this month from the Barrington and surrounding areas from the Nova Scotia Need a Family Practice Registry. Any resident can register themselves and/or their family members by going to: <https://needafamilypractice.nshealth.ca>. If they prefer to register by phone rather than online, they can call: 811 (staff are available Monday-Friday, between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.)

The Municipality is very grateful that Dr. Pierce has decided to return home to offer a much-needed service to our community and was happy to assist her in any way possible.

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 JUNE 25TH to JULY 22ND

TOPICS

ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge

We were not successful in winning the grand prize or the regional prize, but our results were amazing, nonetheless. We finished in the top 20 in Canada, 3rd in the Atlantic Region and 1st in Nova Scotia! I'd like to thank the Recreation Department again for motivating our Municipality and promoting the challenge to allow us to finish in this position. Even though we didn't win any prizes, we have still accomplished something great and it was truly a community effort.

Marathon

The Marathon Committee is in its final stages of preparing for the 49th edition of the marathon. As of last Thursday, 372 runners were registered which is the most ever! It all starts at the arena on Saturday, July 27th, with the expo and registration. The Marathon begins on Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m. for the full, 7:45 a.m. for the half and at 8:00 a.m. for the 10km and 6km. We remind everyone to be cautious while driving on Sunday morning and encourage everyone to show their support and help us welcome the participants by volunteering to help or by greeting runners as they go by.

Planning

We had a public participation meeting June 20th regarding LUB and MPS amendments to include lobster pounds, lobster storage facilities and associated lobster and seafood retail within the Commercial General Zone as a permitted use subject to approval by Development Agreement. Following that meeting, a report was provided to Council at the Regular Council Meeting on June 24th in which the decision was made to not move forward with the amendments.

On July 25th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, we have another public participation meeting regarding amendments to the land use by-law and the Municipal planning strategy to allow cannabis production facilities in certain zones.

Building Permits & Civic Signs

From June 15, 2019 to July 14, 2019, 20 building permits were issued with a total dollar value of \$1,473,000. Dave continues to work diligently to educate homeowners and businesses on the civic numbering by-law. No new dangerous and unsightly complaints were received but we



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continue to work on the 3 open files we presently have. We received 3 new by-law complaints which we investigated and solved and closed the matters. 1 old complaint was also closed. There are no open by-law complaints currently.

Recreation Programs

The Recreation Department continues to be busy with its summer programs and activities. The day camp program is full every day, approximately 50 children between the ages of 5 and 6 are participating in our U6 soccer program Mondays at 6:00 p.m., and there are 31 preschoolers registered for the preschool soccer program on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m.

The pool has experienced mechanical issues with the chlorine level but an automatic chlorinator has been installed and seems to have solved the issue. Otherwise, attendance has been good, and the swimming lessons have been going well.



Shrose Island Ballfield Canteen

Property Services

Property Services has been working on upkeeping fields, preparing for the marathon and maintaining our parks and infrastructure. They have placed the lobster sculptures for the season, cleaned illegal dumpsites, placed Canadian flags on the Causeway and put up banners throughout the municipality.

The new canteen at the Shrose Island Ball Field has been completed and we have received great comments. I'd finally like to congratulate Eugene and Stacey on completing their refrigeration certification which will help us improve the operations of the arena!

Tourism Initiatives

The new Shelburne County website/app has been launched. The website can be accessed at <https://shelburnecounty.ca/>. A kiosk has been installed in the Barrington Visitor Information Centre and promotion in our local restaurants and tourism attractions will be spread out to help promote the tool. Work has started with Tourism Nova Scotia and Trampoline (Marketing Agency) on coordinating visits for our Inspiring Content program which will provide us with video



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and photo assets for Shelburne County. A crew will be in the County August 13-16th (weather permitting) to shoot the content needed for the project. We are looking for interesting people to be in the videos and to feature in the “Local Know” part of the campaign. If you know of someone who might be a great fit and a great representative for our area for this project, please let me know as soon as possible.

Finally, we are partnering with Dashboard Living on a collaboration to help market the Municipality from a new approach through influencer marketing. They have started work on a marketing campaign for the Municipality. They were here during the NS Lumberjack Championships and will be back for the Nova Scotia Marathon, Cape Days and possibly a few more events to be determined. Their focus will be on asset development, awareness of Barrington and our Lobster Capital of Canada title. They will also be building in some itinerary development for the area.

Fire Services

The number of calls for this period are up dramatically over last year, however the only call of significance was the camper fire that BPLTFD responded to in Clyde in which automatic aid was activated. Dwayne has completed the inventory of trucks, SCBA and turnout gear which will be presented to Council for information at a future meeting. On July 4th, Dwayne and I had the first meeting with the chiefs and treasurers to start work on the capital replacement plan. It was a positive meeting in which various possibilities were discussed, and the officers were asked to take the information back to their respective departments for feedback and to submit a truck replacement plan for their departments. The next meeting is scheduled for August 15th. Overall the fleet of trucks and other equipment is in good shape and close to meeting NFPA standards. Otherwise, Dwayne has been working on updating training material and organizing training sessions for the departments. Here is the data for the month of June:

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BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE							
EMERGENCY CALLS June 2019							
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire	Mut Aid	Auto Aid	MFR	MVC	Other	TOTAL
Barrington/Port La Tour FD	1				3	1	5
Island Barrington Passage FD			1	2	2	5	10
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD			1	7		2	10
TOTALS	1		2	9	5	7	25
B/PLT - Camper fire							
IBP - Police Assist to check CO levels and ventilate a structure							
WH/SH -							
There were 11 calls in June 2018							