

Chief Administrative Officer Activity Report
June 24th, 2019

KEY STRATEGIC AREAS

1. Infrastructure Renewal

a. New Recreation Centre

The architects are still finalizing 3 design options with varying amenities and features based on the input received from the public engagement session.

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

Develop NS has released the short-term projects RFP, with a response deadline of June 28th. These short-term projects are for network upgrades that could launch within the next 6-12 months. For the rest of the long-term projects, Develop NS has split the province into regions for the purposes of the RFP, and the Western REN is unfortunately not a clean region on its own. There are two regions relevant to the Western Region: Digby and Yarmouth Counties and Shelburne County. That being said, we've confirmed that the RFP allows for multiple awards within one region.

3. Promotion and Support of the Tourism Industry

a. Amenities at Beaches

Nothing new to report at this time.

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.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES MAY 28TH to JUNE 24TH

TOPICS

ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge

The Municipality of Barrington has finished in the top 20 in Canada, 3rd in the Atlantic Region and 1st in Nova Scotia in the ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge! This annual event aims to get neighbourhoods across the country moving together and one community will earn the \$150,000 top prize and title of being Canada's most active and there will also be finalists recognized from all regions of Canada who will be awarded \$20,000.

I'd like to thank the Recreation Department, especially Lana, for motivating our Municipality and promoting the challenge to allow us to finish in this position. Even if we don't win any prizes, we have still accomplished something great and it was truly a community effort with participation from Bayside, the schools and other local organisations and residents.

We now move onto the finalist's submission phase. This step requires us to tell ParticipACTION about our Community Challenge experience and why we deserve to be named Canada's Most Active Community. This phase will determine the winner of the grand prize as well as the five additional regional prizes.



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Building Permits & Civic Signs

From May 18, 2019 to June 14, 2019, 19 building permits were issued with a total dollar value of \$304,300. Dave continues to work diligently to educate homeowners and businesses on the civic numbering by-law. Two new dangerous and unsightly complaints came in and files were opened, and 2 other dangerous and unsightly complaints were closed. This leaves us with 3 open dangerous and unsightly files.

Marathon Committee

The Marathon Committee continues its work and is moving forward with key decisions in preparation of the 49th edition of the marathon. As of last week, 185 runners were registered. As mentioned previously, each member is working on subcommittees to ensure the important aspects such as sponsorship, registration, administration, marketing and budgeting are all moving forward.

Recreation Programs

The Recreation Department is in full swing with a number of ongoing programs and activities and the opening of the pool on June 2nd. Day Camps will begin July 2nd and will run for 8 weeks, ending on August 23rd. 55 children have registered for our U-6 Soccer Program which began June 10th and will be held every Monday evenings, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Richard Swain Soccer Field, until August 19th.

Fields & Property Services

With the incredible amount of rain we've had in the past two weeks, it has been difficult to maintain our fields. Property Services trying its best to mow when possible, but it has been challenging. For this reason, it is possible that some fields may have to be closed for a period of time to allow for proper drainage and maintenance. We realize this is not ideal and inconveniences our local organizations, but we would rather air on the side of caution to avoid permanent damage.

Meanwhile, the new canteen building at the Sherose Island Ball Field is near completion, repairs caused by vandalism were made to UFO Site, Goose Lake Road, Stirl's Road and the soccer field road were graded, aerators at the Brass Hill Treatment Plant had new shafts installed due to damage, the manhole covers were replaced/repared on Brass Hill and Highway 3 and the spring cleaning of all stations in Woods Harbour and the jetting of the lines was completed.

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Tourism Initiatives

We will be getting ready to launch our new Shelburne County website/app by the end of the month. We will be installing the kiosks/touch screen units in the Barrington Visitor Information Centre early next week in preparation of our launch. We will also be starting work with Tourism Nova Scotia in the next couple of months on our Inspiring Content program, this project is a partnership with the Municipality and Town of Shelburne which is great. Video and photo assets will be developed for Shelburne County through this program. Finally, we are partnering with Dashboard Living on a collaboration to help market the Municipality from a new approach through Influencer marketing.

Shelburne County Lobster Festival

The 33rd annual Shelburne County Lobster Festival took place June 6th-9th. This year's edition was another success. It was great to see so many people come out to celebrate our main industry and participate in the many activities; including the new tinker challenge which was very popular. I'd like to congratulate and thank Suzy and the volunteers for their hard work and dedication in organizing this event.

Fire Services

Dwayne has been researching capital equipment purchasing from other municipalities, gathering information on what our costs are and has started to inventory the larger items such as trucks, SCBAs and turnout gear. We have reached out to all fire departments for their help in developing a process and have received positive feedback. A first meeting is scheduled for July 4th. Otherwise, the BPLTFD have their new tanker in service, IBPFD are finalizing the purchase of the quint and the Atlantic Extrication Competition was held successfully on June 15th and 16th and was judged in part by Dwayne. Here is the data for the month of May:

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BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE							
EMERGENCY CALLS May 2019							
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire	Mut	Auto	MFR	MVC	Other	TOTAL
		Aid	Aid				
Barrington/Port La Tour FD	1				1	2	4
Island Barrington Passage FD	1	1			1		3
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD				3	1		4
TOTALS	2	1		3	3	2	11
B/PLT - Structure was childs play house							
IBP - Transformer Fire, Mutual aid to Shelburne, Yacht Club							
WH/SH -							
May 2018 - 22 calls							

