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KEY STRATEGIC AREAS

1. Infrastructure Renewal

a. New Recreation Centre

Council and the Recreation Department Staff had a working session on November 27th, 2019 to continue reviewing the two design options. At this session, the group discussed the design elements of each design and made changes to the preferred design. Another working session is scheduled with the group and the Architects to finalize a design and bring the designs to the public.

b. Development of Asset Management Plan

It's tough to make decisions about maintaining, replacing and repairing municipal infrastructure. We have to weigh our community's budgetary needs against critical services such as roads, arenas, bridges, drinking water and wastewater systems.

To make good decisions, we need accurate data. We also need to know how our community may grow and how changing weather patterns could affect our assets. To help us gather that data and make solid asset-related decisions, FCM offers funding, training and resources to help us strengthen our asset management practices.

Last week, we were approached by Infrastructure Solutions Software Inc. who writes FCM funding applications and can help us advance our asset management initiatives. After further conversations with the firm, we will be engaging them to assist us in the application of funding to help cover the cost of an Asset Management Plan.

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.

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c. Improved Access to Internet

Develop Nova Scotia have now negotiated agreements with two Internet Service Providers covering projects in a number of rural communities, which are in process of being signed and they expect to have two more negotiated agreements signed shortly.

That being said, we still await the announcements from Develop Nova Scotia but we have been advised that they plan to make them in the next few weeks. These announcements will provide details with regard to which communities, how many potential connections, which providers, types of technology and funds invested from the Nova Scotia Internet Funding Trust, as well as additional funding leveraged from industry and other partners.

3. Promotion and Support of the Tourism Industry



a. Amenities at Beaches

At the December 9th Regular Council Meeting, Council approved the Municipality's first Beaches Strategy. One of the first objectives of this year is to develop a signage and directional signage for the beaches that is aligned with our branding. Staff has been working on a draft plan and will present it to Council in February. Finally, clearing and leveling of a 165' x 165' parking area at Stoney Island Beach has begun.

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)

A Barrington/Clarks Harbour Satellite Dialysis Committee meeting has been scheduled for February 13th, 2020. This committee is interested in renewing their work in advocating for a dialysis unit in the Municipality.



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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 OCTOBER 29TH to NOVEMBER 24TH

TOPICS

Nova Scotia Lobster Crawl



Activities for this year's Nova Scotia Lobster Crawl start this Friday, January 31st. In Barrington, you will see the Lobster Crawl Escape Room, a fundraiser for the marathon, take place January 31st to February 2nd. The Songs of the Sea event will take place February 1st at the Municipal Building. The Lobster Spiel is taking place the same weekend at the Curling Club along with the BMHS Lobster Trap Hockey Tournament. Lucy makes her debut on February 2nd at the Cape Sable Island Causeway and she's built up quite a fan base, so we hope to see you there as well! There will be music events happening in the Municipality every Friday in February, as well as some

other events scattered throughout February. Finally, be sure to take in some of the other great events happening all along the South Shore in February. For more information, visit their Facebook Page or website (lobstercrawl.ca).

African Heritage Month

February is African Heritage Month. Nova Scotia has more than 48 Historic Black communities, and each year public libraries across the province celebrate the history, heritage and contributions of African Nova Scotians with programs and collections that highlight African heritage and the contributions made to the culture of Nova Scotia. Our local African Heritage Municipal Proclamation event is happening again this year at the Black Loyalist Heritage Centre in Birchtown. The event is scheduled for February 4th at 10:00 am and all are encouraged to attend.

2020 Municipal Elections

We will be launching an Elections 2020 Campaign aimed at educating more people about being involved in local government. A special webpage will be developed which will provide

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information to both candidates and electors on the important dates and other relevant information.

Building Permits & By-Law Enforcement

From November 18th, 2019 to January 17th, 2020, 21 permits were issued with a total dollar value of \$131,500. We received 4 new dangerous and unsightly complaints, and 3 matters were resolved during this reporting period. Presently we only have 2 dangerous and unsightly files we are continuing to work on. One by-law complaint was received regarding a noise complaint, it was investigated, and the matter was closed. Our By-Law Enforcement Officer has met with all the Harbour Authorities after visiting all the government wharfs to promote the civic numbering program. All Harbour Authorities will have proper numbers posted in the next 2 weeks. On December 7th, 2019, the Officer held a civic numbering info session at both No Frills and Sobeys while a food drive was taking place. This proved to be very beneficial and informative for the participants.

Fire Services

The one-year process of discussing and developing a Capital Purchasing Plan with our Fire Departments resulted in two recommendations to Council. The first is to set a municipal Capital Purchasing Tax Rate of 1.5 cents per \$100 of assessment and that the revenues accumulated from this rate be divided equally amongst the three fire departments and used for capital purchase and the second is to set fire area rates every 3 years rather than every year to help stabilize fire area rates and allow the Municipality and the Fire Departments to better plan financially for the future. I'd like to thank Dwayne for his hard work throughout the past year in gathering the necessary information, assessing the future of our service and discussing it with our Departments all along the way.

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. Our Fire Services and EMO Coordinator continues to stay apprised of any updates and will help the Departments and the Municipality through the transition.

We have received 9 letters in support of our application to the Department of Education to allow new recruits to receive a personal development credit that join a fire department and go through the required training. This has been a very positive experience and will be yet another tool to help our Fire Departments recruit new members.

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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. Here is the data for the month of December:

BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE							
EMERGENCY CALLS December 2019							
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire	Mut Aid	Auto Aid	MFR	MVC	Other	TOTAL
Barrington/Port La Tour FD				1	1	1	3
Island Barrington Passage FD	2					9	11
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD				11		3	14
TOTALS	2			12	1	13	28
B/PLT - MVA was mutual aid to East Pubnico on the 103							
IBP - 2 chimney fires, man stuck in window, 7 alarms at same residence							
WH/SH - piece of wood too big for stove							
368 calls for 2019							



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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
6	Beach Strategy	Complete
8	Arena Roof Repairs	Complete
9	Building Inspection Vehicle	Complete
10	Sewer Pumps	Complete
12	Paving – Red Schoolhouse Lane	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
7	Brass Hill Sewer Study	In Progress
11	Lift Station Cabinet Retrofits	In Progress
18	Sewer Lateral – Former Knowles Property	Not Started