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KEY STRATEGIC AREAS

1. Infrastructure Renewal

a. New Recreation Centre

Nothing new to report at this time.

b. Development of Asset Management Plan

Our funding application to help cover the majority of the cost of an Asset Management Plan was submitted on June 5th. They are processing applications in batches and status updates will be sent monthly. We will be notified when they start processing our application.

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

The Municipality has committed funds to two applications being submitted by an Internet Service Provider to the CRTC Broadband Fund and Develop Nova Scotia's second round of RFPs in an attempt to improve the remaining underserved areas not covered in other projects. The application deadlines have passed however the timeline for actual connections is still uncertain. Details regarding these commitments will be publicly announced upon completion of the competitive bid process.

3. Promotion and Support of the Tourism Industry

a. Amenities at Beaches

Phase 2 of the Stoney Island Beach Parking Area, which will see the installation of wooden barriers to resemble the parking area at Sandhills, will begin in the next week or two.

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On June 16, we launched our survey that asks residents and visitors to answer general questions to help guide us moving forward in the development of our beaches. The link to access the survey is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V9MLCWB> and responses will be accepted until July 16.

Finally, we have submitted our application to the Beautification and Streetscaping Program which needed to be done before we could move forward on the signage program. Now that step is complete, we have notified Causeway Computers that they were the successful proponent for the beach signage project and will be placing the official order this week once we confirm the placement and installation plan with our Property Services Department.

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)

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 FROM MAY 25TH TO JUNE 21ST

TOPICS

COVID-19

As of June 1, 2020, the Municipal Administrative Centre and Construction and Demolition Landfill have been open to the public during their regular operating hours. We are following public health protocols to ensure physical distancing, have increased cleaning and have placed other protective measures for staff and visitors such as visual aids and physical barriers.

Although we are open to the public, we are still encouraging residents to limit their visits to essential or urgent needs, to avoid visiting if feeling ill or have traveled recently, to follow the physical distancing visual aids within the buildings and avoid lengthy visits or gathering.

On June 8, the ballfields, the batting cages at the arena and the large hall at the Recreation Centre were reopened for bookings during limited hours.

All other municipal offices and facilities remain closed but as restrictions continue to ease and with the steady decline and consistently low number of known COVID-19 cases in Nova Scotia,, we are making plans to reopen the remainder of our facilities.

As always, up to date information on all municipal closures, service updates and measures can be found at barringtonmunicipality.com/covid19.

Tourism Initiatives

The tourism season will look a lot different this year due to COVID-19. Locally, we are promoting our area, in partnership with the Municipality of Shelburne, to Nova Scotians through our social media channels and website. The Show Me Map is complete, but we are continuing work with Digital Fusion to make the website more interactive and engaging for visitors. Suzy and Val have also created a Shelburne County Stakeholders Group through the Discover Shelburne County Facebook page which allows them to keep our stakeholders up to date with news, information, links, and more. It also allows stakeholders to ask questions and engage with each other. Finally, we will also be working with Digital Fusion on a new Municipal visitor's map, that will blend with the map the Municipality of Shelburne produced last year.

49.5th Annual Nova Scotia Marathon



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Since we will not be hosting our 50th Annual Nova Scotia Marathon in 2020, we will host a virtual fun run. Participants are encouraged to run any distance they desire, but make sure it ends with a .5. This race is a fun run, times will not be documented for any major marathon qualifier.

Participants are encouraged to run during the weekend of the 50th Nova Scotia Marathon (July 25th-26th). Once they have completed their race, runners can share their time on the NS Marathon Facebook page and put #SeasTheDay. Here is the link to our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/NovaScotiaMarathon/>.

To learn more, interested individuals can visit <https://raceroster.com/events/2020/32074/seas-the-day-virtual-race>.

Summer Season

As mentioned last month, this upcoming summer season will look a little different than usual but plans are now being detailed out for our summer activities.

Recreation Department

First, we are not required to have a plan approved by the Province, however one is needed for our purposes. **Hello Fun** will replace Day Camp offerings as we do not have the resources to offer full day camp as we have in past years. This program will see weekly Hello Fun kits delivered to each participant with the supplies and equipment needed to take part with all the scheduled activities. Each box will have a series of activity cards with suggested games, crafts, recipes and more to follow along with our staff. Summer leaders will develop instructional or demonstration videos, engage in video conferencing and also hold one activity per day in person. We will schedule for 2-weeks at a time to allow for adjustments in how we deliver according to current health guidelines. We envision that we will move to half day activity as we enter August. We are partnering with Sou'West Nova Transit to deliver the Hello Fun boxes.

The **Barrington Municipal Pool** is tentatively scheduled to open on July 6th with a soft launch the week before to help train the staff and identify any issues. Guidelines have been submitted to Dr. Strang and we are waiting approval. We are working on securing training for guards and instructors locally. Numbers will be limited to maintain distancing required. Family/ Household bubble rentals, Hello Fun swims, Community Partner access, adult & senior lane swims, private and semi-private swim lessons, and small group public swims will be scheduled dependent on current public health protocols.

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The **batting cages** have been in use since June 5th and are extremely popular with two nights fully booked so we are opening a third this week.

Joel has been in contact with SchoolsPlus in Municipality of Barrington in a search for funding to purchase some kits with simple equipment such as soccer balls, basketballs, chalk, bubble maker, etc for families with less opportunities to do at-home backyard recreation. A SchoolsPlus worker has identified 10 families that would benefit from these kits and joel will also host kayaking clinics for them in July.

Other Programming will include youth leadership development, Tumblebugs in the park (preschool gymnastics type program and partnering with the library to deliver a story and activity theme each week), music events online, seniors tea - virtual edition, family and adult hikes, pop up play, kayaking, and more.

Finally, Joel has been updating the Municipality's files on South Shore Connect. Many files are outdated so it has been time consuming to update the more than 150 files that Barrington owns.

Property Services Department

The Department is in full swing with regular lawn maintenance at all municipal properties. The department outfitted all municipal facilities with COVID-19 signage and barriers. The new portable toilets we purchased were placed throughout Municipality and a strict daily cleaning protocol was implemented.

The Department has been working extensively at the pool to prepare it for the summer. The filter system has been overhauled and a new pump and chlorination unit has been installed.

Meanwhile, the removal of alders and shrubs from a number of fences throughout the Municipality has taken place and a number of dog complaints have been dealt with. Finally, the wood at the C&D landfill site has been mulched and hauled away to Brooklyn Energy and all metals including the lobster pots have been crushed and hauled away.

Building Permits & By-Law Enforcement

From May 18th to June 14th, 2020, 31 permits were issued with a total dollar value of \$968,300. We had suspended fire inspections during COVID-19 but began again June 1st, so we have 3 months worth of inspections to catch up on. We received four new by-law complaints that ranged

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from land use violations to improper disposal of waste. These 4 complaints are being worked on and should be resolved in the next two weeks.

During this period, we received no new dangerous and unsightly complaints and have just 1 open file that we continue to work on but should be resolved shortly.

Fire Services & Emergency Management

Fire departments continue to monitor the status of their membership and communicate that information to the Fire Services Coordinator. There have been no COVID-19 related staffing issues for the fire departments to date. Their functions are beginning to normalize but their facilities remain closed to the public. Plans are still in place if department staffing levels become critical due to COVID-19 so that we can quickly alter automatic aid protocols to ensure adequate coverage in all areas.

We received word that our application to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to have the Volunteer Firefighting Level 1 program offered as a personal development credit was approved starting in the fall of 2020. This will now allow new recruits that are still in high school to receive a personal development credit for joining a fire department and going through the level 1 training. We received over 15 letters from across the Province in support of this initiative and will be another tool to help all Fire Departments in the Province recruit new members. Dwayne deserves much of the credit for preparing the lengthy application and working with BMHS and all of the local fire departments to make this a reality. This has been a very positive experience and we should be proud that we led this initiative.

The shipping container purchased to use for live fire training has arrived and work will be begin to retrofit the container for this purpose with the assistance of the Property Services Department.

Otherwise, Dwayne continues to monitor COVID-19 updates from the province and EMO and communicates regularly with EMONS in regard to the Provincial response by participating in all conference calls. Dwayne has also begun a pump operator course and has performed monthly inspections of municipal properties.

This May the Fire Departments responded to 11 calls and they responded to 11 in May 2019. Here is the data for the month of May:





An ocean of opportunity

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BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE							
EMERGENCY CALLS May 2020							
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire	Mut	Auto	MFR	MVC	Other	TOTAL
		Aid	Aid				
Barrington/Port La Tour FD	5				1	1	7
Island Barrington Passage FD	1					2	3
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD						1	1
TOTALS	6				1	4	11
B/PLT - 4 chimney, 1 Illegal burn, minor damage to wall by chimney in one call							
IBP - 1 chimney							
WH/SH							



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CAPITAL PROJECT UPATE

Here is an update on our 2020-2021 Capital Projects:

Rank	Project	Status
2	Beach Facilities	Not Started
3	Library Roof Replacement	Not Started
4	Barrington Ballfield Fencing Replacement	Not Started
5	Cargo Trailer Replacement	Not Started
6	Brass Hill Treatment Plant Roof Replacement	Not Started
7	Manhole Cover Repairs	Not Started
8	Woods Harbour Treatment Plan Fence Replacement	Not Started
10	Fall's Point Road Lift Station Retrofit	Not Started
11	Treatment Plant Flow Meters	Not Started
13	Municipal Administrative Centre Renovations	Not Started
14	Former Knowles Property Sewer Lateral	Not Started
1	Recreation Centre	In Progress
9	Zero Turn Lawnmower	In Progress
15	Internet Improvement Project	In Progress
12	Portable Toilets	Complete