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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

We continue to await a response from FCM regarding our funding application to the Municipal Asset Management Program. It has been four weeks since our application began to be reviewed and it can take up to eight weeks.

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

Nothing new to report at this time.

3. Promotion and Support of the Tourism Industry

a. Amenities at Beaches

Phase 2 of the Stoney Island Beach Parking Area, which has seen the installation of wooden guardrails to resemble the parking area at Sandhills, is in progress. We have a few posts to put in deeper, a new layer of gravel to put down and the guardrails to install.

We should receive the first batch of beach signage from Causeway Computers soon and will begin installation once it is received. Last month, I noted that we were waiting for a response to our application to the Beautification and Streetscaping Program. On July 29, we were advised that

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we will receive \$7,288 towards the signage project which represents approximately 35% of the cost.

Finally, WSP has complete their preliminary 2D conceptual site plans which I have shared with Council for their review and input. Once these plans are finalized, WSP will move on to the 3D visualizations as well as provide landscape and engineering reviews. As mentioned last month, these plans will help us solicit the approval and collaboration of provincial agencies and other local stakeholders and set a strategy which will guide our ongoing work.

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 JULY 27TH TO AUGUST 23RD

TOPICS

Drought & Water Shortage

Over the past month, we have continued to experience dry conditions which has worsened the drought situation and increased water shortage challenges. Since our last report, we've moved from the "Collection of Information" phase to phases 2-4 which includes the provision of drinking water, water fill up stations, shower facilities, washing machines and water delivery.

Water Fill Up Stations

Water hoses are available for filling containers at the following locations:

- Barrington Port Latour Fire Hall
- RV Dumping Station on Sherose Island
- Island Barrington Passage Fire Hall
- Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Fire Hall. For Woods Harbour, residents need to contact a member of the WSHS fire department to access their hose.

It is important to note this water is non-potable and people using the hoses are responsible for cleaning and sanitizing before and after use.

Water Delivery & Drinking Water

Fire departments began delivering water on August 12 and will continue to do so on a once-a-week basis. On August 12, they delivered to 22 households and last Wednesday, they delivered to 12 households.

To request a delivery, residents must call the following numbers and leave a message anytime prior to Wednesday, **every week they want water**. They are asked to provide their name, civic number and phone number in the message.

Barrington Port Latour Fire Department Area: 902-635-4019

Island Barrington Passage Fire Department Area: 902-637-7381 or 902-745-0228

Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Fire Department Area: 902-723-2455

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It is important to note that the fire departments will not put water in wells and, once again, this water is non-potable. Residents will be required to sign a waiver at the time the fire department fills their container.

Showers and Washing Machines

We are working with EMONS to coordinate access to shower facilities. It seems as though there is a possibility, we may be able to use BMHS, but we are still trying to confirm all of the details. In the meantime, we are working on a “Plan B” for showers which would see our arena showers opening to the public. We are trying to determine, with the help of EMONS, what health and safety protocols we would need to follow to do so.

We’ve also received a number of inquiries relating to washing machines. Our traditional location at the Ground Search and Rescue building is not available this year so we have reached out to SASI to see if we could collaborate to open the washing machines they have in Barrington Passage that they use for their laundry service. In the meantime, we are also working on a “Plan B” for washing machines. We will be looking to community halls or other public spaces that we may be able to install the two washing machines that we have.

Water Supply Upgrade Lending Program

A reminder that we have a Water Supply Upgrade Lending Program which provides financing for water supply upgrades to qualifying property owners. We’ve received multiple inquiries about this program recently and more information on the program can be found on our municipal website or by contacting the office directly at 902-637-2015.

Monitoring & Advisories

We currently have 50 people on our contact list and continue to monitor the situation daily. If you are aware of or approached by residents that are facing challenges due to the water shortage, please have them contact Dwayne directly or the municipal office.

Official updates are posted on the EMO Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Barrington-and-Town-of-Clarks-Harbour-Emergency-Management-Organization-1464486240453177/>)



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2021 World Double Bit Axe Throwing Championships

Planning for the 2021 World Double Bit Axe Throwing Championships has already begun. The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) held their first meeting on July 15, 2020 and will continue to meet regularly over the next year to organize a great event.

The LOC is in the process of incorporating itself and developing the necessary policies and procedures as to how it will operate. The LOC has created a Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/worldaxethrowingchampionships/>) which will serve to promote the event and provide updates along the way. They made their first big announcement last Saturday – unveiling the dates of the event which will be August 26-29.

The LOC's next steps are to finalize its executive and directors from the pool of volunteers it has put together and begin to apply for funding and solicit sponsorships.

Recreation Programming

The Department hosted another very successful outdoor music concert with several youth performers we call **Sounds of Summer**. The attendance numbered about 65 and we received a lot of great comments on the event. We had a comprehensive safety plan in place that worked very well and gives us confidence to continue to provide outdoor activities to larger groups.

We are awaiting our mid-term report from Nova Scotia Lifeguard Service (NSLS) relating to their **Beach Lifeguard Assessment**, but comments are extremely positive from those involved in the project. Stoney Island Beach has been very busy this summer and as a result is favoured for the provision of lifeguard services, but the full assessment will provide the needed details and feasibility.

Our summer recreation programming continued throughout the month and will begin to slow down with the start of the school year. **Hello Fun** increased its in-person activity time to half days Monday to Friday. The high leader-to-participant ratio this summer has led to significant improvements: children are participating with more engagement, good behavior and much more family communication. It has also meant we were able to use some of the older youth participating in doing peer led activities and providing them opportunities for leadership development.

We are beginning to receive requests for the use of our **facilities** from user groups and are reaching out to past regular users to see what their plans are. The goals are to create consistency

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among user groups and access to facilities while balancing the provision of a wide variety of recreation opportunities to residents. Both the **Arena** and **Recreation Centre** have facility health & safety plans to adhere to public health guidelines. These work along side each specific user groups "Return to Play" approved plan. We have already received additional requests because it is unclear if schools will be open for community use this year.

Planning is well under for **Fall Programming**. Plans include programming and event options designed to get people outdoors seeking self-directed recreation. Archery clinics, activity hikes, kayaking workshops, stargazing, and more are being planned. We are looking into improving our equipment loan inventory as well. The hippocampe we share with other recreation departments has been loaned out continuously all summer for use on Barrington area beaches.

Finally, we've received some great feedback from the community on what they would like to see in terms of recreation and have had success with "pop-up" programming. For example, Joel has begun a drop-in **Spikeball** session every Tuesday at Stoney Island Beach. So far each session has had 8 participants all aged 15-25! Spikeball is a great beach sport for youth and young adults. By providing free drop ins, we are giving access to youth and adults to try out the sport for themselves on our beaches. Also, Some youth in the community mentioned that they would like to play beach volleyball so Joel contacted Volleyball Nova Scotia and they mentioned that there was a easy and cheap way to put up a beach volleyball court. We have since ordered a volleyball netting, two posts, and screws and the Department of Property Services will help the Recreation Department put up the beach volleyball net at Stoney Island Beach. This will increase physical activity levels at our beach, and will grow the sport of volleyball.

Building Permits & By-Law Enforcement

From July 20th to August 16th, 2020, 27 permits were issued with a total dollar value of \$369,000. 57 building inspections were carried out along with 14 fire inspections. We received 2 new subdivisions during this period and 2 others were sent to be registered. Presently we have 3 open subdivisions we are continuing to work on.

We received 4 new by-law complaints which we investigated and are presently working to resolve. These ranged from noise complaints to improper disposal and storage of waste. During this period, we closed 3 other complaints which leaves us with 3 open complaints.

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.

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Dave continues to work on civic numbering. Since reopening in June, he has visited over 40 properties regarding posting proper civic numbers. Soon, he will be visiting all property owners in the Sebim Beach area and giving information to them regarding properly separating household waste and civic numbering.

Fire Services & Emergency Management

There continues to be no COVID-19 related staffing issues for the fire departments, and they continue to monitor the status of their membership and communicate that information to the Fire Services Coordinator. Their functions are beginning to normalize but their facilities remain closed to the public.

The Department of Property Services continues to retrofit the container we purchased for live fire training. They are nearing completion and will begin training sessions on it once complete.

Dwayne and I have participate in two engagement sessions regarding WCB presumptive cancer coverage for firefighters and the recommendation being put forward takes the list from 6 types of cancer to 17 types of cancer – which is a positive improvement that aligns us closer to the other Provinces in the Country.

Otherwise, Dwayne continues to monitor COVID-19 updates from the province and EMONS and communicates regularly with EMONS regarding the Provincial response by participating in all conference calls. He is also preparing for the Firefighter 1 course that is starting in September and has performed monthly inspections of municipal properties.

This July the Fire Departments responded to 8 calls and they responded to 6 in July 2019. Here is the data for the month of July:



An ocean of opportunity

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BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE							
EMERGENCY CALLS July 2020							
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire	Mut	Auto	MFR	MVC	Other	TOTAL
		Aid	Aid				
Barrington/Port La Tour FD	1	1		1	1	1	5
Island Barrington Passage FD	1	1					2
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD						1	1
TOTALS	2	2		1	1	2	8
B/PLT -							
IBP -							
WH/SH							



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CAPITAL PROJECT UPATE

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

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

