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## KEY STRATEGIC AREAS

### 1. Infrastructure Renewal

#### *a. New Recreation Centre*

Last week, the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Team with Infrastructure Canada reached out to us to share information and guidance regarding the next step in the application assessment process. They requested details and answers relating to an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Indigenous Consultation (IC) in addition to a file showing the location and components of the project in order to confirm any EA or IC requirements for the project.

The requested information and answers are being prepared by our consultants and will be submitted before the requested deadline of October 28.

#### *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*

We have unfortunately not received any new no updates relating to the ongoing work to complete the Barrington East and Port La Tour internet projects. We continue to hope that they will be in position to complete the bulk of the projects by the end of the month but there are no guarantees at this time that that will be the case.

On a more positive note, and as noted in our previous Staff Report, Bell announced on September 28 that it will be expanding fibre Internet service to homes and businesses in the communities of

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Barrington Passage and Brass Hill. This part of Bell's accelerated capital investment in national next-generation network infrastructure and the expansion program will bring all-fibre broadband access to approximately 900 locations in the Municipality of Barrington by the end of 2021.

This project is fully funded by Bell and is in addition to the two other projects that received a municipal investment of \$444,000, servicing the areas of Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour and Eastern Barrington (Villagedale, Baccaro, Port La Tour and more).

We are extremely pleased that Bell is once again investing in building a strong broadband network in our Municipality that will provide essential services to businesses and residents, now and into the future.

### **3. Promotion and Support of the Tourism Industry**

#### *a. Amenities at Beaches*

Nothing new to report at this time.

#### *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)*

Over the past few months, we've included any work or updates on active transportation in the summary of activities below. As this is a key strategic area, we will now be including this information here.

This month, we were successful in our funding application for the research evaluation of the Sherose Island Nature Trail. We received \$13,479 to assist with associated costs of having researchers on site, hosting focus groups and activities and all of the reporting and recommendations for our future planning of outdoor recreation spaces.

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## SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FROM SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> TO OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>

### TOPICS

#### **Administrative Centre Renovations**

The renovations of the old Community Services section of the Administrative Centre started at the beginning of this month. The demolition has been completed and work will begin on framing and mechanical and electrical rough-ins. The project is anticipated to be complete by the beginning of February.

#### **Recreation Programming**

We are moving ahead on the **Community Use of Schools** initiative to create equal access to all tri-county schools with a consistent agreement with each. We have the support of the Director of Operations with TCRCE and are continuing meetings with them and all municipal recreation departments using these facilities.

We continue to work closely with community groups using the **Sherose Island Recreation Centre** to maintain access to the space for community led recreation. This has been challenging with the provincial proof of vaccination requirements, but we are successfully maintaining relationships with our existing user groups.

We continue to plan several family fun hikes, adult walks/ hikes and after school or in-service day drop-in activities. We are also supporting the Sherose Island Rocks Committee to put on a **Haunted Trail and Spooky Treat Trail** leading up to Halloween. The events are open to everyone because they can be accessed at different times and access points in their own small groups rather than a larger gathering that would require proof of full vaccination.

Our **Fall Hike Series** is ongoing with a variety of walks/hikes for all ages and abilities. More information on the fall hike and other programs and events taking place this Fall, residents can visit <https://www.barringtonmunicipality.com/Recreation/programs-and-events>.

Our MPAL is working on a **Fall Punch Card Challenge** to increase physical activity levels during the fall. The challenge will begin late October.

Our MPAL is looking into development on the **Wireless Station Road** to assess its potential use as a multi-use trail loop. This is just the preliminary stage. The vision is for the Wireless Station

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Road to be accessible by foot, bicycle, and ATVs with signage, and education on proper trail usage.

Finally, a new \$1 million **Rink Revitalization Fund** was announced in September and the intake of applications is now open for this fiscal year. We will be applying to help cover 1/3 of the costs of the replacement of the arena's old refrigeration control system and Misty, Cam and Cora have met to discuss future applications based on our asset management plan.

### **Christmas at the Causeway**

Planning is underway for our Lobster Trap Christmas Tree and Christmas at the Causeway celebration. We have a campaign currently underway for donations of lobster traps for the construction of the tree. We are asking for 15x9 American style traps of any colour with "brickless" bottoms. We will tag each trap with the donor's name and/or in memory of a loved one. We are also seeking members of the public to sit on our Working Group to help design and build our tree. If anyone is willing to sit on this team, they can be referred to Suzy.

### **Travel Media Association of Canada (TMAC)**

The TMAC (Travel Media Association of Canada) Conference, which we have supported with a \$5,000 sponsorship, will be taking place in June of 2022. It is being hosted by the Yarmouth and Acadian Shores Tourism Association, but we will be taking part in the planning of pre and post experiences/tours within the Municipality and surrounding areas. The conference is aiming to have 200 attendees take part, which will be a great opportunity to showcase our area to the world.

### **Lobster Crawl**

Planning continues for the 2022 Lobster Crawl, which will take place the entire month of February. The festival highlights the importance of the lobster industry to our region and helps to attract visitors to the South Shore in the winter season to indulge in all things lobster.

### **Building Permits & By-Law Enforcement**

From September 20 to October 17, 22 permits were issued with a total dollar value of \$526,000. This is a \$208,000 increase compared to the same period last year. 51 building inspections were carried out along with 25 fire inspections for Barrington and 1 for Argyle.

During this period, 3 new civic numbers were issued, and 14 households were visited.



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We received 2 new subdivision applications and one preliminary plan. 1 was sent for registration which now leaves us with 3 open subdivision files that we continue to work on.

During this period, we receive no new by-law complaints, and we have no outstanding complaints.

### **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.

Dwayne continues with Level 1 training with a class of 12 students and he provided an extinguisher course for a local composites company.

Fire Departments have began having joint practices once a month. This was an initiative that the Chiefs brought forward. The first one went well and training together is good for departmental relations.

There have been two meetings regarding members of the three Departments forming an honor guard group and it seems to be progressing well.

On the equipment front, the truck from BPLT that was on loan to Eel Brook is now back and will likely be sold to another department and IBP has put tanker 34 up for sale.

Otherwise, Dwayne attended several training courses, attended virtual sessions relating to emergency management planning, continues to monitor Covid-19 updates from the province and EMONS and performed monthly fire and life safety inspections.

This September, the fire departments responded to 12 calls, and they responded to 14 in September 2020. Here is the data for the month of September:

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<b>BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE</b>							
<b>EMERGENCY CALLS    September    2021</b>							
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>Fire</b>	<b>Mut</b>	<b>Auto</b>	<b>MFR</b>	<b>MVC</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
		<b>Aid</b>	<b>Aid</b>				
Barrington/Port La Tour FD			1		4		<b>5</b>
Island Barrington Passage FD	2				1		<b>3</b>
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD			1	2		1	<b>4</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>
B/PLT -							
IBP - Barn fire, debris pile fire							
WH/SH-							



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**CAPITAL PROJECT UPATE**

Here is an update on our 2021-2022 Capital Projects:

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Status</b>
5	Beach Facilities	Not Started
10	Bulk Water Source	Not Started
1	Landfill Truck Scale	In Progress
2	Recreation Centre	In Progress
3	Brass Hill Clarifier & Screens	In Progress
4	Property Services Building	In Progress
7	Municipal Admin Office Renovations	In Progress
8	Municipal Admin Building Accessibility	In Progress
9	Arena Refrigeration Control System	In Progress
12	Lobster Pot Christmas Tree	In Progress
6	Internet Project	Completed
11	Basil Blades Memorial Ballfield Lights	Completed
13	Library Heat Pump	Completed

