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KEY STRATEGIC AREAS

1. Infrastructure Renewal

a. New Recreation Centre

Following Council's decision last month to continue to the tendering phase, we reached out to our architect team and have a site visit scheduled for Friday, November 4. This site visit is the first step in their work to prepare the final design plans and tender package.

b. Development of Asset Management Plan

The majority of the condition assessments and data gathering is now complete. The draft asset management plan is now being developed and we expect is to be completed by the end of November. At that time, it will be presented to Council for approval.

c. Renewal or Expansion of Sewer System

The renovation work at our Brass Hill Treatment Plant continues.

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.

Promotion and Support of the Tourism Industry

d. Amenities at Beaches

Nothing new to report at this time.

e. Work to Attract Accommodations

Nothing new to report at this time.

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3. Provision or Support of Services for Residents of the Municipality

a. Continued Work Towards Additional Medical Services (Medical Clinic, Dialysis)

The first draft of the conceptual design (layout and site plan) of the Community Health Centre has been shared with some of our local healthcare stakeholders to gather general feedback and input. We will be working with the architects to develop a second draft which will incorporate this feedback.

b. Develop Water Access Plan (docks, wharves, and marinas)

Nothing new to report at this time.

c. Improve Active Transportation (sidewalks, trails, boardwalks)

In the month of September, the trail tracker counted 758 people. We expect more usage during the fall as there will be more programs and activities that will happen on the trail, such as the Halloween event hosted by the Sherose Island Rocks group.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FROM SEPTEMBER 28TH TO OCTOBER 24TH, 2022

TOPICS

Christmas at the Causeway

Planning is underway for our annual Christmas events and the building of the Lobster Trap Christmas tree. The tentative date for the tree lighting ceremony is Thursday, November 24. We are working with South Shore Tourism and the Nova Scotia Lobster Crawl on some cross-promotional activities which will bring in some travel media to showcase the Christmas festival and the kick-off to our lobster season on dumping day.

In addition to our standard activities such as the tree lighting and fireworks, we are partnering with the Barrington Municipal Library to deliver a story trail at Sherose Island and a special edition of Tales & Tumblebugs (a program our Recreation Department started this summer with the library). We will also host the annual Reindeer Dash as well as a Capture Christmas field game for school-aged youth.

Nova Scotia Lobster Crawl

The 5th annual Nova Scotia Lobster Crawl will take place in February of 2023. Planning is well underway to create and support events to celebrate the lobster industry. 2023 also marks the 25th anniversary of the Municipality's "Lobster Capital of Canada" designation. We are working on ways to celebrate this through Lobster Crawl, Lobster Festival, and various other ways throughout the year. If anyone has any suggestions, please feel free to reach out to Suzy.

Recreation Programming

We are getting back into our regular and seasonal programming and activities. Here is a list of those that are upcoming:

- After the Bell, a youth leadership program for girls runs every Wednesday.
- We are doing a large field game of Humans vs Zombies as an after-school event on Nov 2.
- Pickleball drop in nights are starting on Oct. 24th: Mondays from 6-8 at Forest Ridge Academy and Wednesdays at Clarks Harbour Elementary.

We are also supporting several community recreation initiatives:

- BMHS Superhero Fun Run on October 29.

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- Treat Trail on Sherose Island Trail on October 29th.
- Preschool Playgroup will meet on Wednesdays starting in November operated by the Shelburne County Family Resource Centre
- Fitness Fun for Seniors is offering Drum Fit, a new program for all ages that involves movement and rhythm with exercise balls and drumsticks.
- Special Olympics is expanding programming to include non-traditional sports such as archery and also incorporating music and crafts.

The Hiker challenge has been launched, and we received our badges. We have a Hiker badge hike on October 23 at Green Hills Trail to promote our challenge.

The Recreation Department has purchased 8 bicycles as part of our equipment loan program. This program, funded in part by the Active Communities Fund now has 6 mountain bikes, and 2 hybrid bikes to be loaned out to the public. There will be more promotion, and bicycle safety workshops in the near future.

We still share a good amount of Community Use of Schools funding to assist groups to use BMHS (a regional pilot school). We will be meeting again with administration because they have been able to hire more custodial staff to support weekend use of the gym. We will then promote the space to book for community events, sports and recreation.

Building Permits & By-Law Enforcement

From September 14 to October 20, 2022, 26 permits were issued with a total dollar value of \$611,800. This is a \$85,300 increase compared to the same period last year. 96 building inspections along with one fire re-inspection were carried out during this period.

Four new civic numbers were issued this period and 3 were deleted. 16 homes were visited to discuss civic numbering.

We received no new subdivision application but still have two outstanding and one pending.

We received four new by-law complaints and resolved 4 that were outstanding. We currently have 4 open complaints. As mentioned the last few of months, with the increased workload in the development office, by-law enforcement is taking a little longer than normal but we are still working through the complaints within the timeframes described in our complaints handling policy.

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Finally, over the past few months, we have been working on developing our e-permitting software. We are currently tweaking the system and getting trained on it. We hope to have it implemented at some point in the new year.

Fire Services & Emergency Management

Our Fire Services Coordinator continues his training program. This month, a vehicle extrication course for 15 students is being held over two weekends, the Firefighter 1 course is ongoing, and the Safety Officer course was held September 17 and 18 with 7 students.

Our Coordinator is preparing a submission for funding from the volunteer insurance levy administered by the Fire Service Association of Nova Scotia for courses that we will provide in 2023. This year, we were successful in getting funding for three courses.

On the EMO front, our emergency plan was reviewed and the contact list for comfort centers was confirmed prior to Hurricane Fiona. Through the hurricane, our Coordinator monitored conditions and impacts, participated in provincial briefings and forwarded situation reports to the PCC throughout the hurricane and in the days after. Fortunately impacts to our area were minimal unlike other areas of the province.

Otherwise, our Coordinator is still monitoring precipitation and so far, drought conditions have not been experienced. He also continues to monitor hurricane activity as hurricane season is upon us. Otherwise, our Fire Services/EMO Coordinator 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 19 calls, compared to 12 in September 2021. Here is the data for this past month:



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BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE							
EMERGENCY CALLS September 2022							
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire	Mut	Auto	MFR	MVC	Other	TOTAL
		Aid	Aid				
Barrington/Port La Tour FD	3					3	6
Island Barrington Passage FD	3				2	4	9
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD				4			4
TOTALS	6			4	2	7	19
B/PLT - 1 smoke sighted, 1 Bridge fire, 1 Chimney fire							
IBP - 1 Grass fire, 1 Debris fire, 1 Electrical							
WH/SH-							



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CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

Here is an update on our 2022-2023 Capital Projects:

Rank	Project	Status
2	Arena Rubber Flooring Dressing Rooms	In Progress
7	Admin Office Parking Lot Resurface & Curbs	In Progress
8	Council AV System	In Progress
9	Healthcare Centre	In Progress
10	Recreation Centre (21/22)	In Progress
11	Brass Hill Clarifier & Screens (21/22)	In Progress
13	Municipal Admin Building Accessibility (21/22)	In Progress
14	Property Services Building (21/22)	In Progress
1	Barrington Ballfield Aluminum Seating	Completed
3	Stoney Island Accessible Mats & Wheelchairs	Completed
4	Property Services 3/4 Ton Truck	Completed
5	Property Services Equipment	Completed
6	Solar Speed Sign	Completed
12	Landfill Truck Scale (21/22)	Completed

