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KEY STRATEGIC AREAS

1. Growing our Economy

3.1 Attract Accommodations

We continue to facilitate discussions between a hotel management and development company and a local developer in the hopes of increasing the number of accommodations in the Municipality.

A recommendation from Committee of the Whole is also on the agenda to update the data in the 2018 hotel study.

3.2 Invest in our Beaches and Parks

Work on getting power and lighting at Stoney Island Beach continues and a Request for Proposals/Quotes will soon be issued to solicit proposals for water at both Stoney Island and North East Point beaches.

3.3 Improved Cell Service

Nothing new to report at this time.

3.4 Municipal Property Development

Nothing new to report at this time.

3.5 Renewable Energy

Nothing new to report at this time.

2. Investing in our People

2.1 Community Health Centre

A recommendation from Committee of the Whole to award architect services for the Centre to Jost + Architects Ltd is on the agenda. This step will initiate the process of completing the design development phase of the project and will also see through the construction documents, tender, and construction phases.

2.2 Doctor Recruitment & Retention

Nothing new to report at this time.

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2.3 Public Transit

Sou'West Nova Transit has engaged Left Turn Right Turn Ltd. to complete a Collaborative Transportation Solutions Implementation Plan and we are collaborating on this initiative as a member of the Steering Committee. They are working on a kick-off of the project and will be seeking guidance to help increase their understanding of transportation in the region. The first consultation that will inform this project is municipal discovery sessions. These discovery sessions will allow them to build a foundation of knowledge to rely on moving forward. They cover everything from transportation priorities, to challenges, opportunities, perceptions, and more. They will be holding discovery sessions with each partner municipality. Our session is scheduled for Wednesday, August 23.

3. Strengthening our Communities

3.1 Infrastructure Renewal

Nothing new to report at this time.

3.2 Housing

Nothing new to report at this time.

3.3 Improved Wastewater Services

Nothing new to report at this time.

3.4 Accessibility

Nothing new to report at this time.

3.5 Diversity and Inclusion

Nothing new to report at this time.

4. Operating Efficiently

4.1 Develop an Employee Retention Program

Nothing new to report at this time.

4.2 Create an Economic Development Office

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Nothing new to report at this time.

4.3 Consider the Expansion of the C&D Site

Nothing new to report at this time.

4.4 Transparency

Nothing new to report at this time.

5. Keeping Barrington Moving

5.1 Enhance Recreation Programs

Nothing new to report at this time.

5.2 Sherose Island Recreation Complex Strategy

Nothing new to report at this time.

5.3 Increase the Number of Outdoor Spaces Strategy

Nothing new to report at this time.

5.4 Trail Expansion

In the month of July, 513 people visited the Sherose Island Nature Trail. There was 764 in the previous year during July.

5.5 Sidewalk Expansion

Nothing new to report at this time.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FROM JULY 25TH TO AUGUST 21ST, 2023

TOPICS

Recreation Programming

In partnership with our tourism ambassadors and Our House, we have planned **beach day events**, now rescheduled to August 25th from 11am – 3pm, as well as the Grand Opening of our accessible beach at Stoney Island at 1pm. We will be on hand with several activities for all ages.

We will conduct an evaluation through a survey with parents of our summer recreation programs. The new structure seemed to have worked well, and we will be looking ways to build on this positive momentum. A full report including registration and user date will be compiled once programming is complete.

The pool will close on August 24th with all staff returning to school/ pre-term activities.

We recently acquired all the assets of the Queen of Hearts Dory Club, including 4 dories, paddles, and equipment along with a shed at North East Point. Our goal will be to support volunteers in offering an on-water experience to locals and visitors as drop in fun nights. The shed may also be used to house some of our kayaks, so people have an alternate location to borrow from.

We have received \$11,934.89 to enhance senior activities through garden kits, improve the loose parts play at the recreation centre, enhance trails in our community with another trail tracker and improve accessibility for paddling opportunities with a shed that will be built at the Sherose Island Boat Launch. The Department has been working on moving forward on all of these projects this past month.

We are also working on putting together a promotional video on the equipment loan program to showcase the different kind of equipment people can borrow. These videos will be shared on Facebook, Youtube, and our Municipal page.

Building Permits & By-Law Enforcement

From July 16 to August 19, 44 permits were issued for a total value of \$2,011,500. This is a decrease of \$882,500 compared to the same period last year. 114 building inspections along with

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8 fire inspections and 3 fire re-inspections were carried out during this period. One inspection was also carried out to issue a liquor license for the Barrington Exhibition.

We issued 3 new civic numbers, and 9 places were visited to discuss proper civic numbering.

We received two new subdivision applications, and one was sent for registration. We presently have three outstanding subdivisions that we continue to work on.

Two new by-law complaints were received. This leaves us with 10 open complaints that we continue to work on. We also resolved two streetlight complaints this period.

Fire Services & Emergency Management

Our Coordinator began an instructor 1 course with 8 students and a Firefighter 2 course with 7 students. He is also preparing for a Firefighter 1 course in the Fall which has 20 students enrolled thus far.

Work on an After-Action Review (AAR) continues. A survey was sent out to external partners in the County in conjunction with Shelburne County East Emergency Management. The AAR will be centered on evaluating what was expected to happen, what actually occurred, what went well and why and what can be improved and how. A number of community and government partners and agencies have been asked to participate by providing their perspectives and experiences. A report summarizing the findings of the AAR will be published. It will help apply the lessons learned to future emergency events by providing a clear summary of concrete and actionable recommendations and identifying tasks and topics requiring leadership attention.

Since the wildfires, all 3 fire departments have seen an increase in new membership. In total approximately 20 new members have signed up with 8 of those having prior training.

IBPFD's new rescue vehicle has arrived and is in service. The old rescue truck was sold to the Weymouth Fire Department and the funds from this sale went toward the cost of the new one. The old hydraulic extrication tools were sold to the North Queens Fire Department and the funds also went towards the cost of the new rescue.

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Otherwise, our Fire Services/EMO Coordinator is monitoring for tropical cyclone development as hurricane season is upon us and has performed monthly fire and life safety inspections.

This past July, the Fire Departments responded to 31 calls, compared to 21 in July of 2022. Here is the data for this past month months:

BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE							
EMERGENCY CALLS July 2023							
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire	Mut	Auto	MFR	MVC	Other	TOTAL
		Aid	Aid				
Barrington/Port La Tour FD	3		1		1	2	7
Island Barrington Passage FD	1		3		1	7	12
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD	1		2	5		4	12
TOTALS	5		6	5	2	13	31
B/PLT -							
IBP -							
WH/SH-							



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CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

Here is an update on our 2023-2024 Capital Projects:

Rank	Project	Status
4	Beach Facilities Water Drilling	Not Started
6	Arena Shower/Flooring	Not Started
10	Lobster Sculptures	Not Started
1	Recreation Centre	In Progress
2	Community Healthcare Centre	In Progress
3	Pool Liner/Pool Lift	In Progress
5	Lighting/Power Stoney Island Beach	In Progress
7	Property Services Building Heat Pump	Completed
8	Goose Lake Road Improvements	In Progress
9	Brass Hill Clarifier	Completed

