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OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

We provided support to build a funding application with the Shelburne County Fish & Game Association for a barrier free fishpond. They are currently exploring potential funding programs to support an application to the Recreation Facility Development Program.

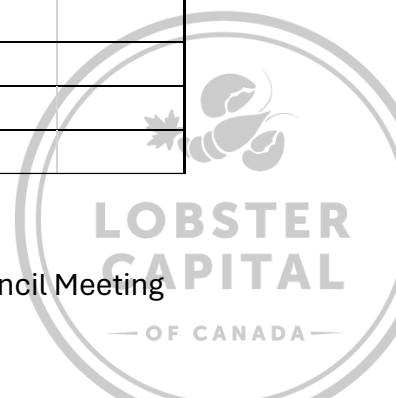
We have completed a short survey with community members serving on the RAC. Results will be compiled, and a meeting scheduled in February to make recommendations on the future role and governance of the committee.

We completed our application to Canada Summer Jobs and in doing so, reviewed current seasonal positions in order to make changes to enhance services to residents in the summer months.

From November 17, 2023 to January 14, 2024, 24 permits were issued for a total construction value of \$1,924,600. This represents a \$789,600 increase from the same period last year. 155 building inspection, 13 fire inspections and 3 fire re-inspections were conducted over this period. 17 locations were visited to discuss civic numbering with 9 new civic numbers issued, 1 deleted and 3 renumbered. 1 new subdivision application was received and we currently have 3 open subdivision files. 3 new by-law complaints were received. 12 complaints were resolved with 7 outstanding.

Fire departments responded to 24 calls in December 2023 compared to 18 in December 2022

BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE							
EMERGENCY CALLS December 2023							
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire	Mut	Auto	MFR	MVC	Other	TOTAL
		Aid	Aid				
Barrington/Port La Tour FD			1		1	4	6
Island Barrington Passage FD	2				3		5
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD	1		1	7	2	2	13
TOTALS	3		2	7	6	6	24
B/PLT -							
IBP - 1 electrical fire, 1 vehicle fire							
WH/SH- 1 chimney fire							



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Fire department calls for the 2023 year were 332 as compared to 213 for 2022 which is a significant increase – some of which was due to the wildfire.

We participated in an after-action review regarding the Highway 103 reopening after the wildfires with EMO and DNRR personnel.

Our Fire Services and EMO Coordinator attended an EMO Planning Committee Meeting in Guysborough to discuss our experiences with the Barrington Lake Wildfire.

Since September 28, 2023 three of our surplus properties have been sold, with 7 more properties currently listed with Exit Realty. We are preparing 4 more properties to be listed in the near future.

Accessibility Advisory Committee members are reviewing the Accessibility Plan and will consider which area of focus they will concentrate on at their next meeting. One initiative we have been working on that stems from the Committee's work is installing lines across the front of the PetroCan gas station to connect the sidewalk. Contact has been made with PetroCan to have agreement signed to allow us to install the lines across.

Work continues with camp lease holders to have properties cleaned up as a result of the Barrington Lake Wildfire. Some camp lease holders have decided to select another site to rebuilt on.

The first Lobster Dip was a great success. We had over 100 participants registered to take the plunge on New Years Day. Almost \$2,000 was raised in support of Our House Youth Wellness Centre. The Barrington & Area Chamber of Commerce volunteered handing out Hot Chocolate, the Recreation Department supported with Lifeguarding services and a fire pit. The Island & Barrington Passage Fire Department volunteers were also on site to ensure participant safety.

The Nova Scotia Lobster Crawl planning is well underway. Lucy kicks off the event on February 2 with her live prediction at 8:00 a.m. There is a full calendar of events happening within the Municipality and along Nova Scotia's South Shore all month long. Attached is a calendar of events for the Lobster Crawl. Subject to change and additions to calendar will likely happen.

We are completing a re-fresh of paint and light renovations in the Administrative Building. Our Public Works crew has repaired pot holes in municipal gravel driveways and parking lots, are building more wheelchair accessible tables for some of our parks and trails and recently competed a board walk on the Sherose Island Nature Trail.



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UPCOMING INITIATIVES

We have a Firefighter Level II training course starting January 30. On the EMO front, we have an Executive Meeting on January 30 to discuss the municipal after-action review relating to the wildfire.

Planning will begin for the 2024 tourism season, including the Lobster Festival, recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Cape Sable Island Causeway and preparing the Visitor Information Centre for this season.

We have been working on an Expression of interest for the Connect2 grant, which is a provincial grant that looks at increasing active transportation networks in the community. We are looking at creating a trail that will connect the Barrington Bay trail and the Island view Park to enhance movement in our community.

We are continuing to program to specific populations (seniors, youth and families with young children) to both engage them to receive feedback on recreation needs and also build a relationship to carry over to the new facility.

Our annual tax sale will be done by tender once again this year. There are currently 38 properties on the tax sale list. Tenders will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. AST on Tuesday, February 13, 2023. For complete details on the process, as well as the properties available, residents can visit <http://bit.ly/3arkg9a>.

CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

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

Rank	Project	Status
4	Beach Facilities Water Drilling	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
6	Arena Shower/Flooring	Completed
8	Goose Lake Road Improvements	Completed
7	Property Services Building Heat Pump	Completed
9	Brass Hill Clarifier	Completed
10	Lobster Sculptures	Completed



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2022-2025 Strategic Plan Update

Here is a brief update on our strategic plan's progress. This update outlines our achievements, key performance indicators, and the impact of initiatives.

Overall Health

Plan **2022-2025 Strategic Plan**



- Achieved
- At Risk
- Behind
- Not Started
- On Track

Total: 22 (100%) objectives

1 Apr 2023 - 31 Dec 2024



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FOCUS AREA: GROW OUR ECONOMY				
PLAN: 2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN				
+	Objective ↕	Health ↕	Progress Change (MoM)	Time Frame ↕
🎯	Invest in our Beaches and Parks	● On Track	↑ 47% (24% - 71%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Attract Accommodations	● On Track	↑ 55% (40% - 95%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Municipal Property Development	● At Risk	↑ 32% (0% - 32%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Improved Cell Service	● On Track	↑ 83% (0% - 83%)	Apr 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025
🎯	Renewable Energy	● At Risk	↑ 40% (0% - 40%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2023
FOCUS AREA: KEEP BARRINGTON MOVING				
PLAN: 2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN				
+	Objective ↕	Health ↕	Progress Change (MoM)	Time Frame ↕
🎯	Sherose Island Recreation Complex Strategy	● Not Started	0% (0% - 0%)	Apr 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025
🎯	Increase the Number of Outdoor Spaces Strategy	● Behind	↑ 32% (0% - 32%)	Apr 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Enhance Recreation Programs	● On Track	↑ 58% (0% - 58%)	Apr 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Trail Expansion	● On Track	↑ 53% (0% - 53%)	Jan 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Sidewalk Expansion	● Not Started	0% (0% - 0%)	Apr 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025



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FOCUS AREA: STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITIES				
PLAN: 2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN				
	Objective	Health	Progress Change (MoM)	Time Frame
	Housing	On Track	↑ 59% (0% - 59%)	Jan 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2024
	Diversity and Inclusion	On Track	↑ 13% (0% - 13%)	Jan 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2024
	Improve Wastewater Services	Not Started	0% (0% - 0%)	Apr 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025
	Accessibility	On Track	↑ 92% (0% - 92%)	Apr 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
	Infrastructure Renewal	Achieved	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2023
FOCUS AREA: OPERATE EFFICIENTLY				
PLAN: 2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN				
	Objective	Health	Progress Change (MoM)	Time Frame
	Consider the Expansion of the C&D Site	Not Started	0% (0% - 0%)	Apr 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025
	Develop an Employee Retention Program	Behind	↑ 92% (0% - 92%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2023
	Create an Economic Development Office	At Risk	0% (0% - 0%)	Jan 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2024
	Transparency	Behind	↑ 79% (0% - 79%)	Apr 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
FOCUS AREA: INVEST IN OUR PEOPLE				
PLAN: 2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN				
	Objective	Health	Progress Change (MoM)	Time Frame
	Public Transit	Achieved	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2023
	Community Health Centre	On Track	↑ 43% (20% - 63%)	Mar 01, 2023 Sep 01, 2025
	Doctor Recruitment & Retention	On Track	↑ 45% (0% - 45%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024

