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OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

The budget has been one of our main priorities in the last three months. Council has completed its review of the first draft of the operating and capital budgets and will be discussing the second draft next month. A final draft of the budgets will include the feedback received during these meetings and we are hopeful it will be approved at the end of April.

We have been working diligently over the past month to prepare for the satellite court to move into our building. The first scheduled hearing in Barrington is April 10. The courthouse in Barrington is a satellite of the Yarmouth Justice Centre. It will not offer public services and only operates when matters are scheduled.

It has been three years since we've launched our complaints handling system. Our "Helpdesk" has helped us streamline the complaint process through a cloud-based app which allows the public to submit complaints online. A public page that includes a form is available for residents to report problems 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from any device and location. Internally, Staff and Council will have access to an internal application (authorized access only) to manage the complaints/inquiries.

To provide an overview of the data associated with our third year of usage, we've prepared a "2023-2024 Complaints Report", which can be viewed here: [2023-2024 Complaints Report.pdf](#).

A reminder that residents can report problems by visiting our website and clicking on "Report a Problem" on our homepage or by visiting <https://helpdesk.barringtonmunicipality.com/report>.



We have worked with the local restaurants in the County to get the 1st Shelburne County Burger BUNanza going. There are a total of 15 restaurants participating and 17 burgers to try. We created a Burger passport and stamps and delivered them to all participating restaurants. 15 non-profits/organizations are benefiting from this event, with a \$1 from every burger sold going back into the community.



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We are working with local ball leagues and participants to better address field maintenance and scheduling. The needs are consistently growing, and we expect this will be a focus for the next several years. This year, we are striving to improve communications, field preparation and maintenance and amenities.

We met with RAC members to discuss moving from a committee to a working group structure for future projects/ engagement.

We applied to the Connect 2 program to fund a connector trail from the Barrington Bay Trail to Island View Park.

The disc golf course is set at the Sherose island recreation complex.

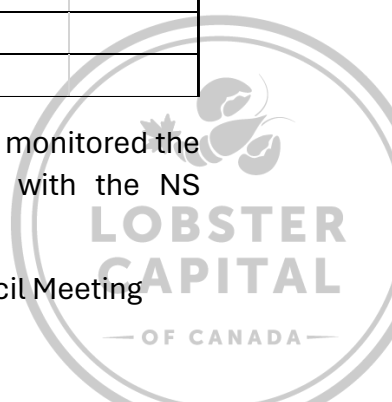
Our MPAL is in New Minas this week to become a Active Smarter Kids trainer. Active Smarter kids is a initiative that guides teachers to lead physical activity lessons in the classroom so students are moving more throughout the day instead of sitting down and learning.

From February 19 to March 17, 27 permits were issued for a total construction value of \$1,673,500. This represents a \$1,071,500 decrease from the same period last year. 66 building inspections, 1 fire inspection and 4 fire re-inspections were conducted over this period. 5 locations were visited to discuss civic numbering with 6 new civic numbers issued. 2 subdivision applications were received, and we currently have 4 open subdivision files. 1 new by-law complaint was received, and one was completed. We have 5 outstanding.

Fire departments responded to 18 calls this January compared to 20 in February 2023.

BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE							
EMERGENCY CALLS February 2024							
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire	Mut	Auto	MFR	MVC	Other	TOTAL
		Aid	Aid				
Barrington/Port La Tour FD	2					1	3
Island Barrington Passage FD			1		1	1	3
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD			1	9		2	12
TOTALS	2		2	9	1	4	18
B/PLT - 1 Structure, 1 Chimney							
IBP -							
WH/SH-							

Our Coordinator taught a Safety Officer and Strategy and Tactics course. He monitored the various storms and maintained situational awareness. He has liaised with the NS



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Department of Public Works regarding the closure and reopening of the Bloody Creek Bridge due to elevated water levels

UPCOMING INITIATIVES

The summer staff hiring process will take place in April. We have received more applications than in the past few years and at least 95% are returning applications.

We are working with Shelburne & Lockport Recreation Departments, Our House, Schools Plus and CCTH to plan and facilitate a full day girls leadership summit for grades 7-10 on May 15th in Barrington.

We will work with schools to schedule June aquatic and recreation programming. This process started in December so that we would have the time needed to allocate resources, partner with the Lifesaving Society to fund the participating schools and ensure we have trained staff. We are contracting a trainer to come work with all new and experienced aquatic staff to provide needed training and touch on gaps seen in our swim instruction.

We will be attending the Saltscapes Expo in April, preparation for materials and booth design are in progress. Planning for the Lobster Festival and the 75th Causeway Anniversary is underway as well.



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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
1	Recreation Centre	In Progress
2	Community Healthcare Centre	In Progress
3	Pool Liner/Pool Lift	Completed
5	Lighting/Power Stoney Island Beach	Completed
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



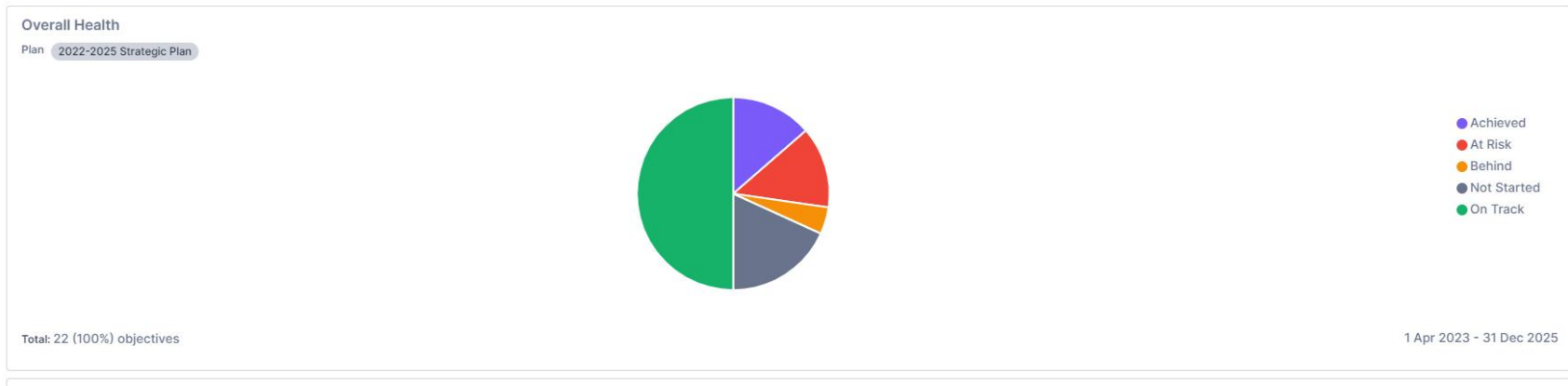
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2022-2025 Strategic Plan Update

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



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1 Apr 2023 - 31 Dec 2024

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	↑ 38% (0% - 38%)	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	Achieved	↑ 8% (92% - 100%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2023
	Create an Economic Development Office	At Risk	↑ 31% (0% - 31%)	Jan 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2024
	Transparency	On Track	↑ 79% (0% - 79%)	Apr 01, 2023 Dec 31, 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	↑ 71% (0% - 71%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Attract Accommodations	● On Track	↑ 95% (0% - 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% (40% - 80%)	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	● On Track	↑ 62% (0% - 62%)	Apr 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Enhance Recreation Programs	● On Track	↑ 58% (0% - 58%)	Apr 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Trail Expansion	● On Track	↑ 56% (0% - 56%)	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: 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	● Behind	↑ 63% (0% - 63%)	Mar 01, 2023 Sep 01, 2025
🎯	Doctor Recruitment & Retention	● On Track	↑ 45% (0% - 45%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024

