

# Newsletter

SUMMER 2020

Stoney Island Beach  
Sandy Crowell Photo

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

8:30am - 4:30pm

Closed for Lunch

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Please note the Tax Office closes  
each day at 4:00 p.m.

## **Barrington Hits the Bullseye on hosting the 2021 World Double Bit Axe Throwing Championships**

The Nova Lumberjacks Society (NLS) is pleased to announce the 2021 World Double Bit Axe Throwing Championships has been awarded to the Municipality of Barrington. The NLS was extremely pleased with the Municipality's overall bid to host the 2021 Championships, which will see more than 125 competitors from around the world participate in this 3-day event. The NLS who issued the bid is a Nova Scotia based, registered non-profit organization who were awarded the right to host the 2021 World Championships, based on their experience and success in hosting previous events including the 2018 and 2019 Canadian Axe Throwing Championships in Liverpool, and for the last four years, the Nova Scotia Lumberjack Championships.

President of the NLS, Burlin Nickerson says, "We are honoured to bring an event with this level of prestige to Canada, Nova Scotia and the community of Barrington. Bringing the best axe throwers in the world to Nova Scotia is a dream and an enormous responsibility, but with the support of the community of Barrington, we believe we can deliver the best world championship ever held in the sport."

Local world log rolling champion and NLS Director Darren Hudson, who has also competed on the world axe throwing stage himself and instrumental in the development of axe throwing in Nova Scotia, said the event will attract "world class athletes who have competed in both the world championships in Germany and Sweden. They are looking forward to bringing their families to Nova Scotia, not only to compete but to experience Canada for the first time. We are AXEcited to show them what Barrington has to offer in putting together a world class event and showcasing our top-notch hospitality, I believe they will love the people here!"

The Municipality of Barrington is excited to welcome the World to Barrington next year. Eddie Nickerson, Warden of the Municipality of Barrington says, "The impact this event will have on our local economy, not only in Barrington but regionally will be phenomenal. I know our community and volunteers will help create a memorable experience for the competitors, many of whom will be first time visitors to Nova Scotia and Canada. We are grateful the Nova Lumberjacks Society has entrusted us to host such a high caliber event in rural Nova Scotia."

**Want to get involved? Let us know! 902-637-2015 [info@barringtonmunicipality.com](mailto:info@barringtonmunicipality.com)**





## Property Taxes

**Reminder notices** for property taxes were sent out the second week of July, 2020. Please note that reminders were not sent to accounts with a balance of less than \$5.00 and that interest is accruing daily at a rate of 18% per annum on all outstanding balances.

Property owners with two full years of arrears (2018 and prior) will receive a **Preliminary Notice of Tax Sale** during the first week of August, 2020. Once the notices have been sent, the property owner is added to the 2020/21 tax sale list and is required to pay all interest and arrears to be removed from this list. The tentative date for the tax sale is February 22, 2021.

The October 2020 final bill will be sent out during the first week of October and the interest date will be November 15, 2020.

Tax Statements for the **2020 Senior Rebate Program** can be obtained by contacting the tax office. The application forms can be found online, at the tax office, and at the Senior Services office.



## Debit Machines

The Municipality of Barrington now has debit machines at the following locations; Admin Office, Sandy Wickens Memorial Arena, Recreation Centre and C & D Landfill. We are still accepting cash and cheques.

# Warden's Message

A lot has changed since our last municipal newsletter. The COVID-19 pandemic has upended our normal way of living and the future is unclear. Despite this exceptional situation, we have extraordinary people in our community who have been doing everything they can to help. I know that our community will continue to take care of each other by checking in on vulnerable family, friends and neighbours and sharing with those that are in need. I have also seen local businesses and community groups stepping up to help, and I am sure these connections will continue to build to make sure that no one is left behind.

The Municipality continues to do its part to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by following public health guidelines which emphasizes the importance of practicing social distancing and clean hygiene habits. Essential services such as wastewater services, garbage pickup and fire services continue to operate as usual and we appreciate everyone's patience as we focus on supporting these critical services.

With the easing of some public health restrictions, the Recreation Department is now hosting a variety of exciting programs and activities for all ages. Our recreational facilities, such as our pool, recreation centre and batting cages are also available by appointment. Make sure to follow the Department's Facebook Page to stay up to date on what is available.

If you have a chance to travel, we encourage you to do so within the province and rediscover the things that have drawn visitors here from all over the world. After being separated from the places we love, exploring our home province again will feel both like a long-awaited reunion and a brand-new adventure.

Aside from recreation and tourism, the Municipality continues to focus on providing important essential services and improving community infrastructure. To note in particular, continued work on the new Recreation Centre and beach enhancements such as phase 2 of the Stoney Island Beach Parking Area project.

Finally, on behalf of the Municipality I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our local health care professionals, first responders, essential workers, and frontline workers who have all gone above and beyond.

Happy reading and I wish everyone a very safe summer and fall season!

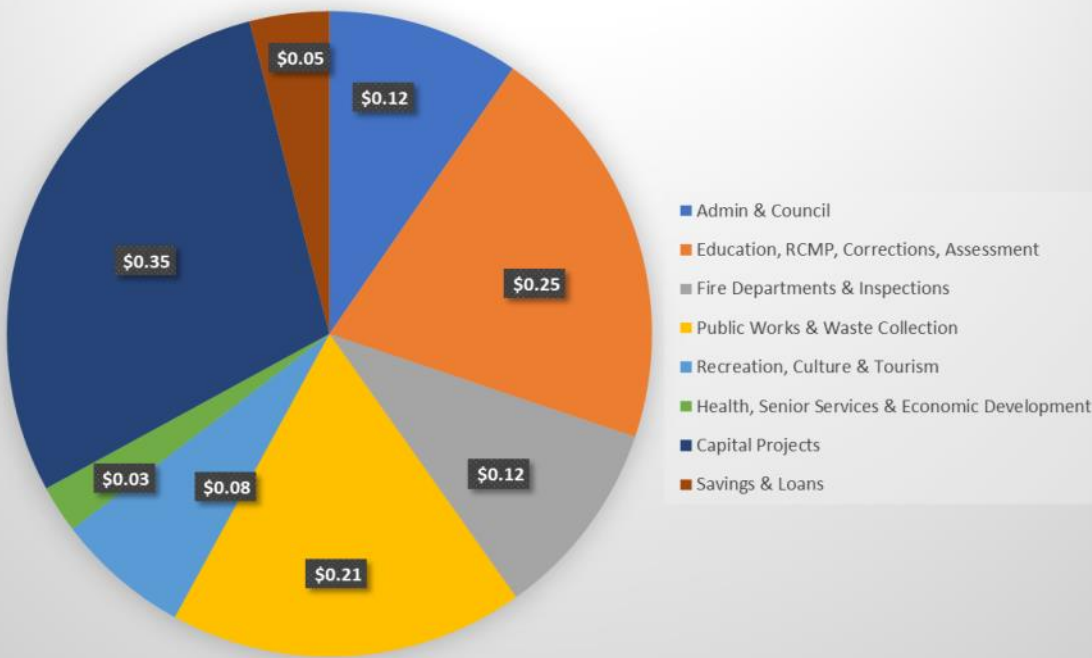
*Eddie Nickerson*





The Hawk Beach  
Carli Hopkins Photo

**Where do my taxes go?**  
The residential tax rate is \$1.05 per \$ 100 of assessment,  
average fire area rate of \$0.16



**A home assessed at \$ 100,000, located in Barrington Passage, annual tax bill would be \$ 1,179.00**



Admin & Council	\$117
Education, RCMP, Corrections, Assessment	\$244
Fire Departments & Inspections	\$117
Public Works & Waste Collection	\$205
Recreation, Culture & Tourism	\$78
Health, Senior Services & Economic Development	\$29
Capital Projects	\$340
Savings & Loans	\$49
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1179</b>

## BUDGET AT A GLANCE 2020-2021



	Budget 2020 - 2021
<b>Revenue</b>	
Property & Other Taxes	6,905,846
Grants in Lieu of Taxes	144,070
Services to Other Governments	110,789
Sale of Services	252,770
Other Revenue	765,437
Unconditional Transfers	179,659
Conditional Transfers	2,651,755
Other Transfers	1,670,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>12,680,326</b>

<b>Expenses</b>	
General Government Services	1,728,888
Protective Services	2,341,024
Transportation Services	446,514
Environmental Health	1,411,125
Public Health and Welfare	123,000
Environmental Development	313,047
Recreation and Cultural	709,205
Education	1,360,123
Financing	4,247,400
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>12,680,326</b>



**DOWNLOAD THE R6RECYCLES APP TODAY!**

TAKE THE GUESSWORK OUT OF SORTING  
RECEIVE ALERTS FOR YOUR WASTE PICK-UP  
FIND OUT WHEN YOUR WASTE PICK UP DAY IS



# Recreation & Physical Activity

## **Recreation Department**

27 Park Lane, Sherose Island  
P.O. Box 100, Barrington, NS  
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### **Misty James**

Director of Recreation  
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### **Joel d'Entremont**

Physical Activity Coordinator  
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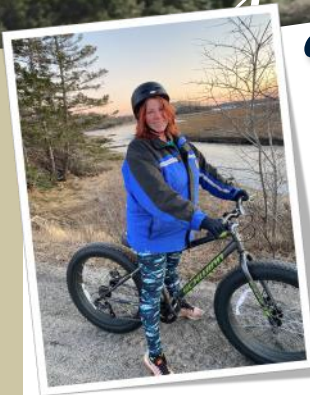
### **Cora Scott**

Sandy Wickens Memorial Arena  
Administrative Assistant  
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**Rentals** - The Recreation Centre can be rented for birthday parties, baby showers, wedding showers, etc. Call the Rec Dept. to make arrangements – 902-637-2015.

**The Kids Fair Play FUNd** mission is to provide recreational opportunities for all kids in Shelburne County in a number of ways: financial, travel, equipment and making connections. The Kids Fair Play FUNd will assist kids in any recreation and sport activity. Call the Rec Dept. for more information.

**Southshoreconnect.ca** is used by municipal recreation departments on the South Shore that service providers, residents and visitors are able to easily locate the local recreation, outdoor, sport and active living options across the region. If you feel your club or organization can contribute to this site please contact the Rec Department.



## Welcome Misty & Joel!

The Municipality of Barrington would like to take this time to welcome two new staff members to our team! Please join us in welcoming **Misty James**, Director of Recreation and **Joel d'Entremont**, our Physical Activity Coordinator.



## RECREATION Programs



Register for a week of Hello Fun and get:

- Hello Fun box delivered to your door containing fun items and instructions for weekly activities.
- Access to daily day camp style activities in person with fun leaders and kids your age
- Two pool passes per week for Hello Fun exclusive swims and half price on Bubble Rentals for your family
- Access to private Hello Fun video chats, social media sharing, staff created videos, special guests and email communications.
- Early bird registration for expanded Hello Fun activities and family events (half day program, movie nights, etc)

**Week 1:** July 6-10 Athletes in Action

**Week 2:** July 13-17 Explore Our World

**Week 3:** July 20-24 Science Week

**Week 4:** July 27-31 Week of Holidays

**Week 5:** August 4-7 We've got Talent

**Week 6:** August 10-14 Adventure into the Unknown

**Week 7:** August 17-21 Midway Mania

**Week 8:** August 24-28 Survivor Week

### **Bubble Pool Rentals!**

Did you know you can book the pool for your social circle of 10 at a reduced rental rate? This summer, due to public health restrictions we have special rental slots for bubble units so physical distancing will not have to be enforced in our small space. Many times are available! Call 902-637-2015 or 902-637-2885 for details and to save your spot!



Follow us on Facebook for extra information or special events happening all summer long! <https://www.facebook.com/BarringtonRecreation/>



# CHECK OUT OUR NEW BATTING CAGES!



Did you know there are batting cages available for use at the Sandy Wickens Memorial Arena? Book your time and play ball!  
<https://www.rectimes.app/sandywickenmemorialarena/index> or phone 902-637-2015 ext 227

We currently ask all users to bring their own equipment (helmets and bats) and follow all public health protocols.  
\$20/half hour - general public  
\$15/half hour - local sports organizations



**Barrington  
Farmers' Market**  
Barrington Recreation Centre,  
27 Park Lane

**SATURDAYS  
9AM - 12PM**

**JULY 18 & 25**

**AUGUST 8 & 22**

**SEPTEMBER 12 & 26**

# vote!

OCT 17

Your Municipality • Your Say

## INTERESTED IN RUNNING IN THE NEXT MUNICIPAL ELECTION?

Every four years, municipalities across the Province conduct municipal and CSAP school board elections. The next regular municipal and CSAP school board election will be held October 17, 2020.

To learn more, please visit our municipal webpage at <https://barringtonmunicipality.com/Council/2020-municipal-elections>

Local government matters. We encourage everyone to get involved as when more residents participate in local government, better decisions are made.

For more information, contact our Returning Officer:  
Cathy Clark - [elections@barringtonmunicipality.com](mailto:elections@barringtonmunicipality.com)  
902-637-3735 or 902-320-3509



## SHEROSE ISLAND ROCKS!

Be sure to check out the Sherose Island Nature Trail and uncover an adventure of fun & discovery for the whole family! Painted rocks have been placed along the trail for you to find, we welcome you to paint your own and place them for others to find as well!



Special thanks to Christy Conrad for spearheading this great initiative!

Sasha Crowell Photos

Charlesville  
Tracey Devine Photo

## Dave Andrews

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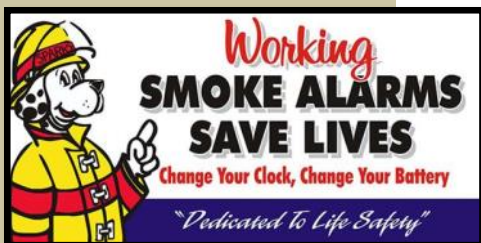
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### Water Tests

Need your well water tested? Bottles can be picked up at the Municipal Office.

### Sewer

Please assist us in keeping our public sewer systems working properly. **Do not flush items such as diapers (child/adult), rags, mop heads, shop towels, etc.** These items cause damage to the pumping system which result in expensive repairs and maintenance. Please contact our Director of Property Services at 637-2015 with any inquiries or problems regarding the sewer system.



How can we find you?

## CIVIC NUMBERING

HOW CAN WE FIND YOU WHEN YOU NEED US?

IT'S THE LAW – POST YOUR  
REFLECTIVE CIVIC NUMBER TODAY.



Property with the proper Civic

Civic numbers are to be reflective and shall be displayed on the same side of the road as the property is located and be visible from either direction. Blue and white signs are most visible.

We would like to hear from you – If you do not have a properly posted civic number, please call our office 637-2015 for assistance and/or direction. **CIVIC NUMBERS SAVE LIVES!**

*A copy of the civic numbering by-law can be found on the Municipal Website.*

### **MOVING OR DEMOLISHING A MOBILE HOME OR MINI-HOME?**

Having a proper demolition permit could save you money on your property taxes. Having a permit will allow the proper paper work to be submitted to Assessment Nova Scotia to ensure your taxes get adjusted appropriately. Please phone 902-637-2015 EXT 5 to arrange to get your permit today!

## FIRE SERVICES & EMO

From West to East the Officers of the Fire Departments are as follows:

**Woods Harbour Shag Harbour:** Chief – Jody Goreham, Dpty Chief – Jason Shand, Dpty Chief – Gordie Stoddard

**Island & Barrington Passage:** Chief - Walter Scott, Dpty Chief – Corey Crowell, Dpty Chief - Brian Nickerson

**Barrington/Port La Tour:** Chief - John Nickerson, Dpty Chief – Paul Thomas, Dpty Chief – Mike Swim

From mid March until the end of May fire departments limited their activities to emergency responses and necessary maintenance only. Their activities are starting to normalize somewhat with the changes to the restrictions of the Dept. of Health. Their halls remain closed to the public, but meetings and training sessions are resuming.

Since last July, 52 firefighters have participated in various training courses taught by local and fire school instructors. The courses range from basic to advanced subjects.

In May we received news that an application we had submitted to have volunteer firefighter level 1 training added to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's personal development credit program was approved for the fall of 2020. Any student who joins a fire department and completes their firefighter 1 training will be eligible for this credit. It will be an acknowledgement of the student's contribution to their community as well as another recruitment tool for fire departments.

The fire departments are always looking for new recruits, if you are interested in learning some valuable skills and serving your community you can find an application on the municipal website under fire services. Basic training starts in September.

A new Quint truck is expected to be arriving at Island & Barrington Passage Station in late September. This truck will enhance the safety and capabilities of the fire service in the municipality.

### EMO

This last year has shown us we need to be prepared for a wide variety of emergencies. You can find a wealth of information on preparing for emergencies at: [www.getprepared.gc.ca](http://www.getprepared.gc.ca)





Bird Watching on Bon Portage  
Chris Stoddard Photo

# Beaches Update

*Where the beaches never end,  
the lobster is always fresh  
& the people wave as much as the sea.*

Work continues on promoting the use and stewardship of our beaches. Last December, the Municipality approved its first ever Beaches Strategy which outlines their goals over the next 3 years in their efforts to make its beaches welcoming, accessible, clean, safe and healthy, today and for future generations to come. This year, Council has earmarked \$75,000 to implement components of this strategy in collaboration with the proper government agencies and local interest groups.



One of the largest projects this year will be the installation of wayfinding signage throughout the municipality to attract, direct and inform people and to entice their further exploration of our beaches. Recently, phase 2 of the Stoney Island Beach Parking Area project got under way. This will see the installation of wooden posts and guardrails to form a more structured parking area. Finally, on June 16, a survey was launched asking residents and visitors to answer general questions to help guide us moving forward in the development of our beaches.

## Illegal Dumping

Please report illegal dump sites by calling 902-637-2015

## Street Lights

Street lights which are out or not working properly can be reported to the Municipal Office at 902-637-2015

## Dogs

Dog owners allowing their dogs to run at large are in violation of the Dog By-law of the Municipality of Barrington.

It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that the only time the dog is off their property is when it is under continuous effective human restraint and control. When using municipal trails and sidewalks, dogs must be on a leash at all times held by a person able to control the dog. Leashes are also required on beaches as posted by the Department of Natural Resources.

## Pet Waste

Please clean up after your pets while using municipal trails, parks and playgrounds as pet waste transmits disease and contaminates water supplies.

## Water Shortage

We are once again experiencing extremely dry weather and the Municipality is monitoring the situation and looking ahead to prepare for what may come. At this time, there is non-potable water available at the RV dumping station on Sherose Island and at the Barrington/Port La Tour Fire Hall.

Information is key in helping the Municipality get a true picture of the situation so if you are experiencing water problems please contact your local Councillor, the Barrington/Clarks Harbour EMO at 902-637-7899 or sending a message to their Facebook page.

A reminder that the Municipality also has a water supply upgrade loan program that can assist qualifying property owners to upgrade their water supply.





### PROPERTY TAX REBATE FOR SENIORS

The **Property Tax Rebate for Seniors** helps low-income **seniors** with the cost of municipal residential **property** taxes. **Rebates** are 50% of what you paid on last year's **property** taxes, up to a maximum of \$800. You can apply until 31 December 2020. Forms can be picked up at you local municipal building or call 1-800-670-4357



#### Housing Nova Scotia

Offers several programs to help seniors with lower incomes maintain and modify their homes to ensure they are safe and affordable. For more information please call 1-800-564-3483



#### HomeWarming

Offers no-charge energy assessments and free home upgrades to eligible Nova Scotians. For more information please call 1-877-434-2136



#### Ambulance Fee Assistance Program

Offers a repayment schedule plan. If you are not able to pay your bill because you don't have enough income, you can apply to have the fee waived. For more information please call 1-888-280-8884

## Our Senior Services

### 1-800-565-0397

### WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

- In home visits and safety checks
- Assist with home grants and housing needs
- Support for seniors living in unsafe or abusive situations
- Assist with difficult forms or document support
- Provide information for community and government supports

Did you know we offer a Free Low-Income Tax Program?

It is available year-round, so do not delay as you may be entitled to receive government benefits!



In partnership with the RCMP



Provides door-to-door, wheelchair accessible transportation options to ALL Shelburne County residents. Please call 902-637-2572 for more information.

## 2-1-1

To best serve Nova Scotians during COVID-19, 211 Nova Scotia services will only be available by calling 211 or searching their website at <http://ns.211.ca/> where their online search tool will be able to guide you to the services and programs available in Nova Scotia at this time.



### Call 2-1-1 to connect to Community Services

- Health and Mental Health Services
- Newcomer and Immigrant Services
- Food Banks and Meal Programs
- Housing, Shelters and Utility Help
- Seniors' Services and Home Care
- Government Programs and Services
- Parenting and Family Programs
- Disability Supports and More



For more information, contact us at 902-881-3008 or [wren@westernren.ca](mailto:wren@westernren.ca)

### Getting Back to Business

Delivering service to business through a variety of programs including:

- **Growth**
  - **BusinessNow**- working directly with business owners to connect them to the right resources
  - **Continuous Improvement**- increasing productivity and profits by reducing waste of all kinds
- **Labour**
  - **Immigration for Employers**- providing access to foreign labour markets through the AIPP
  - **Connector Program**- retaining skilled talent by building networks between job seekers and business leadership
- **Transition**
  - **Succession**-building stability during business changeovers by matching buyers and sellers