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KEY STRATEGIC AREAS

1. Infrastructure Renewal

a. New Recreation Centre

Our architect and mechanical engineer visited the arena on September 12th to study the possibility of attaching the new Recreation Building to the arena and has provided Council and Staff with two updated conceptual drawings and cost estimates which will be used to make a decision on location. The two updated design options are very similar to the two previous options that were being considered by Council. Once a decision on location is made, more discussion will take place on the design options with the goal of engaging the public in the future to finalize the design.

b. Development of Asset Management Plan

Nothing new to report at this time.

c. Renewal or Expansion of Sewer System

Nothing new to report at this time.

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.

3. Promotion and Support of the Tourism Industry

a. Amenities at Beaches

A first draft of the Beach Strategy is almost complete. Quotes have been received and are being reviewed to improve the parking at Stoney Island Beach. We hope to be able to complete the work by this Fall.

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b. Work to Attract Accommodations

Nothing new to report at this time.

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

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

Nothing new to report at this time.

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

Nothing new to report at this time.

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

Nothing new to report at this time.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AUGUST 27TH to SEPTEMBER 23RD

TOPICS

Hurricane Dorian

Hurricane Dorian was one of the biggest weather events we've experienced in the last decade and caused extensive power outages and some damage in the Municipality – Evelyn Richardson Memorial Elementary School's roof being the most extensive. On a municipal level, the EMO Coordinator participated in all EMO briefings and information sessions in anticipation of the hurricane. He began monitoring the hurricane from the municipal office at 7:00 am on Saturday, September 7th and remained in contact with the CAO, Dave Kendrick, Argyle EMO and the Provincial Coordination Centre throughout the day until the power went out at 4:30 pm.

At this time, the hurricane intensified so a decision was made to partially activate our Emergency Operations Centre at the Ground Search and Rescue building with the EMO Coordinator, the CAO and Dave Kendrick. Plans were made to assess the damage and open comfort centres on Sunday with updates being sent to Council and the public by e-mail and social media.

In addition, the Property Services department was monitoring the Woods Harbour Sewer System to ensure it did not overflow and the fire departments responded to numerous calls – most involving flooded basements. In total, the fire departments responded to approximately 90 calls between Saturday afternoon and Monday.

All in all, everyone worked together which ensured our response and assistance was well organized. That being said, as with any major event, there are some takeaways which will be discussed at the next EMO meeting. Finally, I'd like to thank Dwayne, Cam, the Property Services Department, the volunteer firefighters, Ground Search and Rescue and all those who helped their neighbours during the storm. It is times such as these where you see the pride in our community and the willingness to help each other.

Trash Talk

Our public engagement program entitled "Trash Talk" has begun. This program focuses on educating our residents on the proper ways of disposing and separating of waste, along with ideas on how to help reduce, reuse and recycle items and opening the communication with our residents on waste collection. We've published a number of social media posts that have received a lot of interest and instigated some great conversations, print ads will be published shortly, we

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will be including a section dedicated to garbage in the next edition of our municipal newsletter and our separation guides are being updated. Finally, three public engagement meetings have been scheduled for:

- October 7th, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm – Barrington/Port La Tour Fire Hall
- October 8th, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm – Island and Barrington Passage Fire Hall
- October 9th, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm – Woods Harbour Community Centre

In addition to these public meetings, a session will be held in all four local schools and a special session will be held with a senior's group in Woods Harbour.

Capital Projects

A large number of capital projects are underway or have been completed in the last month. Major renovations at the arena continue. We've installed new exterior and interior doors, we've replaced and added new flooring, we've renovated one of the shower stalls and the flat roof is currently being replaced. The new Olympia ice resurfacer was delivered and staff has received training.

Furthermore, construction has begun on replacing the boardwalk on McGray's Avenue, we've purchased the new vehicle for Building Services, the new fencing at the Barrington ballfield has been installed and overhead lighting has been replaced.

Building Permits & By-Law Enforcement

From August 17th, 2019 to September 14th, 2019, 28 building permits were issued with a total dollar value of \$1,150,000. We received 4 new by-law complaints which were investigated, and 3 files remain open – 2 for long grass and 1 for illegal dumping. One new dangerous and unsightly complaint came in which we are presently working on and 4 cases were solved and closed. This leaves us with 1 open file on dangerous and unsightly.

Upcoming Events

Plans are well underway for the next edition of the **Lobster Crawl** in February 2020. The South Shore Tourism Cooperative will be hosting a Lobster Crawl Summit here in the Lobster Capital of Canada on October 16th. More details will follow on this event as they are confirmed.

Preparations for **Christmas at the Causeway** are also ongoing. The building of our famous Lobster Trap Christmas Tree and more programming around this event are being planned.



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Website

Our new website went live on Friday, September 13th. This refresh was done to align its colours, fonts and look more closely to our branding and render it more responsive to mobile devices. We will be running a Facebook contest to get people more familiar with it and using it more.

Fire Services

As mentioned earlier, all three fire departments helped immensely with the assistance provided during Hurricane Dorian. We'd like to thank all of them for working so hard to assist our residents. We met with the Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour Fire Department to listen to their concerns and try to alleviate their apprehensions in an effort to continue gathering information and attempt to work together to draft a sustainable capital purchasing plan. Otherwise, Dwayne continues to host training sessions, organize practices with the help of the training committee and performs monthly inspections of municipal properties. Here is the data for the month of August:

BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE							
EMERGENCY CALLS August 2019							
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire	Mut Aid	Auto Aid	MFR	MVC	Other	TOTAL
Barrington/Port La Tour FD	2	1			1	2	6
Island Barrington Passage FD	2			1	3	5	11
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD		3		7		1	11
TOTALS	4	4		8	4	8	28
B/PLT -							
IBP - dispatched to MVC in Islands and District area. EHS requested wrong dept.							
WH/SH - Mutual aid to structure fire in Argyle							
Other includes alarms, floods, power line, and investigations							

