

Chief Administrative Officer Activity Report
October 28th, 2019

KEY STRATEGIC AREAS

1. Infrastructure Renewal

a. New Recreation Centre

Now that the decision has been made to build the new recreation centre building next to the arena and attach both buildings together with a shared entrance, we will turn our attention to reviewing the designs in detail.

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

As mentioned previously, The Municipality participated in a proposal to Develop Nova Scotia's call for high-speed Internet projects in May. Once contracts are signed at some point this fall, they will announce the first round of projects. On October 2, 2019 the second Request for Suppliers closed. Another RFP will be issued looking to address those areas left uncovered in the first round. Once announcements are made, more information will be made available to update the public further on this initiative.

3. Promotion and Support of the Tourism Industry

a. Amenities at Beaches

A first draft of the Beach Strategy is complete and will be shared with Council at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting. It has been recommended to Council to award R&T Excavating Ltd. the work of clearing and levelling a 165' x 165' parking area at the Stoney Island Beach and

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covering the area with 4" of type 1 gravel. We hope to be able to complete the work by end of Fall.

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 SEPTEMBER 24TH to OCTOBER 28TH

TOPICS

Trash Talk

Our public engagement program entitled “Trash Talk” is ongoing. We’ve published a number of social media posts, print ads have been published and we have included a section dedicated to garbage in the municipal newsletter and our separation guides have been updated. Finally, from October 7th-9th, we held three public engagement meetings in Barrington, Centreville and Woods Harbour, three school presentations and a special session with a senior’s group in Woods Harbour.

The public sessions were well attended and garnered a lot of feedback. We learned a lot from the questions and concerns of the participants and we hope they learned something as well. At the end of November, we will prepare a report summarizing the initiative.

New Welcome Signage

New welcome signage will be installed soon at the 4 entry points into the Municipality – Exit 29 and 30, Charlesville and Port Clyde.

Old



New



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Building Permits & By-Law Enforcement

From September 15th, 2019 to October 20th, 2019, 38 permits were issued with a total dollar value of \$791,600. We received 3 new subdivisions this past reporting period and now have 4 open subdivision files we are presently working on. The 3 by-law investigations reported last month were solved and closed. We received one new illegal dumping complaint that was solved within 24 hours due to the fact personal information was found within the garbage. Presently there are no open by law investigations. We closed the dangerous and unsightly complaint from last month but did receive 1 new complaint this month which is presently being worked on. This complaint involved lots of waste (scrap metal) around a property.

Nova Scotia Lobster Crawl Summit

We were fortunate to have hosted the Nova Scotia Lobster Crawl Summit on October 16th with great success. Over 40 industry stakeholders attended the full day workshop which was held in the Multi-Purpose room of the Administrative Centre. The purpose of the summit was to prepare for the 3rd Annual Nova Scotia Lobster Crawl to be held in the month of February. We hope many will plan to attend the Songs of the Sea, the Lobster Spiel, see if Lucy the Lobster sees her shadow on February 2nd and much more, as we celebrate all things lobster on the South Shore of Nova Scotia!



Christmas at the Causeway

Preparations for the event are ongoing. If anyone wishes to have a buoy placed on our Lobster Trap Christmas Tree, should contact Suzy.



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Fire Services

As mentioned last month, all three fire departments helped immensely with the assistance provided during Hurricane Dorian. For this reason, the number of calls for this period are up substantially from last year (25 in Sept. 2018). The Province recently announced that all volunteer firefighters will have to be covered under the Worker's Compensation. There are still many unknowns on how it will affect the Municipality and its Fire Departments, but we will consult our departments and provide updates when possible. On a sad note, the fire chief of the WSHH Fire Department, Gordie Ross, passed away suddenly on October 18th. Gordie was an active member of the community and, since the age of 19, was a member of the Woods Harbour Volunteer Fire Department, serving as Fire Chief for the last 20 years. Losing a community leader so unexpectedly is always tragic and to recognize Gordie's contribution to the community and to our volunteer fire service, Council held a moment of silence at their last Committee of the Whole meeting in his memory, flew the flag at the municipal office at half-mast until October 22nd and closed the office to the public to allow municipal staff to attend his funeral. Otherwise, Dwayne continues to attend conferences and meetings, host training sessions, organize practices with the help of the training committee and perform monthly inspections of municipal properties. Here is the data for the month of September:

BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE							
EMERGENCY CALLS September 2019							
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire	Mut	Auto	MFR	MVC	Other	TOTAL
		Aid	Aid				
Barrington/Port La Tour FD						21	21
Island Barrington Passage FD					1	62	63
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD				14		9	23
TOTALS				14	1	92	107
B/PLT - 10 flood & 11 NSP							
IBP - 47 calls on Sept 7: 53 flood, 7 NSP & 2 alarm							
WH/SH - House struck by lightning, 6 flood, 1 alarm & 1 NSP							
37 calls in the TOCH							

