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KEY STRATEGIC AREAS

1. Infrastructure Renewal

a. New Recreation Centre

The Recreation Department, along with our architects, have developed a survey to help us get a better understanding of how important it is to have a walking track available at all times, what time of the day users would use the walking track, whether the incremental financial cost is valuable and also touch on the spacious lobby and its potential uses. The survey was launched earlier today and will be shared publicly through our social media channels until February 8.

Since last month, the Recreation Department has also been talking with target groups and individuals to get feedback on the two design options. Due to COVID-19 restrictions being continued into mid-February, we will not be planning an in-person open house or meeting.

b. Development of Asset Management Plan

We continue to await a response from FCM regarding our funding application to the Municipal Asset Management Program.

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 last month, we were happy to report on December 2 that the entire internet project from Charlesville to Doctor's Cove was complete and ready for customer sales.

We remind residents in those areas that a list of serviceable civic addresses and more information on our internet projects can be found on our dedicated internet projects webpage at:

<https://bit.ly/3li8Zeh>.

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To further check availability, learn more or order the service, residents and businesses can call Bell in Barrington Passage at (902) 637-2300 ext. 242 or visit <https://aliant.bell.ca/Bell-bundles>.

With that project completed, we have turned our attention on the second phase projects scheduled in the eastern part of our Municipality. We are in constant communication with Bell to ensure we are well-informed on any status updates relating to serviceable civic addresses or anticipated completion dates.

3. Promotion and Support of the Tourism Industry

a. Amenities at Beaches

The conceptual plans of the proposed enhancements at Crow Neck, North East Point and Stoney Island Beaches are on the agenda for approval. If approved, we will move on to the detailed design phase which will specify the look and feel of each element.

We will also be moving forward with another important objective of our Beaches Strategy - stakeholder engagement. This is important as it will help us develop our plans for our beaches and allow us to start implementing the plans that we have for those we have identified. We will be working on putting together the Terms of References of a Beaches Resource Team which will include, Council, Staff, and the appropriate government agencies and departments that we need to involve in our developments and discussions.

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 FROM DECEMBER 14TH, 2020 TO JANUARY 24TH, 2021

TOPICS

Recreation Programming

The **Nova Scotia Volunteer Awards Ceremony** is scheduled to take place virtually on April 26th. We will aim to recognize all nominees in Barrington on April 22nd. The type of event is still “to be determined” but we will aim for something in person. We are now taking nominations for volunteers from the community and the form is available at the recreation office, on the website or may be completed online.

The Recreation Department has compiled its list of recommendations for **Sherose Island Trail** and will be applying for funding to document a plan with associated project costs. They continue to be on the lookout for potential sites for people to hike, explore and enjoy nature.

Because of recent interest from the community in Stand-up Paddling and activities for girls, we are partnering with the Municipality of Shelburne to plan a series of try-it sessions this summer. We will apply for funding to support SUP, kayaking, sailing, dory rowing, surfing, and anything else that fits. Since we will have the expertise and equipment in the community, we will offer sessions to others interested outside of the Women on Water program.

The Department is using the remaining funds from the Active Communities Fund to purchase mud kitchens, which will promote outdoor play. Joel has been in contact with Schools Plus and Early Childhood Intervention Centre to suggest families who would benefit of having a mud kitchen at their household.

Finally, we have launched a **Nature Scavenger Hunt** on Barrington Bay Trail. There is a sign and a bin with some scavenger hunt sheets and crayons on the trail. This initiative encourages families to enjoy the trail, and for kids to think about all the things they can find while being in the outdoors. The sheets are BINGO style, which means people try to fill out as many columns as possible. The more columns they fill, the higher chance they will have to win a prize. This activity will last for three weeks and it was launched on January 15th.

Here is a list of upcoming youth and family events:

- Nature Scavenger Hunt - January 15 to February 5
- Pirates & Mermaids Family Adventure Hike – January 30th



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- Take the Trail Punch Card Challenge – February 12 to March 21
- Love Trail - February 12 to 14
- Wizards of Winter Family Fun Hike – February 15th (Holiday)
- Adult Hike Series Sunset Hike/Snowshoe followed a little later with Full Moon Hike/Snowshoe – February 27th
- Adult Hike Series – Wireless Station Hike – March 13
- Into the Beyond – Family Adventure – March 14

2021-2022 Tourist Season

Plans are underway for the 2021-22 tourism season. We are working on a plan for visitor servicing this summer and how that will look given the COVID-19 restrictions and the foreseeable limited travel restrictions that will be in place. Diane Smith, our VIC Manager for the last 20 years has decided to officially retire this year. We wish her a well-deserved retirement and thank her for providing us with exceptional service to those who have visited us over the years and overseeing those who have worked along side her. She always ensured our visitors were greeted with a smile and provided the best advice during their stay.

Suzy is working closely with the Municipality of Shelburne on a plan for marketing Shelburne County Tourism which will be both digital and influencer based. They will also be working closely with our stakeholders in the County to help provide opportunities for training, workshops, and better engagement.

Building Permits & By-Law Enforcement

From December 7th, 2020 to January 17th, 2022, 10 permits were issued with a total dollar value of \$307,000. 47 building inspections were carried out along with 36 fire inspections and 7 fire re-inspections.

Two new civic numbers were issued this reporting period. 56 homes were visited this period to discuss civic numbering. One new subdivision was received during this period so we presently have 3 open subdivision files that we continue to work on.

We received one new by-law complaints relating to improper disposal of household waste. We now have two outstanding by-law complaints that we continue to address.

During this period, we received no new dangerous and unsightly complaints and have no open files.

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Fire Services & Emergency Management

There continues to be no COVID-19 related staffing issues for the fire departments, and they continue to monitor the status of their membership and communicate that information to the Fire Services Coordinator. Their functions are beginning to normalize while still following public health directives.

Dwayne has been working on revising the EMO plan and is working with the planning committee to review it. He has also completed the municipal emergency management assessment tool which is an evaluation process administered by Nova Scotia's Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) that determines the actual preparedness of a municipality to respond to an emergency.

Otherwise, Dwayne continues to monitor Covid-19 updates from the province and EMONS, perform monthly fire and life safety inspections and prepare for upcoming training.

This December, the Fire Departments responded to 11 calls and they responded to 29 in December 2019. For the year, the Fire Departments responded to 190 calls compared to 368 in 2019. Here is the data for the month of December and for the entire year:

BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE							
EMERGENCY CALLS December 2020							
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire	Mut	Auto	MFR	MVC	Other	TOTAL
		Aid	Aid				
Barrington/Port La Tour FD	1				3		4
Island Barrington Passage FD	1				2	2	5
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD	1					1	2
TOTALS	3				5	3	11
B/PLT -							
IBP -							
WH/SH -							



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BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE																
CALLS FOR ALL MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS 2020																
All Departments	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	O/M	All FD's	
Boat Fire			1										1		Boat Fire	
Chimney Fire	5	1	1	4	5								16	2	Chimney Fire	
Electrical Fire						1	1					1	3	1	Electrical Fire	
Forest Fire							1	2					3		Forest Fire	
Grass/Brush Fire	1		8	4	1	1		3		1		1	20	1	Grass/Brush Fire	
Rekindle			1										1		Rekindle	
Structure Fire		1	1			1		3		3			9		Structure Fire	
Trash Fire															Trash Fire	
Vehicle Fire				1							1		2		Vehicle Fire	
Mutual Aid	1		3			1	2	3		2			12	3-S,3A	Mutual Aid	
Automatic Aid		2	2					4		6			14		Automatic Aid	
Total Fire	7	4	17	9	6	4	4	15		12	1	2	81	10	Total Fire	
Medical Calls	7	14	3	1		1	1						27	1	Medical Calls	
Vehicle Collisions	7	1	1	4	1	2	1	3	3	2	3	5	33	2	Vehicle Collisions	
NS Power		2	1		3	1			1		1	1	10		NS Power	
Alarm		2	2		1	2	2	4	7	1			22	2	Alarm	
Flood Base		2	2	2								1	7	1	Flood Base	
Investigate				1					2	1	2	1	7		Investigate	
Miss				1				1	1				3	1	Miss	
Pump Boat															Pump Boat	
Stand By															Stand By	
Total Non Fire	14	21	9	9	5	6	4	8	14	4	6	9	109	7	Total Non Fire	
Total	21	25	26	18	11	10	8	23	14	16	7	11	190	17	Total	
Total calls to Other Municipal Units 17 - 9%																
Fire Dept	Fire	MFR	MVA	Other	Total											
WHSB	13	16	7	19	55											
IBP	38	5	12	14	69											
BPLT	30	6	14	16	66											
TOTAL	81	27	33	49	190											



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CAPITAL PROJECT UPATE

Here is an update on our 2020-2021 Capital Projects:

Rank	Project	Status
7	Manhole Cover Repairs	Not Started
14	Former Knowles Property Sewer Lateral	Not Started
1	Recreation Centre	In Progress
2	Beach Facilities	In Progress
13	Municipal Administrative Centre Renovations	In Progress
3	Library Roof Replacement	Completed
4	Barrington Ballfield Fencing Replacement	Completed
5	Cargo Trailer Replacement	Completed
6	Brass Hill Treatment Plant Roof Replacement	Completed
8	Woods Harbour Treatment Plan Fence Replacement	Completed
9	Zero Turn Lawnmower	Completed
10	Fall's Point Road Lift Station Retrofit	Completed
11	Treatment Plant Flow Meters	Completed
12	Portable Toilets	Completed
15	Internet Improvement Project	Completed