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KEY STRATEGIC AREAS

1. Infrastructure Renewal

a. New Recreation Centre

Nothing new to report at this time.

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

Nothing new to report at this time.

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)

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Nothing new to report at this time.

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

The **Sherose Island Trail** Evaluation Team from Dalhousie was on-site November 24-25th. We hosted a group of 45 students, teachers and parents during trail activities, After the Bell with junior high-aged girls and also a drop-in activity for approximately 20 youth. The researchers observed types of play and exploration the children engaged in, as well as did some focused questions with them. It is expected that this research will be featured at both regional and international conferences and research forums on outdoor education and play.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FROM NOVEMBER 22ND TO DECEMBER 12TH

TOPICS

Christmas at the Causeway – Virtual Edition



The virtual tree lighting ceremony took place on Friday, November 26. We once again had local musicians to entertain us and Santa to read local letters. Despite having to have a virtual event again this year, the overall event was successful. Special thanks to everyone who helped make this year's unique lighting of the Lobster Trap Christmas tree a success.

Recreation Programming

The Dept. attended a session by Engage NS and Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage who had previously presented the data associated with the 2019 **Quality of Life** Survey. This session was to look at the local data for Yarmouth & Shelburne Counties as it pertains to access to recreation being a major factor in positive assessment of wellbeing in Nova Scotia. The session was held on December 6th in Barrington and engaged those primarily working in recreation in Yarmouth and Shelburne but also at a provincial level through the regional office of CCTH, Sport NS and Recreation Nova Scotia.

The Dept. continues to fine-tune their use of the **facility booking and registration software**. There was a major upgrade recently and it will be of incredible value to how we use it, especially come summer.

A **Reindeer Dash**, held virtually, will take place at some point this month and will ask people to share their 2k and 5k routes on the Dept.'s Facebook event page. Each participant will be given a medal for participating. Joel will also share some running routes around the community so runners can try different routes.

The **Fall Punch Card Challenge** continues. It started on November 4th and will end on December 20th. There are 8 punch cards scattered along the Municipality. This activity promotes people to visit different "hidden gems" in the community.

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Strategic Planning

As Council is aware, for the past 3 months we have been working on our new strategic plan. We've held three sessions so far, which have included looking at our strengths and weaknesses, reviewing our current mission and vision and developing a list of goals and objectives for the next few years. This is important work and the final document, which will hopefully be approved in February, will serve as a guide over the next few years.

Anyone interested in learning more about our process or providing feedback on projects or initiatives we should consider, they can contact the municipal office at 902-637-2015 or send an email to info@barringtonmunicipality.com.

Building Permits & By-Law Enforcement

From November 15 to December 5, 9 permits were issued with a total dollar value of \$195,000. This is a \$284,200 decrease compared to the same period last year. 57 building inspections were carried out along with 4 fire inspections and 6 re-inspections.

During this period, 2 new civic numbers were issued, and 22 households and businesses were visited.

We received 4 new subdivision applications and completed 1 preliminary subdivision. This leaves us with 5 preliminary open subdivision files that we continue to work on.

During this period, we receive 1 new complaint, but it was quickly resolved as it turned out to be a Nova Scotia Department of Public Works issue. We have no outstanding complaints.

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.

The Level 1 training course has wrapped up other than for the fire suppression course which will take place in the Spring.

On the equipment front, IBPFD has sold tanker 34 to the Harbour Fire Department and are currently in the planning stages for a new rescue truck. In addition, WHSH has received their new extrication combi tool which was funded by Farm Credit Canada's AgriSpirit Fund.

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Otherwise, Dwayne attended several training courses, continues to monitor Covid-19 updates from the province and EMONS and performed monthly fire and life safety inspections.

This November, the fire departments responded to 11 calls, and they responded to 7 in November 2020. Here is the data for the month of November:

BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE							
EMERGENCY CALLS November 2021							
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire	Mut	Auto	MFR	MVC	Other	TOTAL
		Aid	Aid				
Barrington/Port La Tour FD							
Island Barrington Passage FD	1				2		3
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD	1			2		5	8
TOTALS	2			2	1	5	11
B/PLT -							
IBP - Chimney Fire							
WH/SH- Car Fire							



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CAPITAL PROJECT UPATE

Here is an update on our 2021-2022 Capital Projects:

Rank	Project	Status
5	Beach Facilities	Not Started
10	Bulk Water Source	Not Started
1	Landfill Truck Scale	In Progress
2	Recreation Centre	In Progress
3	Brass Hill Clarifier & Screens	In Progress
4	Property Services Building	In Progress
7	Municipal Admin Office Renovations	In Progress
8	Municipal Admin Building Accessibility	In Progress
6	Internet Project	Completed
9	Arena Refrigeration Control System	Completed
11	Basil Blades Memorial Ballfield Lights	Completed
12	Lobster Pot Christmas Tree	Completed
13	Library Heat Pump	Completed

