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KEY STRATEGIC AREAS

1. Infrastructure Renewal

a. New Recreation Centre

We have still not received any official response to the funding application we submitted back in July 2021 to the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program. As mentioned for the past few months, we reached out to them officially and received a reply indicating that “Infrastructure Canada officials are working diligently to review and assess projects for eligibility and merit under the continuous and timed intake streams.” They confirmed that our application “is under review and pending completion of the assessment process.” Unfortunately, they “cannot provide with you a precise timeline for a decision 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

We unfortunately did not receive any proposals from our Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking development proposals from qualified firms or individuals for the opportunity to purchase and develop a portion of municipally owned properties along Highway 3 in Barrington Passage (PID# 80051063 and 82569138). That said, we did receive two inquiries that we will pursue now that the RFP process is complete.

b. Reduction of Commercial Taxation

Nothing new to report at this time.

c. Improved Access to Internet

We were happy to report on May 2 that the remaining portion of the Port La Tour project is finally complete and ready for customer sales.

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This project was announced back in September 2020 and experienced its share of delays, but we are glad to see it complete and proud to have invested \$243,925 in this important service.

For a list of serviceable civic addresses and more information on our internet projects visit our dedicated internet webpage at: <https://bit.ly/3li8Zeh>.

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>.

Since this service is new, there could be occasions where residents/businesses are told the service is not available to them even though they are on the list of serviceable civic addresses. If this issue is encountered, please email Chris Frotten at cfrotten@barringtonmunicipality.com or call 902-903-0480.

Promotion and Support of the Tourism Industry

d. Amenities at Beaches

Nothing new to report at this time.

e. Work to Attract Accommodations

Nothing new to report at this time.

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

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

A discussion at last week's Committee of the Whole meeting on the Community Health Centre project provided further direction to staff and the next steps include bringing forward design options to Council and researching potential locations.

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

Nothing new to report at this time.

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

In the month of April, the trail tracker recorded 1,959 people. The highest day of usage was on April 16, which was the easter egg activity organized by our volunteer group – the Sherose Island Rocks! That day had 704 people use the trail.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FROM APRIL 25TH TO MAY 23RD, 2022

TOPICS

Shelburne County Lobster Fest

Planning is in full swing for this year's Shelburne County Lobster Festival. There will be a full arena of vendors for the Lobster Fest Market on June 4th, with over 50 vendors in total, plus Yarmouth Big Bounce will be on-site and Darlene will have the canteen open for the day. Lobster Fest Trivia is full as well, with a waiting list. Trivia is happening on June 3rd at the Barrington Curling Club. The Tinker Challenge and Lobstermans Challenge is open for competitors and we are hoping to get a full roster to make those two events happen.

Accessibility Grant

Our grant through the Community ACCESS-Ability program for the Accessibility Beach Project was successful. We'd like to thank the Province of Nova Scotia through the Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage who have provided funding to offset the cost of our Mobi Mats and accessible portable washroom. They have been ordered and will be installed at Stoney Island Beach once they arrive.

Nova Scotia Marathon

The Marathon Committee has been working hard and are seeing extremely good response from participants. Registration numbers were 268 at the April meeting. To put that in context, In 2019, the last "regular" year, registration for the event in April was 87 participants. The Marathon Committee along with Mile East administering the event, is working incredibly well and we are very happy with the arrangement.

Recreation Programming

A temporary 9-hole disc golf course has been laid out at Sherose Island for people to drop in and try. We will have an introductory workshop in early June and people may borrow the cages and discs to set up their own course for family activity, class reunions, workplace wellness, etc.

Here is a list of upcoming events and activities:

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Lobsterfest Events

- June 4 – Trail clean-up and volunteer recruitment for International Trail Day
- June 5 – 1:00-3:00 p.m. – Family Fun Day: Relay Races, Games, Scavenger hunt, and more. Sherose Island

Guided Hikes/ Walks

- June 18 – Wireless Station, Hike into History (in partnership with the Barrington Museum Complex)
- First Tuesday of every month – May to October – Senior's walk, various locations

After School Pop-Up Play

- May 26 – Sherose Island Nature Trail – Mantracker: The Search for Sasquatch
- June 14 – Clark's Harbour – Star Wars Dodgeball

Try It Sessions

- To be scheduled include SUP, kayaking, cycling, archery, skateboard, disc golf, tennis, pickleball

Registration opens for our summer programs on June 8. Summer programs being planned include:

- Hello Fun Camp for ages 5-8
- Sport Adventure Camp for ages 9-12
- Youth Active Leadership Camp for ages 11-14
- Swimming lessons, junior lifeguard program, senior's swim, bubble rentals
- Girls on Boards, Tumblebugs story & play (partnership with the library), kayaking, bicycling workshops, intro to surfing, SUP drop-in nights, and more are being planned.
- Batting cages are open for drop in daily (while staff is available) as well as 2 evenings a week They are also available for private bookings anytime.

Based on the success and feedback of the last two years, we will continue to keep our staff to participant ratios low because it allows us to be inclusive of kids with differing needs and kids have a far better camp experience when their needs are met by staff.



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We received funding through Canada Summer jobs to support the salaries for 14 youth this summer: an unprecedented allotment. Our coordinator staff begin May 24 and we will post program and pool schedules by May 31.

Rentals of the Sherose Island Recreation Centre have increased significantly in the past month as people are more comfortable gathering. There was only 1 day in May where the Centre was not in use.

The Department continues to apply for funding to help offset the cost of programming and equipment. They submitted an expression of interest for the Connect2 grant to purchase bicycles as part of programming and our equipment loan to grow cycling opportunities in the area. They are working on an Active Communities Fund application which will include three projects. The first is video cameras to promote loose parts play. The second is a Hike Nova Scotia Badge challenge. The third is creating a wellness room for municipal staff.

Our Physical Activity Coordinator is working with FRA and ERMHS to support each school in implementing loose parts play at their school. He is also working on 2-hour workshops as part of the schools' staff training.

As part of the Make Your Move campaign, our Physical Activity Coordinator will be going on a community health podcast to share what Barrington Recreation has been doing to promote physical activity in our area. The recording will likely happen this month or the next month.

Building Permits & By-Law Enforcement

From April 17 to May 15, 2022, 26 permits were issued with a total dollar value of \$1,362,000. This is a \$659,000 decrease compared to the same period last year. 72 building inspections, 4 fire inspections and 4 fire re-inspection were carried out.

During this period, 2 new civic numbers were issued but 20 households and businesses were visited.

We received 1 new subdivision application and sent 2 others for registration, so we now have 4 open subdivision files that we continue to work on.

We currently have 5 open by-law complaints but two are relating to the same property. With the increased workload in the development office, by-law enforcement is taking a little longer than normal.

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Fire Services & Emergency Management

Dwayne will be providing level 1 training for Shelburne County East Fire Departments which will take place this summer and our departments will be this fall. There are 22 students signed up for the Shelburne East course. Due to Dwayne's experience and skillset, we have been asked by other fire departments from outside of the county about taking the courses we have scheduled and live fire training at our container. We are assessing our capacity and logistics of opening our regularly scheduled training to other departments.

We received approval from our application to FSANS for the use of the insurance levy funding reported on last month. This will help offset the costs of three courses we offer (vehicle extrication, strategy and tactics and safety officer). These courses will be offered this summer and fall.

Barrington Port Latour paid off a loan they had on their 2019 tanker, and we are waiting to hear if the replacement plan for them will be revised based on this update.

There have been some cases of COVID-19 and close contact isolation amongst the fire departments, but none have caused any response issues for the fire departments.

Otherwise, Dwayne held a joint chiefs meeting and an EMO planning committee meeting, continues to monitor COVID-19 updates from the province and EMONS and performed monthly fire and life safety inspections.

Last April, the Fire Departments responded to 22 calls, and they responded to 12 in April 2021. Here is the data for the month of April:

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BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE							
EMERGENCY CALLS April 2022							
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire	Mut	Auto	MFR	MVC	Other	TOTAL
		Aid	Aid				
Barrington/Port La Tour FD		1	1			2	4
Island Barrington Passage FD	4			1	1	1	7
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD		2	1	5	1	2	11
TOTALS	4	3	2	6	2	5	22
B/PLT -							
IBP - 1 Chimney, 2 Grass, 1 Structure							
WH/SH-							



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CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

Here is an update on our 2022-2023 Capital Projects:

Rank	Project	Status
1	Barrington Ballfield Aluminum Seating	In Progress
3	Stoney Island Accessible Mats & Wheelchairs	In Progress
7	Admin Office Parking Lot Resurface & Curbs	In Progress
8	Council AV System	In Progress
10	Recreation Centre (21/22)	In Progress
11	Brass Hill Clarifier & Screens (21/22)	In Progress
12	Landfill Truck Scale (21/22)	In Progress
13	Municipal Admin Building Accessibility (21/22)	In Progress
14	Property Services Building (21/22)	In Progress
2	Arena Rubber Flooring Dressing Rooms	Not Started
4	Property Services 3/4 Ton Truck	Not Started
5	Property Services Equipment	Not Started
6	Solar Speed Sign	Not Started
9	Healthcare Centre	Not Started

