

Staff Report
December 13, 2022

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

The renovation work at our Brass Hill Treatment Plant continues. The new fine screen is now online and staff training is underway.

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.

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.

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

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

A second draft of the conceptual design which incorporates feedback from some of our local healthcare stakeholders was shared with Council at their Committee of the Whole meeting on December 6.

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 November, we had 778 people on the trail. The highest single use day was 174 on November 3, and second highest was on November 6 with 89.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FROM NOVEMBER 22ND TO DECEMBER 12TH, 2022

TOPICS

Christmas at the Causeway

We had a great crowd join in the celebration of the lighting of our Lobster Trap Christmas Tree on November 24. We'd like to thank Sobey's for providing free hot chocolate and cookies, Carl Dixon for joining us as Santa and the Island & Barrington Passage and Barrington/Port La Tour Fire Departments for overseeing the wonderful display of fireworks. The trees at Island View Park are all lit up as well. We'd like to thank the following businesses/organizations for decorating a tree: BMHS, Reynolds Trucking, Our House Youth Wellness Centre, Sobey's, Home Away from Home Child Care, Wilson's Home Hardware, Tim Horton's, Barrington & Area Chamber of Commerce and The Bait Man.

Recreation Programming

We have a set of holiday events planned for the coming weeks. The Reindeer Dash, a 2 & 5 km fun run for all ages will be held December 17 at the Sherose Island Recreation Centre. A Story Trail for the holidays will be available for all to walk and read along the Sherose Island Rocks Trail from December 17 to January 4. On the 17, we will have a guided walk of the story along with activities along the trail. Finally, a Grinch themed Capture the Flag event will be held for school age youth on December 21 at 1:00 p.m. at Sherose Island. All program and event information is available on our website.

We are currently doing some social media engagement through an activity advent calendar. It is building up and we are receiving lots of photos and videos. We created a Pinterest Page to be able to share activity ideas so we won't clutter up our other online resources.

We are planning a full Hike Series which will take us through all the Barrington Hike Challenge hikes. Hike NS is promoting all of these guided hikes provincially so we may see both locals and visitors engaged in this challenge. All dates will be promoted on our website.

We started a regional discussion around adaptive equipment and parasport access. Easter Seals has begun delivering some programming in Yarmouth so there is opportunity to see how much need exists in the area and also try out some of the equipment and program options, such as wheelchair basketball.

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Our Physical Activity Coordinator has been working with FRA Health Promoting Schools on training noontime staff on outdoor play. He will present to them in the new year and is also looking at supporting other schools in the Municipality who are looking at increasing outdoor play during recess time. We have been in contact with ERMES and they are also looking at training in the near future.

Finally, our Physical Activity Coordinator is looking into purchasing new equipment as part of our extensive equipment loan program through a new provincial funding program dedicated to equipment loan programs.

Building Permits & By-Law Enforcement

From November 14 to December 10, 2022, 15 permits were issued for a total value of \$191,000. This is a decrease of \$4,000 compared to the same period last year. 66 building inspections along with two fire re-inspections were carried out during this period.

One new civic number was issued, and one was deleted this period. Seven homes were visited to discuss civic numbering.

We received no new subdivision application but still have two outstanding.

No new by-law complaints were received. We currently have 2 open complaints that we continue to work on.

Finally, we continue to develop our new e-permitting software. We are currently tweaking the system and getting trained on it. We hope to have it implemented at some point in the new year.

Fire Services & Emergency Management

Our Fire Services Coordinator assisted with ladder testing and certification of the quint.

The schedule for the level 2 training program has been finalized and registration is now open.

Otherwise, our Fire Services/EMO Coordinator 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 17 calls, compared to 11 in November 2021. Here is the data for this past month:

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BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE							
EMERGENCY CALLS November 2022							
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire	Mut	Auto	MFR	MVC	Other	TOTAL
		Aid	Aid				1
Barrington/Port La Tour FD			1		2		3
Island Barrington Passage FD	2					4	6
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD			1	5	1	1	8
TOTALS	2		2	5	3	5	17
B/PLT -							
IBP - 1 Chimney fire, 1 Structure fire							
WH/SH-							



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CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

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

Rank	Project	Status
2	Arena Rubber Flooring Dressing Rooms	In Progress
7	Admin Office Parking Lot Resurface & Curbs	In Progress
8	Council AV System	In Progress
9	Healthcare Centre	In Progress
10	Recreation Centre (21/22)	In Progress
11	Brass Hill Clarifier & Screens (21/22)	In Progress
13	Municipal Admin Building Accessibility (21/22)	In Progress
14	Property Services Building (21/22)	In Progress
1	Barrington Ballfield Aluminum Seating	Completed
3	Stoney Island Accessible Mats & Wheelchairs	Completed
4	Property Services 3/4 Ton Truck	Completed
5	Property Services Equipment	Completed
6	Solar Speed Sign	Completed
12	Landfill Truck Scale (21/22)	Completed

