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KEY STRATEGIC AREAS

1. Growing our Economy

3.1 Attract Accommodations

Nothing new to report at this time.

3.2 Invest in our Beaches and Parks

Nothing new to report at this time.

3.3 Improved Cell Service

The Western Regional Enterprise Network has launched a cellular coverage survey and they will use the information gathered through the survey to better understand how cell service gaps impact workplace productivity.

To access the survey, visit: <https://questionnaire.simplesurvey.com/f/s.aspx?s=0F6A8B04-4779-48D2-B7EF-14FF4B5FC369&fbclid=IwAR2RNmhEo6d9KDIPPu1vMJbHnuG70C4fjyVW1mbOetikC05j5GY3ckA3lW8>

Individual responses are confidential. Results will only be used once data is pooled together.

3.4 Municipal Property Development

An update relating to municipal property development is included in section 3.2.

3.5 Renewable Energy

Nothing new to report at this time.

2. Investing in our People

2.1 Community Health Centre

With Council's decision to move forward with detailed designs of the concept presented in December, we are now preparing the Request for Proposal for architect services. We hope to issue the RFP in February.

2.2 Doctor Recruitment & Retention

Nothing new to report at this time.

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2.3 Public Transit

Nothing new to report at this time.

3. Strengthening our Communities

3.1 Infrastructure Renewal

The draft asset management plan is now being developed and we expected it to be completed by the end of this December, but are still waiting. We expect to receive it by the end of this month as our final reporting is due by the end of February.

3.2 Housing

We've reissued a 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). The deadline to submit proposals is Thursday, March 2. The RFP can be found at <https://procurement.novascotia.ca/tender-details.aspx?id=MODB2304> and has also been publicized through our website and Facebook page.

3.3 Improved Wastewater Services

Nothing new to report at this time.

3.4 Accessibility

At the end of last year, the Accessibility Advisory Committee has performed accessibility audits on all of our municipal properties and facilities. These audits will help us better understand the needs of our community and plan and budget accordingly.

A copy of the audits can be viewed on the agenda of the December 1 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting at: <https://barringtonmunicipality.com/197-other-municipal-meetings/1890-accessibility-advisory-committee>.

3.5 Diversity and Inclusion

Provincial legislation was passed on April 1, 2022, which requires the provincial government and other public bodies (including the municipality) to do work to dismantle systemic inequity, hate and racism. There are two key commitments in that legislation – the creation of an Equity and Anti Racism Strategy, and the requirement for prescribed public bodies to have equity and anti

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racism plans. The province's strategy is required by July 31, 2023, and the legislation will require prescribed public bodies to develop and implement plans to address systemic inequity and racism at a to-be-determined date.

The next step of this legislation will be in the form of community engagement on the Equity & Anti-Racism Strategy the rest of this year and engaging with public bodies, including municipalities regarding anti-racism plan requirements this winter. Following the completion of the province's strategy, I will be able to provide further details on the scope and requirements of the prescribed plans.

Furthermore, our new strategic plan includes an objective of diversity and inclusion under the strategic goal titled "strengthening our communities". This objective has three specific action items. They are:

- Organize diversity and inclusion training & education sessions for both Council and Staff.
- Create a Diversity and Inclusion Committee or Action Team.
- Work with the Nova Scotia Office of Equity and Anti-Racism Initiatives to create a plan to address systemic hate, inequity and Racism, as prescribed for in the Act to Dismantle Racism and Hate

4. Operating Efficiently

4.1 Develop an Employee Retention Program

Nothing new to report at this time.

4.2 Create an Economic Development Office

Nothing new to report at this time.

4.3 Consider the Expansion of the C&D Site

Nothing new to report at this time.

4.4 Transparency

Nothing new to report at this time.

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5. Keeping Barrington Moving

5.1 Enhance Recreation Programs

Nothing new to report at this time.

5.2 Sherose Island Recreation Complex Strategy

Nothing new to report at this time.

5.3 Increase the Number of Outdoor Spaces Strategy

Nothing new to report at this time.

5.4 Trail Expansion

In the month of December, the trail tracked 583 people on the trail. The highest single day was 145 on December 1, however that was the day Joel updated the tracker, therefore it tracked unnecessary movement. The second highest day was on December 21, with 46 people on the trail.

The final report from our partners at Dalhousie is complete and we are just waiting for a one-pager infographic to share with community partners. The full report is being shared with the Recreation Advisory Committee to help develop priorities from the recommendations in the report.

5.5 Sidewalk Expansion

Nothing new to report at this time.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FROM DECEMBER 13TH, 2022 TO JANUARY 23RD, 2023

TOPICS

Tax Sale

Our annual tax sale will be done by tender once again this year. There are currently 23 properties on the tax sale list. Tenders will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. AST on Tuesday, February 14, 2023. For complete details on the process, as well as the properties available, residents can visit <http://bit.ly/3arkg9a>.

Nova Scotia Lobster Crawl

Preparations for the 5th annual Lobster Crawl are well underway. We will be hosting Lucy's big day on February 2 at the Cape Sable Island Causeway at 8:00 a.m. We encourage members of Council and staff to join in the festivities as we kick off the Lobster Crawl. This year, we have partnered with Tourism Nova Scotia and South Shore Tourism to host travel media from the US, UK and Canada, in the municipality over three days. They will participate in Lucy's event, lobster pound tours, museum tours, workshops, and events, as well as eat lots of lobster! Visit <http://www.lobstercrawl.ca> to see what's happening all month long along Nova Scotia's South Shore to celebrate this vital industry.

Lobster Capital of Canada Designation

This year marks the 25th anniversary of our *Lobster Capital of Canada* designation. We are planning some events and activities to help recognize this distinction over the course of the year. If you have any ideas, please pass them along to Suzy.

Cruise Ship Visits

Shelburne will be welcoming 10 cruise ships this coming year. We will be working to see if local businesses and organizations are willing to partner with the Town in various capacities to welcome visitors to our end of the County.



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Recreation Programming

The Reindeer Dash was held on December 17, however due to the poor weather conditions, we decide to host the race virtually. We handed out 30 medals. We will try this race again next year in hopes the weather cooperates with us.

Our Guided Hike series is ongoing and winter hikes include:

- Woods Harbour Trail Segment – Jan. 22
- Sherose Island Trail Family Fun Hike – February 20 (Heritage Day)
- Port Clyde Trail Segment – March 18

These hikes are also being promoted by Hike NS with prizes donated as well. They are also a part of the Barrington Hiker Badge Challenge.

We are working with arena staff to plan future skating events on in-service and March Break after the success of themed skates over the holidays. The Glow Skate, in particular, was extremely popular.

We are reviewing our equipment loan program and adding inventory to suit community needs. There is new funding available through RNS to assist as well as some para-sport specific funding that we can access for adaptive equipment. We also need to make the equipment easy for community members to access and use so creating storage solutions, booking and calendar access and programmable key access are being implemented.

We have also been in contact with Schools Plus staff at BMHS. We will be applying for funding to purchase 15 skates to loan out to international students at BMHS. These skates will also be loaned to the general public. The skates will be housed at the Sandy Wickens Memorial Arena. The skates will be free to borrow, but people will need to sign in and sign out the equipment.

The Community Use of Schools conversations are continuing for the TCRCE. We have a small working group from Digby, Yarmouth, Shelburne and Barrington with support from Anna Haanstra from CCTH and Cara Sunderland, with TCRCE and formerly the MPAL in Digby. We are extending the funding to community groups to cover the costs of custodial services through to the end of August 2023. We also continue to push for a policy on Community Use of Schools within the TCRCE.

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Finally, Joel will be presenting three workshops at FRA noontime staff to support the school on increasing outdoor play and loose parts play at their school. Joel also put his name down to become an Active Smarter Kids (ASK) trainer. ASK is a teaching style that incorporates physical activity to school lessons. The training will be done in February and March and once Joe is trained, he will reach out to all schools in the Municipality to collaborate.

Building Permits & By-Law Enforcement

From December 11, 2022, to January 14, 2023, 14 permits were issued for a total value of \$944,000. This is a decrease of \$427,000 compared to the same period last year. 62 building inspections along with 11 fire inspections and 2 fire re-inspections were carried out during this period.

One new civic number was issued. 17 homes were visited to discuss civic numbering.

We received one new subdivision application and now have three outstanding.

One new by-law complaint was received. We currently have 3 open complaints that we continue to work on. We also received two streetlight complaints, with one being resolved.

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 this year.

Fire Services & Emergency Management

Our Fire Services Coordinator is working with the fire departments to develop their budgets and is preparing his own. He provided registration forms to all of the departments and Ground Search and Rescue.

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 past December, the Fire Departments responded to 18 calls, compared to 19 in December 2021. Here is the data for this past month:

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| BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| EMERGENCY CALLS December 2022 | | | | | | | |
| FIRE DEPARTMENT | Fire | Mut | Auto | MFR | MVC | Other | TOTAL |
| | | Aid | Aid | | | | |
| Barrington/Port La Tour FD | | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Island Barrington Passage FD | 3 | 1 | | | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD | | | 1 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| TOTALS | 3 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 18 |
| B/PLT - | | | | | | | |
| IBP - 2 Chimney Fire, 1 Structure (False Alarm) | | | | | | | |
| WH/SH- | | | | | | | |
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In addition, here are the year-end statistics for 2022, which gives a snap shot as to the status of fire departments memberships, training, responses to calls and more. In total, Fire Departments responded to 213 calls in 2022, compared to 188 in 2021.



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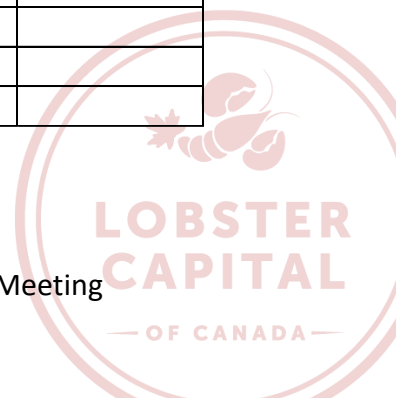
| BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| CALLS FOR ALL MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS 2022 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Departments | Jan | Feb | March | April | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Total | O/M | All F D's |
| Boat Fire | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | Boat Fire |
| Chimney Fire | 2 | | 2 | 1 | | | | | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 9 | 2 | Chimney Fire |
| Electrical Fire | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | | 4 | | Electrical Fire |
| Forest Fire | | | | | 2 | | 1 | | 1 | | | | 4 | | Forest Fire |
| Grass/Brush Fire | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | 2 | 5 | 1 | 1 | | | 16 | | Grass/Brush Fire |
| Rekindle | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Rekindle |
| Structure Fire | | 2 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 8 | 1 | Structure Fire |
| Trash Fire | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | | 2 | | Trash Fire |
| Vehicle Fire | | 1 | | | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | 4 | | Vehicle Fire |
| Mutual Aid | | 1 | | 3 | 1 | | | | | 2 | | 1 | 8 | 6 | Mutual Aid |
| Automatic Aid | | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | | | 2 | 2 | 16 | | Automatic Aid |
| Total Fire | 3 | 8 | 5 | 9 | 10 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 71 | 9 | Total Fire |
| Medical Calls | 9 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 55 | 1 | Medical Calls |
| Assist Other Agency | | 1 | | 1 | | 2 | | 1 | | | | | 5 | 1 | Assist Other Agency |
| Vehicle Collisions | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | | 3 | 2 | 24 | 1 | Vehicle Collisions |
| NS Power | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | | | 1 | 8 | 1 | NS Power |
| Alarm | 3 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 4 | | 5 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 45 | 6 | Alarm |
| Flood Base | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 3 | 3 | Flood Base |
| Investigate | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | Investigate |
| Misc. | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 | | Misc. |
| Pump Boat | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | Pump Boat |
| Stand By | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Stand By |
| Total Non Fire | 18 | 15 | 6 | 13 | 12 | 5 | 16 | 12 | 13 | 7 | 13 | 12 | 142 | 13 | Total Non Fire |
| Total | 21 | 23 | 11 | 22 | 22 | 11 | 21 | 17 | 19 | 11 | 17 | 18 | 213 | 22 | Total |
| Total calls to Other Municipal Units 22(10%) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fire Dept | Fire | MFR | MVA | Other | Total | | | | | | | | | | |
| WHSB | 13 | 53 | 6 | 23 | 95 | | | | | | | | | | |
| IBP | 28 | 1 | 14 | 28 | 71 | | | | | | | | | | |
| BPLT | 30 | 1 | 4 | 12 | 47 | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 71 | 55 | 24 | 62 | 213 | | | | | | | | | | |



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Municipality of Barrington Fire Departments Information 2022

| | BPLTFD | IBPFD | WHSFD | Total |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Trained to FF-2 | 3 | 9 | 14 | 26 (23%) |
| Trained to FF-I | 20 | 26 | 35 | 81 (73%) |
| Exterior | 5 | 9 | 2 | 16 (14%) |
| Some FF-I Training (New) | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 (5%) |
| No FF-I Training Admin | 4 | 4 | 1 | 8 (7%) |
| Membership | 30 | 42 | 39 | 111 |
| | 27% | 38% | 35% | |
| | | | | |
| Vehicles | 5 (33%) | 5 (33%) | 5 (33%) | 15 |
| Future Vehicles | 4 (33%) | 5 (42%) | 3 (25%) | 12 |
| | | | | |
| Assesment | \$157,042,900 | \$219,223,400 | \$107,482,900 | \$483,749,200 |
| | 32% | 45% | 22% | |
| | | | | |
| Operating cost | \$209,615 | \$343,990 | \$219,414 | \$773,019 |
| | 27% | 45% | 28% | |
| MOB Area Rates Generate | \$201,713 | \$274,133 | \$209,123 | \$684,971 |
| | 29% | 40% | 31% | |
| | | | | |
| Fire | 23 | 23 | 3 | 49 |
| Medical | 1 | 1 | 53 | 55 |
| MVA | 4 | 14 | 6 | 24 |
| Auto or Mutual Aid | 9 | 5 | 10 | 24 |
| Other | 10 | 28 | 23 | 61 |
| Total calls | 47 | 71 | 95 | 213 |
| | | | | |
| 23% of firefighters in the municipality are trained to FF-2 | | | | |
| 73% of the firefighters in the Municipality are trained to Firefighter I | | | | |
| 14% of the firefighters are exterior trained firefighters | | | | |
| 5% New Members no training | | | | |
| 7% no formal training Administration | | | | |



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| Fire Departments Response info 2016 - 2022 | | | | | |
|---|------|---------|------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Fire Department | Year | Call | Page to On Scene | Page to back in Hall | # of FF's |
| Barrington Port la Tour | 2016 | MFR/MVC | 14 min | 1 hr 17 min | 8.5 |
| Barrington Port la Tour | 2016 | Fire | 17 min | 1 hr 34 min | 12.2 |
| Barrington Port la Tour | 2017 | MFR/MVC | 13 min | 1 hr 16 min | 9.9 |
| Barrington Port la Tour | 2017 | Fire | 18 min | 58 min | 11 |
| Barrington Port la Tour | 2018 | MFR/MVC | 14 min | 42 min | 10 |
| Barrington Port la Tour | 2018 | Fire | 19 min | 97 min | 12 |
| Barrington Port Latour | 2019 | MFR/MVC | 16 min | 57 min | 11 |
| Barrington Port Latour | 2019 | Fire | 17 min | 68 min | 14 |
| Barrington Port Latour | 2020 | MFR/MVC | 15 min | 61 min | 10 |
| Barrington Port latour | 2020 | Fire | 19 min | 89 min | 10 |
| Barrington Port Latour | 2021 | MFR/MVC | 17 min | 73 min | 10 |
| Barrington Port Latour | 2021 | Fire | 19 min | 81 min | 11 |
| Barrington Port Latour | 2022 | MFR/MVC | 19 min | 206 min | 11 |
| Barrington Port Latour | 2022 | Fire | 21 min | 71 min | 10 |
| Fire Department | Year | Call | Page to On Scene | Page to back in Hall | # of FF's |
| Island Barrington Passage | 2016 | MFR/MVC | 14 min | 59 min | 10.3 |
| Island Barrington Passage | 2016 | Fire | 15 min | 1 hr 16 min | 13.4 |
| Island Barrington Passage | 2017 | MFR/MVC | 13 min | 44 min | 10.6 |
| Island Barrington Passage | 2017 | Fire | 15 min | 1 hr 16 min | 11.1 |
| Island Barrington Passage | 2018 | MFR/MVC | 13 min | 63 min | 12.5 |
| Island Barrington Passage | 2018 | Fire | 14min | 70 min | 12.2 |
| Island Barrington Passage | 2019 | MFR/MVC | 12 min | 45 min | 12 |
| Island Barrington Passage | 2019 | Fire | 16 min | 55 min | 18 |
| Island Barrington Passage | 2020 | MFR/MVC | 13 min | 37 min | 11 |
| Island Barrington Passage | 2020 | Fire | 16 min | 67 min | 15 |
| Island Barrington Passage | 2021 | MFR/MVC | 13 min | 54 min | 13 |
| Island Barrington Passage | 2021 | Fire | 15 min | 53 min | 12 |
| Island Barrington Passage | 2022 | MFR/MVC | 13 min | 72 min | 11 |
| Island Barrington Passage | 2022 | Fire | 16 min | 55 min | 10 |
| Fire Department | Year | Call | Page to On Scene | Page to back in Hall | # of FF's |
| Woods Harbour Shag Harbour | 2016 | MFR/MVC | 8 min | 32 min | 9.3 |
| Woods Harbour Shag Harbour | 2016 | Fire | 13 min | 1 hr 24 min | 14.5 |
| Woods Harbour Shag Harbour | 2017 | MFR/MVC | 8 min | 34 min | 6.5 |
| Woods Harbour Shag Harbour | 2017 | Fire | 14 min | 1 hr 18 min | 12.5 |
| Woods Harbour Shag Harbour | 2018 | MFR/MVC | 9 min | 34 min | 7.6 |
| Woods Harbour Shag Harbour | 2018 | Fire | 15min | 135 min | 12.6 |
| Woods Harbour Shag Harbour | 2019 | MFR/MVC | 9 min | 34 min | 8 |
| Woods Harbour shag Harbour | 2019 | Fire | 15 min | 59 min | 14 |
| Woods Harbour Shag Harbour | 2020 | MFR/MVC | 10 min | 37 min | 10 |
| Woods Harbour Shag Harbour | 2020 | Fire | 14 min | 64 min | 14 |
| Woods Harbour Shag Harbour | 2021 | MFR/MVC | 11 min | 33 min | 12 |
| Woods Harbour Shag Harbour | 2021 | Fire | 14 min | 48 min | 16 |
| Woods Harbour Shag Harbour | 2022 | MFR/MVC | 11 min | 45 min | 11 |
| Woods Harbour Shag Harbour | 2022 | Fire | 16 min | 54 min | 13 |

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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 |
| 13 | Municipal Admin Building Accessibility (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 |
| 11 | Brass Hill Clarifier & Screens (21/22) | Completed |
| 12 | Landfill Truck Scale (21/22) | Completed |
| 14 | Property Services Building (21/22) | Completed |

