

Staff Report **July 23, 2024**

OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Our summer newsletter was mailed out two weeks ago to all residents of the Municipality. It can be accessed online at <https://bit.ly/3zOjuCc>. If anyone would like a few copies to have on hand, please let us know as we always have extra.

Debbie Mader was hired on as our new Municipal Clerk, effective July 2, 2024. Debbie has been with us since August 2018 in the role of Executive Assistant, and most recently as Finance Clerk. With a wealth of relevant experience garnered from her time as Executive Assistant, Debbie is set to hit the ground running and bring a new level of efficiency to our municipal operations.

The Nova Scotia Marathon is this weekend and for the first time ever, we are at a sell-out. Online registration is closed as of July 17 to allow for a few in-person registrations as usually needed. The kids run remains open for registration. The medal this year commemorates the 75th anniversary of the Causeway and that has attracted many local runners. This sell-out, coupled with the fact there are less virtual registrations than in previous years, means we will see far more runners in our area this weekend.

Summer recreation programming has seen an increase in registration numbers, possibly associated with the numbers of newcomers in the area. We are seen as a good space for youth to socialize with other children in preparation for school. Construction of the new Recreation Centre has presented challenges but adjustments have been made to ensure that safety has been top of mind.

We have trained a number of new lifeguards and swim instructors and all are currently being evaluated to be moved to full guard positions. Our aquatic program manager is taking an aquatics management course in 2 weeks. This certification builds in an additional layer of protection against liability for pool operations.

Our Physical Activity Coordinator has been leading try it kayaking clinics every Wednesday for the month of July. There has been a total of 8 different participants come to the sessions. Ranging from kids aged 10, to seniors aged 67. The purpose of the try it clinics is to promote safe kayaking opportunities, and to promote our equipment loan program.

In the month of July, the Recreation Department offered a variety of SUP opportunities to the community. First, we offered Girls on Board which is a paddling program for teenage girls to work on empowerment and physical activity. We have 7 girls in one group, and 3 in the other group. Ages vary between 9-15. We are also offering try it SUP for the public on Monday evenings. In which we had 10 people participate. Ranging from ages of 7 to 34.

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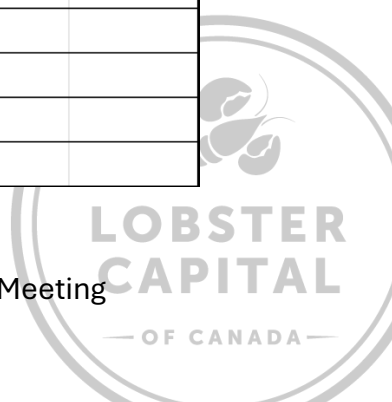
From June 17 to July 13, 28 permits were issued for a total construction value of \$1,617,000. This represents a \$977,500 decrease from the same period last year. 113 building inspections, 7 fire inspections and 3 re-inspections were conducted over this period. 27 locations were visited to discuss civic numbering with 6 new numbers being issued and 1 number being deleted. 2 new subdivision applications were received and 8 were sent for registration. We currently have 4 open subdivision files. 1 new by-law complaint was received so we now have 6 remaining outstanding.

The new Junior Building Official / By-Law Enforcement Officer position has been filled with the hiring of Devan Waybret. Devan is a certified firefighter that has spent the last 14 years on forest fire fighting crews, working most recently with the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Renewables in which he responded to illegal burn calls and enforced provincial firebans and regulations. He will start July 29, 2024.

This past month, our Fire Services and EMO Coordinator taught a pump operators course with 5 students, completed fire and life safety inspections on municipal properties, and continued to monitor precipitation amounts and maintain situational awareness of any tropical storm development. Walter Scott has stepped down as chief of the Island and Barrington Passage Fire Department but will remain a member. The Department will elect a new chief at their August meeting. In the interim, the two deputy chiefs are fulfilling the duties of Chief.

Fire departments responded to 21 calls this June compared to 51 in June 2023.

BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE							
EMERGENCY CALLS June 2024							
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire	Mut	Auto	MFR	MVC	Other	TOTAL
		Aid	Aid				
Barrington/Port La Tour FD	3	1			1	1	6
Island Barrington Passage FD				1		4	5
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD	1			8		1	10
TOTALS	4	1		9	1	6	21
B/PLT - 1 Grass Fire, 1 vehicle fire, 1 illegal burn							
IBP -							
WH/SH- 1 hedge							



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UPCOMING INITIATIVES

Fall Firefighter I training schedule is set and has been sent to fire departments and we are working on a schedule for live fire training at the burn container for fire departments outside of the Municipality.

We have received funding from Active Communities Fund for multiple projects, two of them including improvements at our outdoor spaces. First, we will have play pockets built on Sherose Island Nature Trail. The play pockets will be mud kitchen sets, and sandbox that is shaped as a fishing boat. The play pockets follow the recommendations from the research project conducted by Dalhousie University. We have also received funding to purchase more kayaks to be placed at North East Point Beach as part of our equipment loan program.

We are working on some activities to complement the Causeway Anniversary Celebration event, including supporting the Shelburne County Fish & Game Association, contracting entertainment and bouncy houses, planning Dory Fun rows, kayaking and a children's fish pond.



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CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

Here is an update on our 2024-2025 Capital Projects:

ID #	Project	Status
1	Pool Lift	In Progress
4	Barrington Ballfield Lights	In Progress
3	Arena Board Replacement	In Progress
5	Portable Restrooms (Stoney Island)	In Progress
6	Portable Restrooms (Barrington Ballfield)	In Progress
7	Sidewalk Crossing Improvements	In Progress
8	Administration Office Roof Replacement	In Progress
11	Digital Road Sign	In Progress
12	Goose Lake Road Improvements	In Progress
13	Community Health Centre	In Progress
14	Recreation Centre	In Progress
15	Sidewalk Extension – Barrington Passage	In Progress
2	Curling Club Heat Pumps	Completed
9	Property Services Vehicle	Completed
10	Kiack Brook Parking Lot Resurfacing	Cancelled

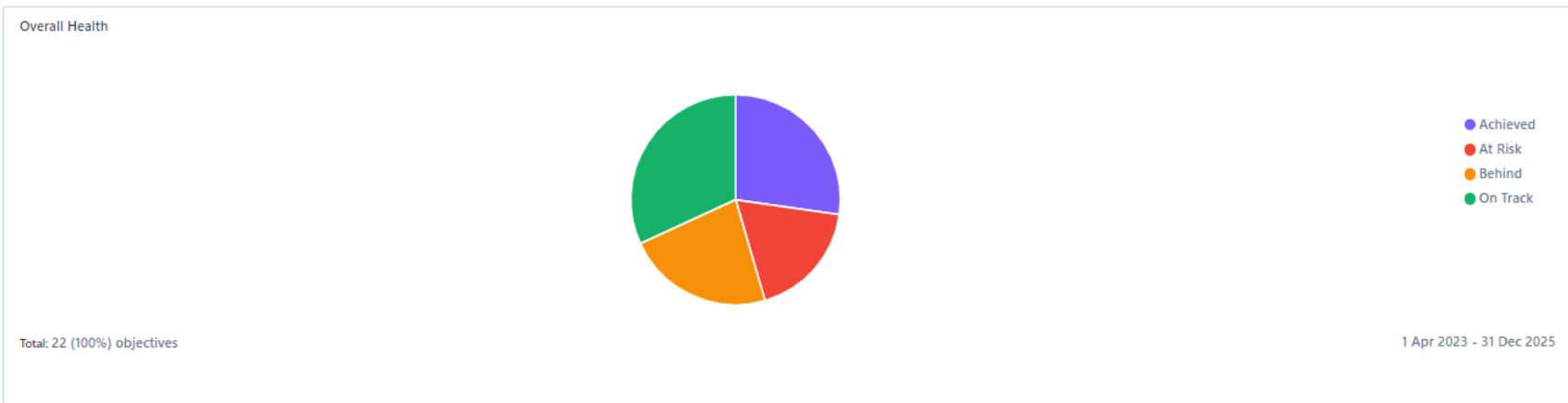


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2022-2025 Strategic Plan Update

Here is a brief update on our strategic plan's progress. This update outlines our achievements, key performance indicators, and the impact of initiatives.



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FOCUS AREA: STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITIES				
PLAN: 2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN				
+	Objective	Health	Progress Change (MoM)	Time Frame
🎯	Housing	● On Track	↑ 59% (0% - 59%)	Jan 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Diversity and Inclusion	● On Track	↑ 52% (0% - 52%)	Jan 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025
🎯	Improve Wastewater Services	● At Risk	0% (0% - 0%)	Apr 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025
🎯	Accessibility	● On Track	↑ 92% (0% - 92%)	Apr 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Infrastructure Renewal	● Achieved	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2023
FOCUS AREA: OPERATE EFFICIENTLY				
PLAN: 2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN				
+	Objective	Health	Progress Change (MoM)	Time Frame
🎯	Consider the Expansion of the C&D Site	● On Track	↑ 43% (0% - 43%)	Apr 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025
🎯	Develop an Employee Retention Program	● Achieved	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2023
🎯	Create an Economic Development Office	● At Risk	↑ 31% (0% - 31%)	Jan 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Transparency	● Achieved	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	Apr 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024









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FOCUS AREA: GROW OUR ECONOMY				
PLAN: 2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN				
+	Objective	Health	Progress Change (MoM)	Time Frame
🎯	Invest in our Beaches and Parks	● Behind	↑ 71% (0% - 71%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Attract Accommodations	● On Track	↑ 95% (0% - 95%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Municipal Property Development	● At Risk	↑ 32% (0% - 32%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Improved Cell Service	● On Track	↑ 83% (0% - 83%)	Apr 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025
🎯	Renewable Energy	● Achieved	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2023
FOCUS AREA: KEEP BARRINGTON MOVING				
PLAN: 2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN				
+	Objective	Health	Progress Change (MoM)	Time Frame
🎯	Sherose Island Recreation Complex Strategy	● On Track	↑ 20% (0% - 20%)	Apr 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025
🎯	Increase the Number of Outdoor Spaces Strategy	● Behind	↑ 68% (0% - 68%)	Apr 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Enhance Recreation Programs	● Achieved	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	Apr 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Trail Expansion	● Behind	↑ 62% (0% - 62%)	Jan 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Sidewalk Expansion	● Behind	↑ 17% (0% - 17%)	Apr 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025



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FOCUS AREA: INVEST IN OUR PEOPLE				
PLAN: 2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN				
	Objective	Health	Progress Change (MoM)	Time Frame
	Public Transit	 Achieved	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2023
	Community Health Centre	 On Track	↑ 76% (0% - 76%)	Mar 01, 2023 Sep 01, 2025
	Doctor Recruitment & Retention	 Behind	↑ 57% (0% - 57%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024

