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OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Work continues on our new Recreation Centre. The structural steel has been squared and braced, the secondary framing for the exterior walls has been almost completed, and the elevator shaft is finished. Following the holiday break, work has continued on secondary wall framing and exterior sheathing and they have begun to apply roofing.



The Nova Scotia Lobster Crawl takes place next month and there are a number of signature events taking place this weekend to celebrate and kick off the event.

On Saturday, February 1, the festivities begin with the official book launch of *Lucy the Lob'star* at Capt. Kat's Lobster Shack at 12:00 PM. This heartwarming children's book brings to life the adventures of Lucy, our beloved prognosticating lobster. The book's author, Pam Wamback, will be on-site to sign copies and join in the celebration.

Later that evening, join us at the Barrington Lions Hall for *Songs of the Sea*, an incredible live music event featuring local performers Amber Hiltz, Autumn Dedrick, Matt Bone, Amber Malone, and Chett Buchanan. Doors open at 6:00 PM, with the show starting at 7:00 PM. Admission is just \$5 at the door, and a cash bar will be available.



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On Sunday, February 2nd, don't miss Groundhog/Lobster Day: Lucy's Big Day at the Cape Sable Island Causeway. The fun begins at 8:00 AM, but we recommend arriving around 7:30 or 7:45 AM to grab a good spot. Join us as Lucy makes her much-anticipated annual prediction—will it be an early spring or six more weeks of winter? This exciting event kicks off another day of Lobster Crawl celebrations.

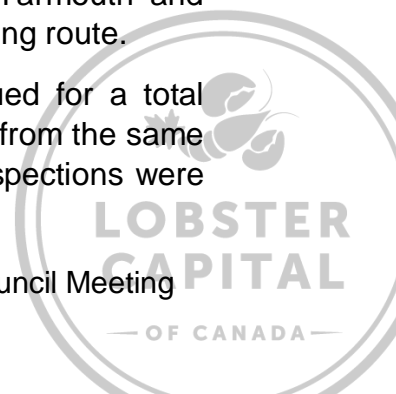
For more information about these events, visit our Facebook page, Visit Barrington, or check out shelburnecounty.ca and the Nova Scotia Lobster Crawl website.

Our funding request to Canada Summer Jobs was completed along with preliminary summer planning. With a foreseeable lack of access to summer indoor facilities we are looking to restructure some of our summer offerings. Camp programming will be available to children 6 (entering grade one) to 10 years. Youth outdoor recreation camps for ages 11-15 will provide kayaking, biking, climbing, survival, camping, and more. We will also offer half day programming to children aged 4-5 to better meet their developmental needs.

We have been working to support the Shelburne County Fish and Games Association and the Barrington Agricultural Association in the development of a barrier-free recreation pond (previously referred to as fish pond). A pond has been dug but the surrounding accessibility components are outstanding.

We have continued working with the WREN along with the Woodland Multiuse Trail association to support both the *Get Sidetracked* project (<https://www.saltwire.com/atlantic-canada/get-side-tracked-wren-aiming-to-enhance-rail-trail-from-smiths-cove-to-barrington-100991143>) and local trail maintenance and development. A capital project to resurface the trail coming into Barrington from Charlesville is being supported by the OHV infrastructure Fund but will require some supporting capital. This will mean those travelling to Barrington from Yarmouth and Argyle, as well as local residents, will have a well maintained and welcoming route.

From November 18, 2024 to January 12, 2025, 18 permits were issued for a total construction value of \$611,000. This represents a \$1,313,600 decrease from the same period last year. 65 building inspections, 20 fire inspections and 7 re-inspections were



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conducted over this period. 8 locations were visited to discuss civic numbering with 3 new numbers being issued and 1 number being deleted due to a home being demolished. 2 new subdivision applications were received and 1 was sent for registration. We currently have 8 open subdivision files. 6 by-law complaints were resolved and 4 new ones were received so we now have 5 outstanding.

Over the last two months, our Public Works Department dismantled the Lobster Trap Christmas Tree and all decorations and stored them away for next season. They cleaned up a number of check valves on some lift stations in Barrington, an illegal dumpsite on the Ridge Road and a number windfalls on the Nature Trail.

An audit of our Construction and Demolition Debris Disposal Site was conducted on October 24, 2024, and we have been working through resolving a few minor compliance items which are due by February 20: such as sending our contingency plans to local fire departments and updating training records, cleaning a pile of tires and reviewing the size and separation of our stockpiles to ensure they meet regulatory requirements.

During the past two months, our Fire Services and EMO Coordinator completed monthly fire and life safety inspections on municipal properties, completed training schedule for winter and spring and began student registration, attended a Shelburne County Firefighters Association meeting, attended Yarmouth County Mutual Aid meeting, sent out driver abstract forms and registration forms to the fire departments, maintained situational awareness of winter storms and participated in EMO meetings regarding winter storms and coordinated changes to Policy 54 to present to Committee of the Whole.

Barrington Port Latour has ordered their new pumper with a 12–18-month delivery and cost of 668,003.40 plus tax

Fire departments responded to 27 calls in November 2024 compared to 23 in November 2023.



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BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE							
EMERGENCY CALLS November 2024							
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire	Mut	Auto	MFR	MVC	Other	TOTAL
		Aid	Aid				
Barrington/Port La Tour FD	1					2	3
Island Barrington Passage FD	2				1	6	9
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD		1		9	1	4	15
TOTALS	3	1		9	2	12	27
B/PLT - 1 chimney fire							
IBP - 1 appliance fire, 1 vehicle fire							
WH/SH-							

Fire departments responded to 21 calls in December 2024 compared to 24 in December 2023.

BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE							
EMERGENCY CALLS December 2024							
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Fire	Mut	Auto	MFR	MVC	Other	TOTAL
		Aid	Aid				
Barrington/Port La Tour FD	1				2	1	4
Island Barrington Passage FD			1		1	1	3
Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour FD	2		1	9	2		14
TOTALS	3		2	9	5	2	21
B/PLT - 1 Barn Fire							
IBP -							
WH/SH- 1 brush fire, 1 vehicle fire							

Fire departments responded to 228 calls in 2024 compared to 332 in 2023.



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BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE SERVICE															
CALLS FOR ALL MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS 2024															
All Departments	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	O/M	All F D's
Boat Fire															Boat Fire
Chimney Fire		1	1							2	1		5		Chimney Fire
Electrical Fire			1								1		2	2	Electrical Fire
Forest Fire					1								1		Forest Fire
Grass/Brush Fire	2		2	1	2	3			1			1	12	1	Grass/Brush Fire
Rekindle				1									1		Rekindle
Structure Fire		1					1			1		1	4		Structure Fire
Trash Fire				1	1			1					3		Trash Fire
Vehicle Fire	1		1	2		1		1		1	1	1	9		Vehicle Fire
Mutual Aid			2	3		1			2		1		9	1	Mutual Aid
Automatic Aid		2	2				2			2		2	10		Automatic Aid
Total Fire	3	4	9	8	4	5	3	2	3	6	4	5	57	4	Total Fire
Medical Calls	6	9	1	6	9	9	5	4	1	4	9	9	72	1	Medical Calls
Assist Other Agency									1				1		Assist Other Agency
Vehicle Collisions	3	1	3	6		1	5	4	2	5	2	5	38		Vehicle Collisions
NS Power				1	1					2	2		6		NS Power
Alarm		3	3	2	6	5	5	2	2	6	7	1	41	4	Alarm
Flood Base			1						2	1	1		5		Flood Base
Investigate							2	1			1	1	5		Investigate
Misc.	1	1				1							3		Misc.
Pump Boat											1			1	Pump Boat
Stand By															Stand By
Total Non Fire	10	14	8	15	16	16	17	10	9	18	23	16	171	6	Total Non Fire
Total	13	18	17	22	20	21	20	12	12	24	27	21	228	10	Total



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UPCOMING INITIATIVES

We are planning an introduction to Cross Country skiing and collecting names to call in the event that the snow conditions, facility and instructor availability all align. We are also promoting our equipment loan program for winter. We have some snowshoes and are considering putting together some family winter fun kits that they may borrow.

Our Physical Activity Coordinator will be attending a one day project development workshop late January to address the need to build a nature trail in Centreville. He will be able to work with provincial peers to create a plan on securing funding, and appropriate steps to create this trail.

Our Fire Services & EMO will be working with our fire departments to draft a new vehicle replacement schedule as the current one is 5 years old and has been amended a few times. Firefighter 2 training begins the end of this month with 7 students currently registered.



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CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

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

Project	Status
Portable Restrooms (Stoney Island)	In Progress
Portable Restrooms (Barrington Ballfield)	In Progress
Digital Road Sign	In Progress
Community Health Centre	In Progress
Recreation Centre	In Progress
Sidewalk Extension – Barrington Passage	In Progress
Barrington Ballfield Lights	Completed
Sidewalk Crossing Improvements	Completed
Administration Office Roof Replacement	Completed
Pool Lift	Completed
Curling Club Heat Pumps	Completed
Arena Board Replacement	Completed
Property Services Vehicle	Completed
Goose Lake Road Improvements	Completed
Kiack Brook Parking Lot Resurfacing	Cancelled

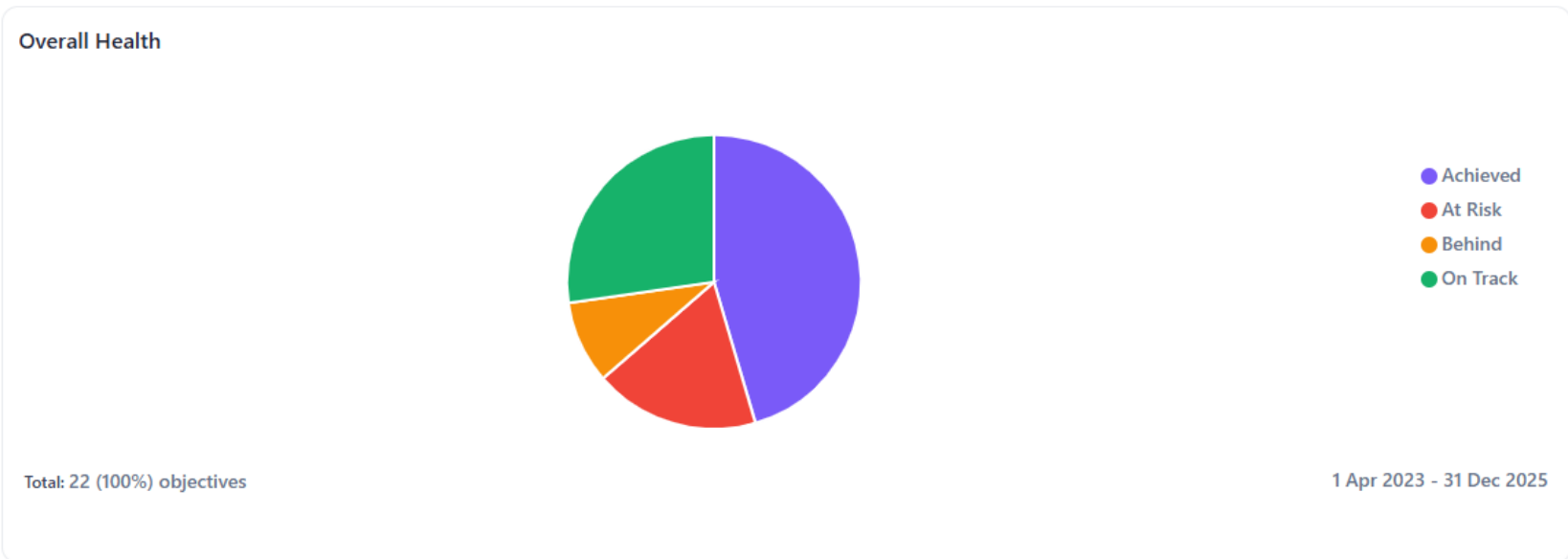


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2022-2025 Strategic Plan Update

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: GROW OUR ECONOMY				
PLAN: 2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN				
+	Objective ▾	Health ▾	Progress Change (MoM)	Time Frame ▾
🎯	Attract Accommodations	● Achieved	↑ 5% (95% - 100%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Renewable Energy	● Achieved	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2023
🎯	Improved Cell Service	● On Track	↑ 83% (0% - 83%)	Apr 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025
🎯	Municipal Property Development	● At Risk	↑ 35% (0% - 35%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Invest in our Beaches and Parks	● On Track	↑ 98% (0% - 98%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
FOCUS AREA: KEEP BARRINGTON MOVING				
PLAN: 2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN				
+	Objective ▾	Health ▾	Progress Change (MoM)	Time Frame ▾
🎯	Sidewalk Expansion	● On Track	↑ 83% (0% - 83%)	Apr 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025
🎯	Trail Expansion	● Achieved	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	Jan 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Enhance Recreation Programs	● Achieved	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	Apr 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Increase the Number of Outdoor Spaces Strategy	● Achieved	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	Apr 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Sherose Island Recreation Complex Strategy	● At Risk	↑ 65% (0% - 65%)	Apr 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025



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FOCUS AREA: OPERATE EFFICIENTLY				
PLAN: 2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN				
+	Objective	Health	Progress Change (MoM)	Time Frame
🎯	Transparency	● Achieved	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	Apr 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Create an Economic Development Office	● At Risk	↑ 31% (0% - 31%)	Jan 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Develop an Employee Retention Program	● Achieved	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2023
🎯	Consider the Expansion of the C&D Site	● On Track	↑ 16% (67% - 83%)	Apr 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025
FOCUS AREA: INVEST IN OUR PEOPLE				
PLAN: 2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN				
+	Objective	Health	Progress Change (MoM)	Time Frame
🎯	Doctor Recruitment & Retention	● Behind	↑ 83% (0% - 83%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
🎯	Community Health Centre	● On Track	↑ 76% (0% - 76%)	Mar 01, 2023 Sep 01, 2025
🎯	Public Transit	● Achieved	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2023
FOCUS AREA: STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITIES				



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PLAN: 2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN				
+	Objective	Health	Progress Change (MoM)	Time Frame
	Housing	● Achieved	↑ 25% (75% - 100%)	Jan 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2024
	Infrastructure Renewal	● Achieved	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	Mar 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2023
	Accessibility	● Achieved	↑ 100% (0% - 100%)	Apr 01, 2023 Dec 31, 2024
	Improve Wastewater Services	● At Risk	0% (0% - 0%)	Apr 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025
	Diversity and Inclusion	● On Track	↑ 67% (0% - 67%)	Jan 01, 2024 Dec 31, 2025

